

News From The Garden

Butterfly Release

Enjoy a wondrous flight of color!
Learn about Monarch butterflies, their
migration and their host plants.

Sunday, October 3 | starts 2 p.m.
Hurley Park, the Annex section

FALL 2021

The Butterfly Release Returns!

By: *Sarina Dellinger*

We are excited to bring back the Hurley Park Butterfly Release on Sunday, October 3rd at 2 pm. This will be our first in-person event since 2019! The Monarch butterfly is an iconic species that is used to promote conservation efforts and gardening for wildlife. Hopefully you have seen some fluttering through the park this summer!

The butterfly release will be held in the Annex section of the park; the large green space across from City Lake, surrounded by Lake, Club, Annandale, and Confederate Avenues. We were unable to sell butterflies to the public, but we will be releasing 50 Monarch butterflies from All-a-Flutter Farms. Guests will also have the chance to learn from All-a-Flutter Farms about Monarch butterflies, their migration, and their host plants. The first 250 people to attend will also receive a packet of Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) to plant in their own green space!

Join us on October 3rd as we send these butterflies off on their fall migration journey.

Updates at the Park Continue

By: *Sarina Dellinger*

It has been awhile since we have issued a Hurley Park newsletter, but rest assured, we have been busy! So far this year we have replaced 65 plants across different areas of the park.

Many of these plant replacements are larger trees and shrubs which will hopefully be enjoyed for years to come. My favorite of the replacements are two Redbud 'Forest Pansy' cultivars near the Koontz-Walser Daffodil Garden.

This cultivar of our native Redbud have purple leaves, attractive fall color, and fits in well (and will hopefully provide an easy succession) with the beloved leaning redbud that is close by. The green bag around the bottom of the tree allows

for water to be added in and delivered slowly over time, ensuring the new planting receives adequate water.

In addition to the plantings, we have replaced the mulch on our woodland pathways, replaced a few swale bridges, and updated the lighting in both gazebos. We look forward to the many updates still in the pipeline!

OSCAR Makes A Clean Sweep

We are so thankful to our Stormwater staff for building and installing an OSCAR stream-cleaning device at the park during Rowan County Creek Week. This device will catch litter before it is able to reach our pond and wash further downstream into larger streams, rivers, and lakes.





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