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Northwest Austin community garden to celebrate grand opening on April 18

Please join us at the Adelphi Acre Community Garden Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at 3701 Adelphi Lane just south of Parmer Lane in Northwest Austin. Everyone is welcome for this free event and to learn more about this grassroots initiative that transformed a neglected piece of public land into an inviting community hub.

The grand opening will celebrate the tremendous volunteer effort residents and businesses in the Walnut Crossing, Milwood and Northwood neighborhoods have put forth and the innovative partnership with multiple city and local agencies to make this vision a reality.

Activities for the family friendly event include:

- Official ribbon cutting
- Recognizing sponsors and supporters
- Planting a butterfly garden
- Painting stepping stones
- Juggler
- Tour of the garden

Attendees will also have a chance to talk with master gardeners, learn about organic pest control and irrigation techniques.

We will be joined but the City of Austin's Public Works Department, its Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program, the Sustainable Food Center and all of the neighbors and supporters who have made this garden possible.

Planning for the community garden began in April 2013 with Chairperson Sabrina Joplin and a nine-member steering committee. The community garden is the first to take advantage of a right of way maintained by the city's Public Works Department. The project, which cost \$99,447, included collaboration and assistance from the city's Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program and the Sustainable Food Center. Funding came from an initial grant by the city that was matched by the community, both directly and in kind. The one-acre plot, named after its size and location at the intersection of Amherst Drive and Adelphi Lane in Northwest Austin, was once a neglected and unused property owned by the city. Planning for the community garden included the preservation of several heritage live oaks. It has 66 raised garden beds for community members and three large communal beds provided for local nonprofits and schools. The site also has an open community space with picnic tables.

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