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Join us for the Butterfly Park planting

South Padre Island, TX, April 4, 2017: The City of South Padre Island invites you to help attract butterflies to our beautiful Island. Join us on Friday, April 7 at 9 a.m. at Butterfly Park located, 4316 Gulf Boulevard, to plant a monarch-friendly garden that will attract butterflies and residents for years to come. Attendees should bring gardening hand tools, gloves and shovels.

"All the plants are native to the Rio Grande Valley Coast," said Javier Gonzalez, naturalist educator for South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center. "A mix of nectar plants and host plants will attract a wide variety of butterfly species."

Javier Gonzalez has volunteered his time and energy in assisting with the choice of plants and creating a plan for the planting of the garden.

Mayor Barry Patel signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge on Oct. 22, 2016, declaring the City's support for Monarch initiatives and commitment to at least three or more of 25 specific actions to help save the Monarch Butterfly.

Examples of items South Padre Island has completed include:

- Issuing a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the Monarch Butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- Hosting a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway event.
- Hosting a city Monarch Butterfly Festival.
- And much more.

For more information please contact Anne Payne, parks and recreation manager at apayne@MySPI.org or (956) 761-8168.

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