



*The*  
GROVE

CELEBRATING LEGENDS  
*in a*  
LEGENDARY PLACE

# *The* **VISION**

A group of private citizens, in partnership with the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, invite you to honor community leadership at The Grove, a stone terrace to be located under 150-year-old oak trees on the sweeping hilltop on the east side of McIntire Park. The Grove will:

## **1. PROMOTE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

- Honor past civic leaders
- In the future, annually honor other community leaders, including students, and community organizations that promote civic engagement.

## **2. PRESERVE THE HILLTOP'S LANDMARK OAK TREES**

- Prolong their lifespan through careful maintenance
- Plant more native oaks

## **3. ENLIVEN THE PARK**

- Provide a tree-lined path to the stone terrace in The Grove that the entire community can enjoy.
- Approved by City Council, The Grove will enhance the 2015 McIntire East Park Plan.

# *The* **WINNERS**

**CHAMBER CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
WINNERS TO BE HONORED AT  
*The* GROVE:**

Liza Borches • 2020  
Juandiego Wade • 2019  
Joyce W. Robbins • 2018  
Kurt Krueger • 2017  
William J. Kehoe • 2016  
Marcus Martin, M.D. • 2015  
Cathy Train • 2014  
Cole Hendrix • 2013  
Mike Gaffney • 2012  
Martin V. Burks III • 2011  
Alvin Clements • 2010  
John T. Casteen, III • 2009  
Dan & Lou Jordan • 2008  
Harold Wright • 2007  
Grace Carpenter • 2006  
Joseph Teague, Sr. • 2005

E. Marshall Pryor, III • 2004  
Leonard Sandridge • 2003  
William L. Howard • 2002  
James S. Kennan • 2001  
Paul H. Wood • 2000  
Richard & Julia Nunley • 1999  
Mary Ann Elwood • 1998  
Dr. George & Ann Spence • 1997  
Laurence Richardson • 1996  
Guy Agnor • 1995  
The Jessup Family • 1994  
Nancy O'Brien • 1993  
Darden Towe • 1992  
Jim & Bunny Murray • 1991  
Elizabeth B. Gleason • 1990  
Drewary J. Brown • 1989

John B. Rogan • 1988  
Hovey S. Dabney • 1987  
Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr. • 1986  
Francis Fife • 1985  
Bernard J. Haggerty • 1984  
George C. Palmer II • 1983  
James E. Bowen • 1982  
Junius R. Fishburne • 1981  
Laurence Brunton • 1980  
Mary Victoria Craw • 1979  
Lionel S. Key • 1978  
Randolph H. Perry • 1977  
Joel M. Cochran • 1976  
Mitchell Van Yahres • 1975

# EXAMPLES *of past* AWARD WINNERS

## MITCHELL “MITCH” VAN YAHRES FIRST RECIPIENT 1975

As a dedicated arborist and politician, Mitch tended trees for a living and people for a lifetime. His service to the community included eight years on City Council, where he was instrumental in creating the Downtown Mall, and 25 years in the House of Delegates, where he worked to right wrongs and promote equal opportunity, including establishing Charlottesville’s first Public Defenders Office.



## MARY VICTORIA CRAW, FIRST WOMAN 1979

For 50 years Vicki was widely respected for her quiet philanthropy and support of numerous community initiatives, including the establishment of the first public housing foundation, cofounder of Charlottesville’s branch of Planned Parenthood and FOCUS, a women’s resource center. With her love of nature, she was also instrumental in the preservation of the Ivy Creek Natural Area.



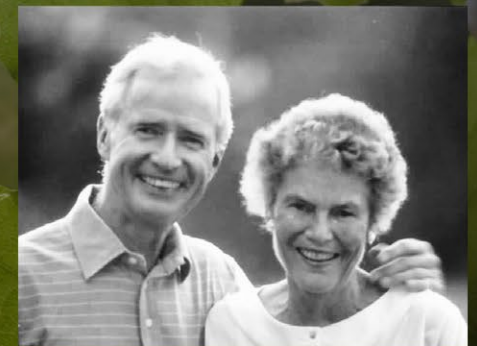
## DREWARY BROWN, FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN 1989

Among Virginia’s most important Civil Rights leaders, Drewary, with his unique personality, built bridges between blacks and whites, poor and affluent across many generations. During the late 60s and early 70s, Brown became job training director for MACAA, helped found Central Virginia Opportunities Industrialization Center to train the unemployed and led the local NAACP chapter. After his death in 1998, the then-new West Main Street Bridge was named in his honor and a program was started to honor citizens like him who had crossed racial and economic divides to build a better community.



## JAMES “JIM” BRADY AND JEAN “BUNNY” BRUNDRED MURRAY, FIRST COUPLE 1991

Jim served in the House of Delegates for eight years where he established the Rivanna as the first Wild and Scenic River in Virginia and created Piedmont Virginia - Community College. He also volunteered until the age of 80 for many community organizations like OAR, MACAA, and CASA. Bunny served on many organizations, including Hospice of the Piedmont, the Piedmont Environmental Council and the Environmental Defense Fund. Her legacy consists of her values, industry, humor, and—cherished beyond measure—her eight sons. When reflecting on her time on earth, Bunny concluded that it was “a wonder.” The community agreed that Bunny was a wonder, too.



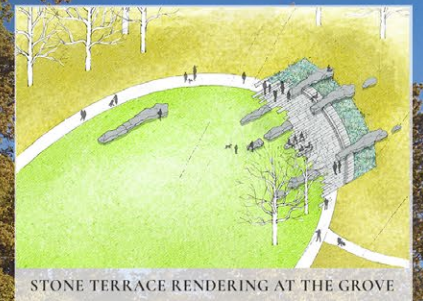
**TODAY**  
*on the hillside*  
**AT MCINTIRE PARK EAST**



**FALL 2021**  
*on the hillside*  
**AT MCINTIRE PARK EAST**

*The*  
**GROVE**

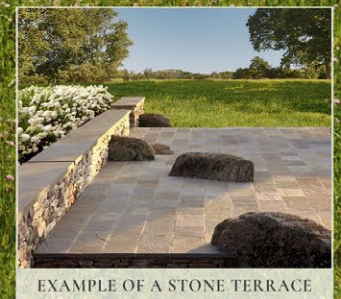
With inscriptions to past and future community leadership, a stone terrace provides a place to admire the oak canopy, view Brown's Mountain and watch people playing on the lawn. A path, shaded by trees representing the current award recipients, will start at the new pedestrian bridge and end at The Grove.



STONE TERRACE RENDERING AT THE GROVE



SCHEMATIC PLAN



EXAMPLE OF A STONE TERRACE

# To DONATE

**"A walk in the park is good for your health."** - *New York Times*

In the age of Covid, we know this is true. Take a walk in the Park and help us raise the remaining \$75,000 of our \$450,000 goal. We are on the cusp of being able to build the stone terrace in The Grove, helping to make McIntire Park, **a Central Park for All.**

**GO TO:** [ChamberandGrove.com](http://ChamberandGrove.com)

or

**WRITE A CHECK TO:**  
Charlottesville Area Community Foundation,  
designated to The Grove

**SEND IT TO:**  
CACF  
114 4th Street SE  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

**STEERING COMMITTEE:**  
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Cromwell, Jim Haden, Cole Hendrix, Dan Jordan, Ella Jordan,  
Chris Murray, Marshall Pryor, Leonard Sandridge, Rocky  
Taylor, Mike Van Yahres, Peggy Van Yahres, Juandiego  
Wade, Roxanne White

**LOCATION MAP**  
2015 McIntire Park East Plan



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