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Arbor Day tree-planting makes move to North Hill Park

MURPHY (October 24, 2016) The annual celebration of Arbor Day in Murphy has become a tradition for many families and organizations, as the yearly tree-planting event has grown larger in each of the five years of its existence.

This year, the sixth annual Arbor Day event will move to North Hill Park, 1302 Rodeo Drive, on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon. Rodeo Drive is midway between McCreary Road and North Murphy Road along Betsy Drive. The park is three blocks north of Betsy Drive.

Arbor Day tree-plantings have been celebrated in various sections of the Murphy municipal complex over the last five years, planting long-lasting shade trees within Central Park, and the adjoining sidewalks. Some of the surrounding walking trails have benefited from attractive tree-lined borders, thanks to the volunteers who have assisted in previous events. This year, planner opted to hold the event at the neighborhood park.

Check-in will be handled at the North Hill Park pavilion starting at 9:45 a.m. Checking in is required to ensure every participant is accounted for. As usual, the City of Murphy provides a limited number of small and medium sized shovels and spades, but officials encourage participants to bring their own, if possible. City parks staff will again serve as advisors and supervisors.

In addition to shovels, work gloves and sturdy work clothing are encouraged. Closed-toed shoes or sneakers are required for anyone planting trees or assisting in any way.

Following the noon-time ending of the event, lunch will be served by In-N-Out Burger.

Volunteers are still needed, and may register at <http://www.murphytx.org/474/Arbor-Day>. All ages of volunteers are welcome, though volunteers younger than 14 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. A limited number of commemorative T-shirts are available on a first come, first serve basis. All adults 18 and over must fill out the volunteer application form online.

Not only do trees add natural beauty, but they also serve as filters for urban air pollution and provide a steady supply of life-giving oxygen to the atmosphere, says Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator.

“We’re looking forward to working, once again, with the Murphy community to make this event as successful as all the previous ones,” she said. “Planting trees also helps us stay true to the principles of the Keep Murphy Beautiful campaign. Our thanks go to the Murphy Community Development Corporation, and the Murphy City Council for helping make this event possible.”

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, 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.