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Butterfly Garden Grand Opening Kicks Off Friends of Willow Fork Park Season of Outdoor Activities

What: Friends of Willow Fork Park and Willow Fork Drainage District (WFDD) board invite the community to join in the official grand opening of the Willow Fork Park Butterfly Garden, followed by a program and tour featuring Texas Master Naturalist Diane Russell, who will talk about the many benefits of butterfly gardens.

When: Saturday, June 22 – 9 a.m. Grand Opening, 9:20 a.m. Program

Where: Willow Fork Park, located at the northwest corner of TX-99/Grand Parkway and Cinco Ranch Blvd., north of Cinco Ranch High School.

Come celebrate spring and enjoy the beauty of butterflies while learning about their benefits to our natural environment at the grand opening of Willow Fork Park’s newest addition, a 55 by 55-foot butterfly garden that also features more than 60 plants of 25 different species and six different native prairie grasses.

Texas Master Naturalist Diane Russell will talk on creating your own backyard butterfly garden, the benefit of butterflies as pollinators and the role they play in increasing biodiversity. Russel also will discuss plant species within the garden, and Friends of Willow Fork Park will provide handouts on designing your own butterfly garden.

The butterfly garden is one of several projects and programs being planned by Friends of Willow Fork Park, a resident group that organizes free, family-friendly, nature-based programs for the community through funding from WFDD. Upcoming summer programs include:

- July 6 Nature Photography Lesson and Nature Walk led by Joe Smith, 9 a.m.
- July 13 Park Scavenger Hunt led by Texas Master Naturalists, 9 a.m.
- Aug 3 Biking in the Katy Area and Free Bike Tune-Up/Ride with Cool Cat Cycles, 8 a.m.

All programs meet at the pavilion. For more information, including fall activities, visit the [Friends of Willow Fork Park Facebook](#).

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Established in 1985, Willow Fork Drainage District (WFDD) constructs, maintains and operates drainage and recreational facilities to preserve and enhance the communities within its boundaries. Located approximately 25 miles west of the central business district of Houston and 2.5 miles south of the intersection of I-10 and Mason Road, its operations span 5,700 acres, including 15 miles of drainage channels, three community parks, and nearly 50 miles of trails. For more information on WFDD, visit willowforkdrainagedistrict.com.

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