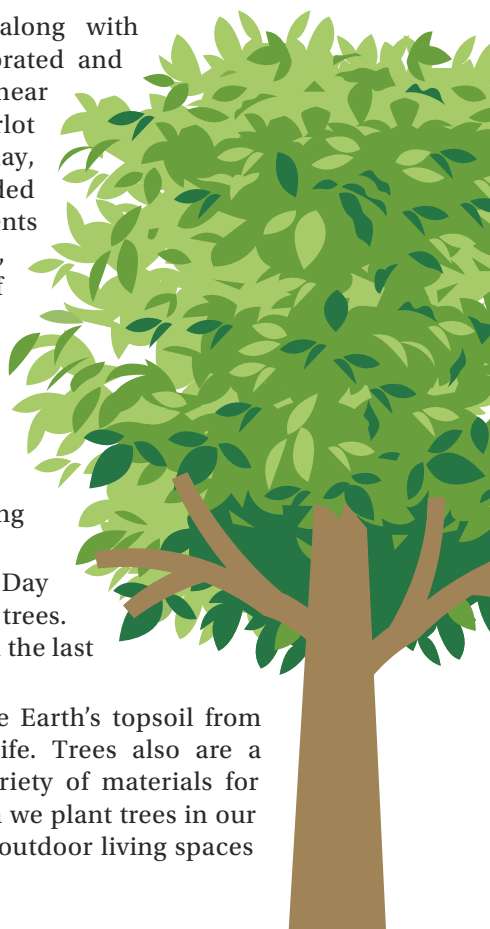


BC Garden Club and Elementary School Celebrate Arbor Day

The Belle Chasse Garden Club, along with Belle Chasse Elementary School, celebrated and honored Arbor Day by planting a tree near the flagpole at the school. The tree, a Merlot Eastern Redbud, was dedicated last Friday, May 10, with a special ceremony attended by the third and fourth grade students at Belle Chasse Elementary, teachers, Principal Holly Eiswirth and members of the garden club. The garden club would like to send a special thank you to our member, Laura Popich Patron, for organizing this beautiful and beneficial event every year. The club would also like to thank Quentin Balliviero with Southern Lawn, for donating and installing pine mulch around the flagpole garden.

Each year in April, National Arbor Day encourages us to celebrate and plant trees. The observance takes place each year on the last Friday in April.

Trees provide vital protection for the Earth's topsoil from erosion, oxygen, and homes for wildlife. Trees also are a renewable resource that provides a variety of materials for building, fuel, and office supplies. When we plant trees in our yard, we improve our enjoyment of our outdoor living spaces and our overall quality of life.



Laura Patron speaks at dedication on May 10.



Michelle Eppley, Holly Eiswirth, Nancy Fridge and Laura Patron

Citizen Scientists Monitor Forest Health at Woodlands Preserve

If you have been to Woodlands Preserve during the past couple of months, you may have noticed more stations like the one pictured springing up in different parts of the property. These are called Chronolog stations and were funded by a grant from TC Energy.

The stations are located in areas of Woodlands Preserve that are undergoing or about to undergo restoration. This is a crowd-sourced time-lapse photo project that helps track restoration progress. Visitors are encouraged to place their phone in the bracket at the top of the post, take a picture and then follow the instructions to upload it to the

Chronolog site. Community members can continue to participate in the citizen science effort by taking photos and uploading them from each of the four stations during each visit to Woodlands Preserve - the more photos, the better.

TC Energy has supported Woodlands Conservancy's efforts to utilize technology to advance efficiency in documenting progress of forest restoration. You can view the progress documented by visitors at Woodlands Preserve by visiting the Restoration page on Woodlands Conservancy's website or searching for Woodlands Conservancy on the Chronolog hosting site.



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