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THPRD PROMOTES CONSERVATION, RESPONSIBLE GARDENING WITH “MONTH OF GREEN” THROUGHOUT APRIL



The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will launch its first-ever “Month of Green” this April, focusing on environmental education and community involvement throughout the Park District.

Month of Green replaces THPRD’s annual Earth Day celebration by broadening the effort through hands-on volunteer opportunities, special events and activities throughout the month of April – all hosted by the Park District’s Natural Resources staff.

The ultimate goal is to educate patrons about the importance of water quality, natural resources and wildlife habitat in our region.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District – 15707 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton, OR 97006

Numerous events are planned for April, highlighted by the first-ever Green Gardening Fair, which will be held in conjunction with THPRD's annual Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton).

Also in April will be Nature Days in the Park, free events providing staff-led exploration in and around Vista Brook Park on Sunday, April 18; Morgan's Run Park on Saturday, April 24; and Hart Meadows Park on Sunday, April 25.

Each Nature Day is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn how we are all connected to nature and how the Park District is working to preserve and enhance local natural areas. Education staff and volunteers will lead interactive activities and THPRD park rangers will be on hand to answer questions.

The Green Gardening Fair will provide informational booths and workshops on composting, pollinators and our native bees, attracting wildlife to your garden, gardening with natives, water conservation, cooking with natives, pruning techniques, and sharpening your garden tools.

The plant sale features more than 100 species of native plants, including trees, shrubs, and perennials. A free bag of potting soil will be provided with every \$35 purchase. Admission is free.

Those who would like to take an active part in the Month of Green can sign up for environmental volunteer opportunities with THPRD at www.thprd.org/about/volunteer/environmental.cfm. Participants can help clean trash out of local streams, pull weeds and prune vegetation. Refreshments are provided.

Learn how THPRD is making a difference with a special recycling and sustainability display in our facilities. For more detailed information on the Month of Green, go online to www.thprd.org/facilities/naturepark/specialevents.cfm or call 503/629-6350.

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving more than 200,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational and educational opportunities for people of all ages. Offerings include a wide variety of classes and more than 200 park

sites, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,300 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit www.thprd.org or call 503/645-6433.

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