



WILDWOOD

April 25, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable City Council

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Arbor Day in the Wildwood Farms Community Garden – April 29th (**Wards – All**)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Steve Cross, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

The Department would like to advise the City Council of an upcoming event that is planned at the Community Garden on April 29, 2022. This evening event is the first scheduled workday for a group of the 140+ gardeners that are registered at the garden this year, but will also be a celebration of Arbor Day as well. The City is required to host an Arbor Day event, as part of its annual efforts to maintain its Tree City USA designation. Accordingly, the garden also seemed a very nice place to host such.

The event will have several facets to it and they are noted below:

1. The volunteer garden managers and City personnel have scheduled a speaker from the University of Missouri's Extension Service to discuss a timely topic for the gardeners, which is "Landscaping with Native Trees and Shrubs." The talk will last about one (1) hour.
2. The garden community will plant a tree in the area in honor and recognition of Arbor Day in Wildwood.
3. The gardeners will be treated to a snack from the B&B Theatre, its famous popcorn, along with water and soda.
4. The gardeners will then undertake some projects in the community garden to make everything as good as possible as the season begins.

Any City Council Member is welcome to attend and enjoy the garden with the group of residents that are participating this evening. It all gets underway at 6:00 p.m., at the Wildwood Farms Community Garden. If you have any questions, please feel to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 405-2030. Hope to see you there.