

**Inside Village Hall by Tammy LaBorde, Village Manager  
with Detailed Information provided by Peter Thornquist**

You may recall that in July of 2017, Chris Lear wrote about the two “Monarch Demonstration Gardens” that were to be installed. The Committee on the Environment (COE) had undertaken this initiative for the public with funding for the gardens provided by the River Hills Foundation.

One garden is located on the median strip of Good Hope Road near the Milwaukee River and the second is on the Village Hall grounds. The garden located on Good Hope Road was the first location to be planted. On August 14, 2018, the Village Hall location was planted and has begun to take shape. The heavy rains that occurred around the planting, as well as watering help from the Village, allowed thousands of wildflower seedlings to sprout among the hundreds of plugs. Randy Powers, President of Prairie Future Seed Company was present to direct the crew on the installation. He has written a number of books about



Wisconsin Wildflowers and Butterflies. He stated that there will be a total of 69 species of wildflowers, which is twice as many as in the garden located on the



median strip of Good Hope Road. He will be preparing a picture guide book for the Village Hall location that will list all of the species in the garden. Monarch Watch, the lead U.S. organization for Monarch conservation, has registered the Village Hall garden, which will now appear on an interactive map. The garden on Good Hope has already been registered with Monarch Watch.

In addition to the garden, an Aldo Leopold bench that was built by Village President J. Stephen Anderson has been placed at the edge of the garden. It is marked with a plaque thanking the River Hills Foundation. I hope that you have an opportunity to stop by next year to see the garden in full bloom.



**October Meeting Schedule 2018**

- 15th Building Board 5:00p.m.**
- 17th Village Board 5:30p.m.**
- 28th Halloween 1:00-4:00p.m.**

*Photos provided by Peter Thornquist*