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**NATURE CENTER INVITES PUBLIC TO
CELEBRATE ANIMALS AT “BEASTLY BUDDIES” EVENT**

BETHESDA, MD – Locust Grove Nature Center invites families and children to participate in “Beastly Buddies,” a special celebration of people helping animals and animals helping people on Tuesday, April 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the nature center located at 7777 Democracy Boulevard in Bethesda, Maryland.

“Join us for educational and fun activities and demonstrations. You’ll meet some fascinating people who’ve devoted their lives to helping animals,” said nature center manager Steve Findley. “Kids who bring a blanket or pet toy to donate to an animal rescue organization will receive a special prize.”

Beastly Buddies activities include a puppet show, racing pigeon demonstrations, opportunities to talk with wildlife and pet care experts, and frog call identification.

Guest exhibitors, including Animal Exchange, National Wildlife Federation’s Frog Watch, Second Chance Wildlife Center and the Humane Society’s National Association for Humane and Environmental Education, will offer activities and demonstrations to engage children’s imaginations.

Registration is \$3 per child at www.ParkPASS.org. Additional details are available from Locust Grove Nature Center staff at 301/299-1990.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission’s Locust Grove Nature Center is located in Cabin John Regional Park, one of M-NCPPC’s five large regional parks in Montgomery County. This 525-acre park in Bethesda and Rockville also includes Cabin John Ice Rink, Shirley Povich Field and other ballfields, an adventure playground, a miniature train, an indoor tennis center, handball courts, hiking trails, picnic areas and more. Details are available online at www.locustgrovenature.org.

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