

Council Meeting: May 21, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Garden Club Report	Action Required: Information Only

Summary

On April 25, the annual tree giveaway handout took place at Heritage Park. Residents who had pre-reserved trees attended their pickup times to receive their tree selections. The event provides an opportunity for community engagement related to environmental stewardship, tree planting education, and beautification within the City. This event has consistently been funded by the Northwest Area Jaycees, both with regards to the purchase of the trees and of the nursery stock certificate required by the Department of Agriculture.

The Garden Club is still seeking an individual interested in helping lead and coordinate group activities moving forward. Areas of focus include Memorial Garden updates, organizing field trips to local nurseries, and coordinating general garden tours throughout the community. This individual would work alongside City staff to assist with organization, communication, and online outreach efforts.

Staff has observed an increase in interest through SeeMyLegacy, where residents can indicate their interest in participating in the Garden Club ([Garden Club Interest Form](#)). Given the recent uptick in responses, staff recognizes the importance of reactivating group efforts to incorporate new participants and continue building community involvement.

If any member of the Parks and Trails Commission or the general public is interested in helping lead the group, please contact Parks and Recreation Manager, Jessica Christensen Buck (jchristensenbuck@corcoranmn.gov).

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