

## **Arbor Day Native Plant Sale & Pollinator Gardens- April 27**

Still working on replanting your yard? Looking for native plants that require minimal water and maintenance? Have questions about what to plant where? Join us in the Marina View Park on April 27 from 9am – noon for an Arbor Day event and plant sale where Bay Point residents and neighbors can get great advice for their landscaping/gardening needs and purchase native plants for their yards.

While larger trees are limited as a result of the storm, we will have a variety of hearty native plants for sale and will have a sign up sheet for pre-ordering larger trees to be delivered and planted when available (likely fall). Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions and offer advice; reference materials will be available to guide future plantings. Learn how to make your property less work and more environmentally sustainable with beautiful native plants that naturally thrive in our local conditions.

We will also have a Pollination Station set up where kids can build a butterfly habitat – a pollinator garden with a “bath” - that they can take home (free activity). In addition to replanting some of the trees lost in common areas, we will be planting some Monarch Happy gardens – flowering native habitats that attract butterflies, bees and other pollinators – that will benefit our entire community by providing a healthy environment for these important native neighbors and living classrooms for residents to observe them in action.

**Pollinators**, such as most bees and some birds, bats, and other insects, play a crucial role in flowering plant reproduction and in the production of most fruits and vegetables. Pollinators are necessary for the reproduction of over 85% of the world's flowering plants, including more than two-thirds of the world's crop species. Planting a wildflower rich habitat is one of the most important things we can do and native plants are the best sources of nectar and pollen. We encourage all residents to help this important effort by incorporating pollinator plants in your own yard.

For more information about our Spring Fest, please contact the BPCA office at 234-2727.