

I want to register my full support for Parks Department's Fiscal Year 2025 budget request at the April 8/9 meeting.

Personally, I have been enjoying the Montgomery Parks system since first moving to the county in 1971. Over the years I have walked the trails, moved to the beat of the drums of a park concert, taken my kids on miniature train rides, photographed my children in the parks, and lost myself in the tranquility and beauty of the park's gardens. And now I am paying it back by volunteering at Brookside Gardens. I am not alone. In these times of political unrest at home and abroad, our local parks provide a needed place of normalcy. As my children grew older their positive memories of Montgomery County always include our activities at the county parks and gardens. While such things as county infrastructure and transportation are important, these things do not create memories.

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