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**Westside Community Center/NBU Partnering for Earth Day Event**

**New Braunfels, TX** – The City of New Braunfels’ Westside Community Center (WCC) is partnering with New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) for a special Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“This is going to be a terrific family-friendly and, more importantly, Earth friendly event,” said WCC Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Hernandez. “A variety of educational activities and opportunities will be available for families to enjoy while learning about conservation and protecting the Earth and our community.

“As always, we love partnering with NBU, and we were excited when they suggested creating a larger event this year. We are thankful to have so many educational exhibitors from the community share their love for conservation,” expressed Hernandez. “Families can learn about the environment through hands-on activities from the exhibitors.”

Exhibitors include: Comal Master Gardeners, Native Plant Society, City of New Braunfels Recycling, Communities in Schools, City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department, McKenna Childrens’ Museum, City of New Braunfels Watershed Management, Texas Master Naturalists, WCC Community Garden and Public Library, Guadalupe/Brazos River Authority, New Braunfels Humane Society, Comal County AgriLife and 4H, Texas State Biology and Wildlife. Also on-hand will be the NBU outreach team including: Headwaters of the Comal information, painting demonstrations, Environmental Affairs Division and rain barrel education. Other activities include face painting, food, music, and refreshments from Kona Ice.

To highlight this year’s Earth Day event, families or individuals will have the opportunity to register for two healthy cooking demonstrations by Comal ISD’s Chef, Mario Perez, and NBISD’s Chef, Ashley West. The interactive cooking sessions are scheduled for 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and registration is required through the library’s online calendar, available at <http://www.nbtexas.org/1511/Library-Calendar>.

“The neatest part is that the community will get to know the two fabulous chefs who are making such a difference in our public schools and community,” stated Hernandez. “It will be fun watching Chef Mario and Chef Ashley work together in the same space for the same goal - education.”

“Finally, if you are interested in participating in the paper bag recycling contest this year, pick up the Grocery Paper Bag Decorating Contest Entry Form and Rules in the Westside Community Center’s Public Library area,” Hernandez said.

All paper bags should be decorated using recycled materials and, if desired, other mediums such as acrylics, watercolor, oil, pastels, mixed media, stamps, etc. There will be a variety of categories eligible for prizes and event attendees will vote for the Public Choice Winner during the Earth Day event.

For more information about Earth Day, contact the WCC at 830-221-4630, or the NBU Environmental Affairs Department at 830-608-8925, or visit [www.nbutexas.com/conservation](http://www.nbutexas.com/conservation).

The Westside Community Center is located at 2932 South IH-35 New Braunfels.

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