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Dirt Day celebrates gardening, community

The Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association's 1st annual Dirt Day will be held Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - noon, at Lafayette Park, located on Atlantic Street, between Campbell and Robberson Avenues.

Dirt Day is a free celebration of the pleasures and healthy benefits of gardening, green earth practices and the outdoors. The event is interactive, educational and informative and is open to the entire community.

"This family-oriented event offers a morning of fun and educational outdoor activities for children and adults," said event organizer Linda Passeri. "There is no cost to attend or participate."

Activities include a plant exchange, expert landscaping and gardening tips, yoga, tai chi and numerous informational booths. Attendees are encouraged to bring plants, cuttings, bulbs and seeds to share. Children's activities include birdhouse painting and a "dinosaur dig," where kids dig for miniature dinosaurs and clay bones to take home.

Lafayette Park, established 1869, is one of the two oldest parks in Springfield, predating the 1913 establishment of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

"The Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association is excited to have this event coincide with the Park Board's year-long centennial celebration," said Passeri.

Dirt Day is sponsored by the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

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