

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

Main entrance: 1604 Taft Highway • Front gate: 1715 Anderson Pike • Mailing address: P.O. Box 443, Signal Mountain, TN 37377 • Website: [www.mccoypwalden.org](http://www.mccoypwalden.org)

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## Happy warriors victorious over parking area challenges



Andy Jones, pictured at left, took this photograph of the group making the front field safe for parking cars. Left to right are: Winston Robbins, Earl Hereford, Joe Davis, Caden Thomas, Jeremy Logan, Jody Hunter, Rick Barthel, Charles Adams, and Mickey Robbins. As you can see, working together is fun! Come join in: [www.mccoypwalden.org](http://www.mccoypwalden.org)

## You are invited To an Autumn Wine Tasting on the Grounds

Sponsored by

Pruett's Market

Featuring Chamber Music by Ponticello Trio

Allen Liu, Brandon McGrath  
and Juliette Blas

**Friday, September 23 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

A Benefit for McCoy Farm & Gardens

Suggested minimum donation: \$30 per person

Casual dress (comfortable shoes)

RSVP by September 20 to: Harriette Hereford -  
[hhereford@mac.com](mailto:hhereford@mac.com)

Enter property via main entrance at 1715 Anderson Pike or via driveway at 1604 Taft Highway. Parking is in the gravel lot behind the Carriage House.

**The Mission** of the McCoy Farm & Gardens is to restore, maintain, improve, and manage the property as an arboretum, park, and recreational area for the benefit of the community as a green space, educational and learning laboratory, and venue for public and private events.

## Your Survey Comments

### Thank You, Survey Participants

Did you ever wonder if anyone reads the survey answers you provide? Does anyone heed your suggestions? The answer is YES!

Here are some of the results of the survey taken at the Memorial Day picnic of 2016:

**Q:** *What would you suggest be added, improved or considered that would support increased usage of the property?*

**A:** More **Advertising; Wedding Facilities; Botanical Gardens; Parking; Picnic Sites w/ BBQ Spots; Bathrooms;** Community Garden Plots; Bike Trails; Frisbee Obstacle Course; **Halloween Haunt; More Volunteers;** Doll Show; Craft Making; Fountain and **Seating; Croquet.** (**Bold** indicates improvements underway.)

**Q:** *Is there anything else you would like to tell us? All Feedback is welcome!*

A: Beautiful, glad we came! Thanks for opening the house for tours. Very excited about this amazing property. Thanks for restoring the farm and to all volunteers! You are all wonderful, thank you! Love the house and gardens. Have name tags for workers.

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Sixty-three people participated in the survey, with 39 repeat and 22 new visitors, and with 17 volunteering for specific tasks. In **bold** above are improvements already being made as a result of your suggestions.

Festivals featuring history, old mountain activities, music and art are high on the list of preferred activities for the future. To give your input and volunteer, please go to the website [www.mccoywalden.org](http://www.mccoywalden.org) Thank you again!

## Public Address System Needed

Experience with recent public events indicates we need a microphone & speakers. To help with this, please contact Susan Snow 886-5647 or [SusanSnow@laurel-point.net](mailto:SusanSnow@laurel-point.net)

## Upcoming EVENTS

at McCoy Farm & Gardens  
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### Pumpkin Patch Harvest Supper

Friday, October 21 at 6 PM - 10 PM

Tickets and reservations now available



Savor farm inspired cuisine under the stars.

Sip on your favorite cocktail or brew from our open bar.

Support the regrowth of the Pumpkin Patch.

Casual attire. RSVP by 10.14.16

[www.pumpkinpatchplayground.org](http://www.pumpkinpatchplayground.org)

### 5K Trail/1 Mile Fun Run & Halloween Fest

Signal Mountain Middle High School Sports Boosters

Saturday, October 29



1 mile starts at 5:00

5k starts at 5:30

Race day registration opens 4:00

Learn more [www.signalzombierun.com](http://www.signalzombierun.com)

## 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 inner 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 at the orchard end of the gravel lot.

### OFFICERS:

Mickey Robbins, President

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Gene Adams, Treasurer

### DIRECTORS:

Charles Adams

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Shannon Handy, Strategic Planning

Jody Hunter, Gardening

Susan Snow, Private Events

Karen Stone, Newsletter

### WALDEN OFFICIALS:

Mayor: Bill Trohanis

Aldermen: Lee Davis, Thom Petersen

## Support McCoy Farm & Gardens

The McCoy Farm and Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law, as determined by your tax advisor.

The 32 acre parcel with the Bachman-McCoy home, a pavilion, a carriage house, a barn, a blacksmith shop, an apple house, various other smaller structures, and gardens are leased from the Town of Walden. Volunteers are very important to the organization, in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

**Please send your check to:**

**McCoy Farm & Gardens**

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