



McFarlane Nature Park News

The Eagle Aerie Expands!



We are so grateful for our first female Eagle candidate who completed her project in July, gifting us a weatherproof sign enclosure near the Little Library. It even has a small shelf for painted rocks—take one and leave one! This year has been full of amazing Eagle activities. See the other [projects](#).

Fall is coming. Really!



While the display gardens are still providing color and supporting pollinators, the Meadow is gearing up for Fall. Maypops are attracting gulf fritillary butterflies and the goldenrods are starting to bloom. They get a bad rap for causing allergies, but it is actually ragweed, flowering at the same time, that spreads fine dust-like pollen to bother folks. The goldenrod (*solidago*) is blameless. It is one of the top keystone plant species, supporting bees, wasps, butterflies, moths, and beetles, when many other plants are finished flowering. Migrating Monarchs appreciate the abundant supply of nectar to support their journey.

A GREAT PLACE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT SOUTHEASTERN [POLLINATOR CENSUS](#) AUGUST 21-22



Help From Our Friends

The men of Mentor Discover Inspire, who meet at the Park weekly, braved the July heat to rehab our restroom building with pressure washing, wood replacement and painting. [More photos](#)



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