

Subject: Watch the Westside's New Urban Orchard and Community Garden Grow! (press release)

The West Side's New Urban Orchard and Community Garden!

On Friday, June 25, Westside Housing Organization will partner with SkillsUSA and Timberland PRO in the installation of an urban orchard consisting of 80 apple trees behind the Tony Aguirre Community Center at Summit and West Pennway, and a community garden located at 20th and West Pennway, across from the Irene H. Ruiz Library. There will be roughly 350 youth volunteers from SkillsUSA digging holes, planting trees, and building raised beds. The project will begin around 8:00am, with the height of activity between 10am and 11am. We intend to be finished by 1pm in the afternoon. We hope that you will join us for this exciting event!

Westside Housing would like express our gratitude to the following organizations for their assistance in making the orchard and community garden possible:

- City of Kansas City, Missouri
- City of Kansas City Parks and Recreation Dept.
- Jackson County MU Extension Center
- Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture
- Mattie Rhodes Center
- NeighborWorks America
- Westside CAN Center

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