

Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve February 2024 Report

Kirby's Mill:

- Mill Docent Training is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at 2pm at Kirby's Mill. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your own camp chair.

Amity House Restoration:

- The second-floor bathrooms are well underway. Green board installed, taped and plastered, and painted. The floor was leveled, tile floor installed, as well as the base and window trim. Vanity, tub, and shower as well as fixtures installed.
- The damaged basement steps have been removed and are being glued prior to being reinstalled. Rustic Slate Roof visited in early February to complete the repairs and annual maintenance.
- Reached out to Summit County Building Department for confirmation on submission requirements and permit application forms. Mr. Randles was very responsive and provided information on a presentation focusing on the Existing Building Code updates. Friends will attend the luncheon Wednesday, March 6th for an informal review prior to submitting drawings to the portal. Drawings will be reviewed under the 2024 Existing Building Code going into effect March 1, 2024.

Invasive Species Management Team:

- The 2023 Illustrated Invasive Species Management report was sent earlier this month and included again with this report. It includes a single page executive summary for quick reading. It also provides a quick background of the program and briefly discusses some areas of concern. We are delighted that Chris Moore has his herbicide application license and are looking forward to the next steps.

Programs:

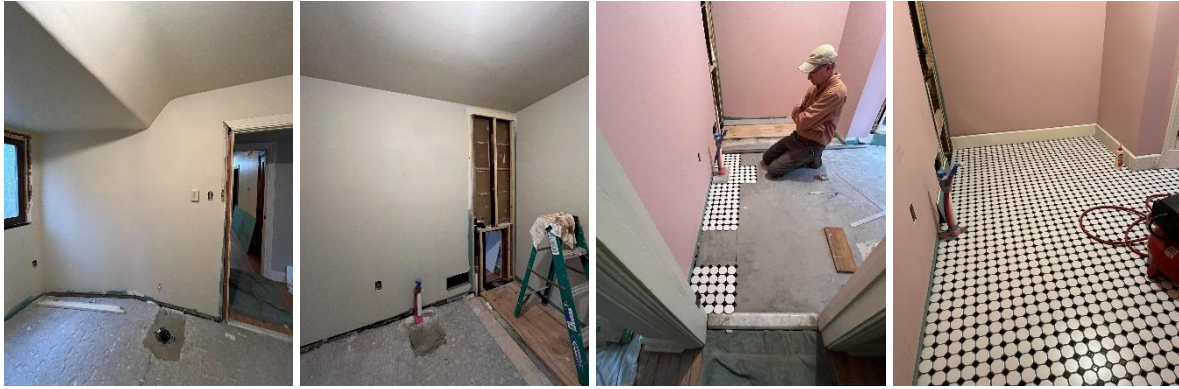
- Our Activities Committee has set up a series of guided hikes.
- Our event representatives are working with the park director on ways Friends can contribute to the Total Eclipse of the Park, Goat Derby, and Music Festival.
- The TLC crew has been working as weather permits and expects to continue in 2024.
- We are working with the park director on a Friends membership brochure to be posted in the park. This brochure would provide history of the park (with reference to the colored hiking trails per the new RHP map) as well as information on Friends fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Marketing/MOU Review:

- We are eager to move forward on the MOU review. We have yet to receive the latest MOU from the January 8th Governance committee meeting. We have some comments on the printed copy provided, but numerous changes were discussed at the Governance committee meeting, and we would prefer to respond to the latest version.
- In an effort to provide a quicker review of the MOU, we would like to request a listening session at a Governance committee meeting, no sooner than March 18th. We will appoint a representative to bring our proposals. More information on a listening session: <https://masfec.org/whats-a-listening-session> "A listening session is a structured event or meeting designed to provide a platform for individuals or groups to express their thoughts, concerns, and ideas on a specific topic. The primary purpose of a listening session is for organizers or decision-makers to actively listen and gather input from participants without immediate responses or interruptions. During a listening session, participants are given the opportunity to share their perspectives, experiences, and recommendations related to the topic at hand. This can be done through verbal statements, written comments, or other forms of communication. The focus is on creating a safe and inclusive environment where participants feel comfortable sharing their viewpoints. Listening sessions are used in various contexts, including community engagement, public policy development, organizational decision-making, and gathering feedback on specific initiatives or programs. The goal is to gather diverse opinions and gain a deeper understanding of the concerns and needs of the individuals or groups involved. The insights gathered during a listening session can inform future actions, policies, or initiatives."



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En Suite Bath: Green board installed, taped and mudded, and primed. Walls painted, floor leveled, tile and trim installed.



En Suite Bath: Vanity and tub installed (not shown: plumbing fixtures also installed. Jack and Jill Bath: Walls painted, tile cleaned, shower pan and surround installed.



General: Trim being cut for installation. Doug working on the dining room French door hardware. Larry (and Bill) working on the weatherstripping at the exterior door. Corey working on the drawings (mid-measuring). Thank you, Nancy Kanik, for the construction photos!