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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH ENOS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR A DAY OF PARK BEAUTIFICATION

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District is pleased to announce that we will be assisting the Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association (EPNIA) with their Annual Neighborhood Improvement Day.

They plan to use this Friday, May 2nd as a day of service and join forces with the members of their Neighborhood Association, SIU School of Medicine and the Park District to clean up Enos & Gehrmann Parks, the empty lots around Enos Park Neighborhood, alley ways, plant two community gardens and overall ready their neighborhood for the spring and summer season.

SIU School of Medicine will have approximately 180 students on site Friday to help out. Students will participate alongside Park District Maintenance crews to help with planting planters, spreading fibar playground surface material and planting trees. “In lieu of their regular classes, students will report to Enos Park Neighborhood for a day of service in an effort to get out of the classroom and into the community” - EPNIA Board Vice President, Dawn Mobley.

The Park District worked closely with EPNIA to identify what projects they would like to complete in conjunction with Enos and Gehrmann Parks that are located in their neighborhood. The District arranged for the EPNIA to receive fresh fibar for their playground areas, which is a surface material that meets ADA standards for accessibility. “The Park District values the continued relationship with Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association and recognize the importance of the partnership to the longevity of Enos and Gehrmann Parks.” - Executive Director, Derek Harms.

The Park District Arborist, Chuck Smith will be on site planting four new trees and Chad Scaife from the Washington Park Botanical Gardens will assist EPNIA by providing natural grasses and spring flowers from the Botanical Greenhouse to freshen up the landscape in Enos Park and around the neighborhood. Park District General Maintenance will arrive early with our Volunteer Tool Wagon, which is stocked with a variety of tools and designed for events such as this.

The timeline for the day’s events will be 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. There will be a brief pause in work at 10:00 am at the southwest corner of Enos Park where representatives from EPNIA, SIU School of Medicine and the Park District will be answering any questions from the press. This improvement day is one of the many ways that the District continues to collaborate with the Springfield Community to be proactive in meeting the needs of our patrons and parks.

We hope you will come out and join us in this day of service at Enos & Gerhrrmann Parks, Friday, May 2nd as we assist in preserving the landscape of this historical Springfield neighborhood.

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