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Great American Cleanup sets sights on Central Park

Annual cleanup and beautify effort set for April 1

MURPHY (March 20, 2017) April is traditionally the month set aside to honor our planet, enjoy the change to milder weather, and get outdoors, and Murphy residents can do all three on April 1 during the annual Great American Cleanup.

The yearly drive to clean up and beautify a portion of Murphy is sponsored by the Keep Murphy Beautiful campaign and rewards volunteers with lunch and a T-shirt. Other sponsors include Keep America Beautiful, the Great America Cleanup Texas, Waste Connections, Don't Mess with Texas, and the Keep Texas Waterways Clean campaign.

This year, the cleanup emphasis will be on Murphy Central Park, the City's signature gathering spot for concerts, picnics, splashing, all sorts of play, and relaxing. Central Park is on the grounds of the Municipal Complex, 206 North Murphy Road, alongside Murphy PSA.

Those volunteers who register at www.murphytx.org should gather at the park at 10 a.m. and should expect to continue the cleanup effort until 12:30 p.m. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., lunch, catered by In-n-Out Burgers, will be served.

T-shirts commemorating the effort will be made available to the first 150 individuals who register on the City's website.

"We always get a great response to our request for volunteers," says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager and Director of Keep Murphy Beautiful. "Keeping our park clean and beautiful benefits everyone."

City officials will provide documentation that will satisfy community service hours for those seeking school or organization credit.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.