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WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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**PUBLIC INVITED TO RED HILLS DESERT GARDEN  
DEDICATION AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

A butterfly release, face painting, costume parade, interactive games, visits with Elsa and Spiderman, music and food will headline the entertainment options at the dedication and community celebration of Red Hills Desert Garden, 375 N. Red Hills Parkway, on Wednesday, October 7 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Elsa and Spiderman are scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. and will lead the costume parade around the garden. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costume and participate in the fun.

More than 200 Monarch butterflies will take flight at 6 p.m. during Utah's last butterfly release of the 2015 season. Star Nursery is staging the area with dozens of additional flowering plants so guests will have the opportunity to interact with the butterflies while they linger in the area.

The garden's parking lot will be transformed into an outdoor eatery with local food trucks including Waffle Love and Loaded Stuffed Burgers onsite to sell food and drinks to event attendees.

"There will be plenty of activities for attendees of all ages to enjoy," said Karry Rathje, public information manager for the district. "We hope the garden is full of happy, smiling faces as we celebrate its dedication."

***About Red Hills Desert Garden***

Red Hills Desert Garden is Utah's first desert conservation garden. The nearly 5-acre garden features 5,000 water-efficient plants, a 1,150-foot stream stocked with native and endangered fish species, a replica slot canyon and prehistoric dinosaur tracks found onsite dating back 200 million years. The project is a collaboration of Washington County Water Conservancy District, City of St. George and Virgin River Program. Thousands have visited the garden since its spring 2015 opening.

***About Washington County Water Conservancy District***

Washington County Water Conservancy District, a not-for-profit public agency, was established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah's regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, sustainable water supply for current and future generations. The majority of the district's water is sold wholesale to its municipal customers including the cities of St. George, Washington, Hurricane, Santa Clara, Ivins, Toquerville, La Verkin and the town of Virgin. Visit [www.wcwcd.org](http://www.wcwcd.org) for more information.