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# News Release

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## Arbor Day tree plantings set for Lonesome Dove Trail

MURPHY (October 12, 2021) While the fundamental purpose of Arbor Day will not change this year, the organizational portion of the annual tree-planting program will undergo significant changes. The event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, Nov. 6.

Driven by the need to ensure the health and safety of all volunteers, tree planting will be accomplished in self-selected groups of at least eight volunteers, with each eight-member group allotted a specific 30 minute time slot between 9 a.m. and noon to plant their trees. Organizations with more than eight volunteers may apply for more than one time slot.

Trees will be provided by the City Parks Department, and the site of the tree planting will be along the Lonesome Dove Trail in the Ranch subdivision of north Murphy. Volunteers, who will be expected to wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing for the chore, should also bring gloves and shovels, if possible. Limited equipment, which will be sanitized between groups, will be provided by supervising City personnel.

Lunch will not be provided, but water will be available in individual plastic bottles. A limited number of commemorative T-shirts will be provided to participants.

Volunteer groups should designate one representative to register at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/murphy-tx/catalog>. The signup site requires volunteers to set up a free account, then click on Volunteer Opportunities. All ages of volunteers are welcome, though volunteers younger than 12 years of age should be accompanied by an adult. Background checks will be conducted for volunteers 18 years of age and older. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 29.

“Groups should arrive 10 minutes before their designated time slot and check-in with the City staff,” said Special Events Coordinator Kayla McFarland. “Checking-in is required to ensure every group enters and exits the area together.”

Arbor Day tree-plantings have been celebrated in various Murphy locations over the last several years, planting long-lasting shade trees within Central Park, and the adjoining sidewalks, as well as Waters Edge Park, Timbers Nature Preserve and other locations.

“We’re looking forward to working, once again, with the Murphy community to make this event as successful as all the previous ones,” said McFarland. “Our thanks go to the Murphy Community Development Corporation, and the Murphy City Council for helping make this event possible.”

More information can be obtained by contacting McFarland at 972-468-4063 or via email at [kmcfarland@murphytx.org](mailto:kmcfarland@murphytx.org).

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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.