

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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BOOgie & Brews 11:00-4:00 Saturday October 26

*Brats & brew and lots to do
Kids and Dogs can dress up too!*



Dress your dog for "Howl"oween and enter the **Canine Costume Contest** emceed by Jed Mescon. Pick up contest registration forms at the Walden Town Hall and the Animal Hospital of Signal Mt. Adopt a dog from Pet Placement Center. **Kids**, wear your Halloween costume, join the **Parade** and **BOOgie for Treats**.

BOOgie & Brews is a not-so-scary daytime event, so adults can enjoy a brew and a brat, shop in Cobweb Corner, and take home a cake on a vintage plate from the Antique Bake Sale, while children will not be scared to take a hayride, see the Fortune Teller and the Owl, or enter the Creepy Cabin and Witch's Kitchen.

Everyone can play games of all kinds at the **Midway Madness Booths**:

- Adams Automotive – *Tire Frisbee Fling*
- Animal Hospital of Signal Mt. – *Plink Plank & Balls in Buckets*
- Alexian – *Down on the Farm*
- Chattanooga Jewelry – *Bling Bowling*
- Farmers Insurance – *Home & Auto Slider*
- Pizza Place – *Pepperoni Pitch*
- Pruett's – *Crackers in Soup Toss*
- Signal Mt. Pharmacy – *Ring Around the Meds*
- Dr. Spalding, Podiatrist – *Piggy Putt*
- Southern Star – *Balloon Pop*
- Gipsy Gourmet Catering – *The Fortune Teller*
- Threads – *Spider Launch*



MARCH 2015
The house in March 2015 with two big trees crowding the front porch. The one on the left was removed in 2016.



AUGUST 2019

Fall of a Giant

Two silver maple trees shaded the front of the Bachman/McCoy home in 1912. As they aged and grew to gigantic proportions, they
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The Mission of McCoy Farm & Gardens is to restore, enhance and preserve the historic McCoy homeplace so that it may serve the community as an arboretum, natural area, and venue for public and private events.

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began to crowd the porch. Mrs. McCoy realized they would not live forever, so she planted two small replacements further out in the yard.

The day finally came on August 27, 2019, when the second of the giant trees fell. The first had become hollow and was removed in 2016. Now the two younger trees will be able to grow upright and spread shade on the front lawn just as Martha McCoy intended.

National Register of Historic Places

Mayor Bill Trohanis and Board Representative Susan Snow traveled to Nashville to celebrate the first step toward McCoy Farm & Gardens' application to the National Register for Historic Places.



Trail & Grounds Activities

An organization meeting for new **Trail and Grounds Committees** for McCoy Farm & Gardens took place September 5th. If you were not able to attend, please express your interest by contacting one of the chairmen, Andy Jones andyjonesobgyn@gmail.com or Larry Mick mickrlarson@epbfi.com. The participants walked the property to see some areas of opportunity, and several ideas were implemented.

A new **Trail Log** is located in the brown kiosk at the trailhead. Walkers, please provide your contact information and comments. It is not necessary to sign in every time you walk the trail. We are simply looking for your ideas and input about your special interest. Also at the kiosk, pick up a **Map** and the **Latest News**.



KUDZU Attack Team members: Mickey Robbins, Walt Jenison, Larry Mick, Pat Wright, Andy Jones, Emily and Erno Lindner, Aaron, Liam & Sam Collier, Karen Stone, Clyde Womack, Larry Roberts, Lee Prins, John Weidner, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Terry Knox. Not present for the picture was Barbara Womack. Photo by Charlie Stone.

On September 28, new **Trail Teams** gathered to attack kudzu and other vines choking trees along the trail. Team Leaders selected specific areas to "adopt." Each Leader will form a team and take responsibility for directing them in caring for their special area. To join a Team, contact KarenStone@waldenhouse.com.

Bird Watchers In Action



Most of the identities of the September 28th Bird Watchers are obscured by their binoculars and cameras as they are absorbed in their observations. Photo by Charlie Stone

Upcoming Events

- BOOgie & Brews October 26, 11:00-4:00
- Gardening 2nd Saturday; 4th Friday 8-11 am
- Farmers Market Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm

To schedule an event www.mccoypwalden.org

Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail at the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the first gravel lot located outside the gate.

The McCoy grounds are open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please enter through the Taft Highway entrance and park in the main gravel lot. A handicapped accessible portable toilet is located in the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at trail head.

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The 38 acre parcel contains the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures, and gardens. Volunteers are very important to the organization in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

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