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Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. – Pollinator Garden Installed at Wetmore Park – Pickleball Event Coming Up.

(SUN PRAIRIE) — Sun Prairie Parks Friends, Inc. (SPPF) successfully completed the installation of the pollinator garden in Wetmore Park this past Saturday. SPPF extends its thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who made this possible. The garden will complement the improvements being made to the park by the City of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, including a splash pad.

The garden used plants from the pollinator garden in the Community Garden on Linnerud Drive and plants donated by Terry and Sue Larson of Sun Prairie. The team of volunteers installed all the plantings, mulch, and informational signage for the plants installed. It is adjacent to the main trail through the park for easy access for those who want to watch its progress. It will be a welcome addition to the other improvements being constructed in the Park.

The group is also continuing its funds raising efforts for Pickleball Courts in Wyndham Hills Park. In addition to t-shirt sales currently underway and a silent auction planned for June 25th through July 10th, the Group is supporting a fund-raising event to introduce people to the sport on July 11th at Wyndham Hills Park. The event will start at 12:00 pm and include learn-to-play demonstrations, information updates on the project, distribution of silent auction prizes, and opportunities to play with a professional Pickleball player. Information on the silent auction, July 11th event and opportunities to donate to the project are on the group's website, www.parksfriends.org.

The group is starting to approach its fund-raising goal to have a completed complex that will increase the total number of pickleball courts to ten and become a regional destination for pickleball enthusiasts and events. Support amongst the city's Common Council Alders for this project has been extremely high. The group still needs that final push of donations to reach the goal of \$60,000.

The group also has a Playground Community Build project planned in coordination with the City of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department later in 2021.

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