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Arbor Day Celebration at Boerner Botanical Gardens

Milwaukee, WI - (March 28, 2014) County Executive Chris Abele will commemorate Arbor Day with children from Manitoba Elementary School, as they and forestry staff plant two new trees in the Boerner Botanical Gardens, at a program Friday, April 25, from 10 a.m.-noon. Boerner Botanical Gardens, "Milwaukee's Living Museum," is located in Whitnall Park at 9400 Boerner Drive.

"I am proud to see this demonstration of the environmental ethic instilled in our children of Milwaukee County," said Abele.

At 10:30 a.m. two trees will be planted—a London Planetree and New Harmony American Elm. The trees were donated by Johnson's Nursery on behalf of the Wisconsin Nursery Association. As part of the tree-planting ceremony, the schoolchildren will recite wishes they've written on slips of paper before placing them in the holes for the trees.

Following the ceremony, at 11 a.m., adults may take part in a tree walk through the Arboretum led by a horticulturist of the Botanical Gardens.

Free oak saplings, courtesy of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful in partnership with the Argosy Foundation, will be available to the first 100 visitors.

The Boerner Botanical Gardens Arboretum occupies over 1000 acres in Whitnall Park and the adjoining Root River Parkway. The Arboretum has received Level II Accreditation from the Morton Register. The accreditation program recognizes arboreta for achieving professional standards to advance the planting and conservation of trees.

For more information, call Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601 or visit countyparks.com

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