

Landscaping (Gardens & Grounds) Committee Charter

Chair: Valerie Scopaz

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Report to: Building Committee and the Board

Major goals of the Landscaping Team:

1. Maintain and enhance the landscape of the entire UUFH campus for use by members, tenants and visitors.
2. Promote public safety, security and ecological health.
3. Introduce ecologically and fiscally sustainable best management and planting practices where practical.

Committee Team Members:

A small cadre of volunteers assists with carrying out required maintenance. Castle Care, held once a month on a Saturdays, weather permitting and on an as-needed basis, is one mechanism for organizing volunteers to undertake tasks running the range from dead-heading roses, to snipping ivy off buildings and trees, to transplanting or selective weeding of garden beds.

Goals:

This year project focused teams will be assembled to do the following:

1. Plant spring bulbs and other donated plants including native trees and shrubs.
2. Maintain the Rain Garden in the Inner Courtyard.
3. Maintain the Welcome Garden, and install pavers.
4. Work with Girls Scout Troop on Silver Badge related landscape enhancements.
5. Work with two Eagle Scouts on two separate projects within the grounds: a labyrinth and another project still under design development.
6. Upgrade the Philips Courtyard to channel roof runoff away from the foundation into rain gardens.
7. Develop a planting and maintenance plan for the Memorial Garden.

8. Oversee the construction of the river stone entrance to the Memorial Garden.
9. Coordinate with the G2GG on maintaining and expanding the Native “Runway” abutting the Bee Hives.
10. Improve coordination with rental tenants and the Rental Committee on safer use of the grounds both day to day and during events.
11. Protect and maintain large specimen trees (5) on the property.
11. Oversee routine scheduled parking lot maintenance.
12. If authorized by the Board, develop and implement a parking and gravel drive improvement plan in conjunction with the Ad Hoc Gravel Drive Task Force.

Board approval ___x___, Date__8/19/2025_____