

## Milkweed giveaway at Civic Club Bazaar

If you were one of the hundreds of people who attended the Civic Center Bazaar on July 5, you may have noticed the Environmental Commission Milkweed Giveaway table as you entered the Science Center. Due to the kindness of the Civic Club (for giving us a table and supporting our mission) and the Warren Garden Club (who gave the EC free milkweed plants), we were able to give away 50 milkweed plants as a part of the 2025 CMPT Mayors' Monarch Pledge.

*Residents who received a free plant pledged to:*

1. Plant the milkweed on their CMPT property
2. Avoid spraying the milkweed with pesticides
3. Grow other late-blooming, nectar producing plants\*
4. Spread the word about why milkweed is important to Monarch butterflies\*\*



\* since the monarch migration occurs in the fall, having nectar-producing flowers that are still in bloom in the fall is critical to their migratory success; examples of late-blooming native perennials include Joe Pye Weed, Goldenrod, Milkweed, and Black-eyed Susan

\*\* milkweed is crucial for monarch butterflies because it is the ONLY host plant for their larvae; monarchs cannot survive without milkweed, as they exclusively feed on it during their larval stage

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