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Township Arbor Day event gives free tree seedlings to residents

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (January 12, 2024) – The Woodlands’ annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway is set for Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon at Rob Fleming Park. The Woodlands celebrates its 48th year of giving away seedlings to residents, making it one of the longest-standing community traditions.

Since 1977, more than 1.5 million seedlings have been distributed. This year’s event is produced by The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department with support from Howard Hughes and Waste Management.

Twelve varieties of native trees are available and will be categorized into overstory and understory trees. Overstory trees comprise the upper layer of the forest and typically reach heights greater than 60 feet at maturity. The selection of overstory trees include Shortleaf Pine, Nuttall Oak, White Oak, Pecan and Black Willow. Understory trees range from 8 to 50 feet and are generally more shade tolerant. These smaller varieties include Persimmon, Flowering Dogwood, Black Cherry, Chickasaw Plum, False Indigo, Buttonbush and Eastern Redbud.

All these native seedlings benefit local wildlife. Flowering varieties provide nectar for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Berry producing trees offer small mammals and birds a source of food. All are critical hosts for beneficial insects.

Residents are encouraged to plant a tree on residential property, in community open space reserves and in forest preserves.

This is a free event for residents of The Woodlands. Attendees are advised to bring a reusable bag to help transport seedlings. Supplies are limited. For more information, please contact enviro@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov or visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/arborday.



The Woodlands Township's Annual Arbor Day event will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon at Rob Fleming Park. The event will offer 12 new varieties of native tree seedlings to residents of The Woodlands.

The Woodlands Township is a special purpose district, providing fire protection, environmental services, parks and recreation, economic development, enhanced law enforcement services and more to over 120,000 residents and 2,000 businesses. Located 27 miles north of Houston, Texas, The Woodlands Township is committed to supporting the highest quality of life for its residents, businesses and visitors. Please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov to learn more.