



**AGENDA
CITY OF CREVE COEUR
HORTICULTURE, ECOLOGY AND
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL- MEETING ROOM 2
DECEMBER 17, 2025
4:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. HEB Webpage Refresh

NEW BUSINESS

3. Arbor Day 2026 — Japan America Society of St. Louis
4. Discussion on Combining Committees and Associated Benefits

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

NEXT MEETING DATE

5. February 18, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Posted by: _____

Date/Time posted: _____

If you need special accommodations to attend a meeting, services may be arranged by contacting the Office of the City Administrator in advance.



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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Horticulture, Ecology, & Beautification Committee of the City of Creve Coeur was called to order by HEB Chair, Paulette Pierson on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:37PM.

ROLL CALL

Chair Paulette Pierson - Present
Vice Chair Gene Rovak - Absent
Committee Member Fran Cantor - Present
Committee Member Rachel Eilbott - Present
Committee Member Carolyn Hull - Ryde Bower - Present
Committee Member Carol Mueller - Present
Committee Member Tracy Grass - Absent

Council Liaison Kimberly Norwood - Absent
Staff Liaison Emily Groves - Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of August 20, 2025 HEB Committee Minutes

<p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH EDITS MOVER: Fran Cantor SECONDER: Rachel Eilbott AYES: Paulette Pierson, Fran Cantor, Rachel Eilbott, Carolyn Hull-Ryde Bower, Carol Mueller</p>
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Arbor Day 2026

Fran Cantor will contact Wild Ones and the Audubon Society, while Emily Groves will reach out to the Missouri Department of Conservation and MSD to invite their participation in the 2026 Arbor Day event. Ms. Cantor will also contact former HEB member Claire Chosid to discuss a composting display at the Tappmeyer House Community Garden, and Carolyn Bower will create a backyard composting handout if



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no materials are available. Ms. Groves will explore the possibility of involving local plant vendors or promoting upcoming plant-related events in the St. Louis area.

The Committee discussed entertainment for the 2026 celebration, agreeing that Babaloo Music and Fun could perform every other or every third year. Carol Mueller will research an interactive Japanese music group as an alternative, and Rachel Eilbott will contact the World Bird Sanctuary regarding exhibits and pricing.

Committee members emphasized the importance of following the established script and timeline during the event. The Committee also confirmed that all Arbor Day Art Contest entries must meet the stated guidelines, and no exceptions will be made in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

3. HEB Webpage Refresh:

- **Native Plant Speakers Bureau** - <https://stlwildones.org/speakers-bureau/>
- **Partners for Native Landscaping Resource Guide** - <https://partnersfor nativelandscaping.stlouisaudubon.org/home/stl-native-plant-landscaping-resource-guide>
- **Other links:**
 - <https://grownative.org/learn/natives-for-gardening/alternative-species/>
 - <https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns>
 - <https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/18-014.pdf>
 - <https://www.greatrivers.org/faqs-1>
 - <https://www.nwf.org/>

Following a discussion regarding outdated information and resources on the City of Creve Coeur's website, an impromptu HEB Webpage Refresh subcommittee was formed, consisting of Carolyn Bower and Fran Cantor. Ms. Bower and Ms. Cantor will



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update, streamline, and categorize resources and links to make the webpage more accurate and user-friendly. Ms. Groves will review the “Tree Ordinance” that the HEB Committee is responsible for upholding and share her findings at the December meeting.

4. Creve Coeur Fall Landscaping & Halloween Decorations

Discussion included ideas for enhancing fall landscaping and overall curb appeal, as well as ways to engage younger residents—such as a “catch a picture” feature on Facebook. The committee also explored hosting natural craft activities, for example, a fall wreath-making event.

BUSINESS FROM STAFF

**5. Biennial Ethics Training for Elected and Appointed Officials
Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

Emily Groves reminded the Committee about the upcoming Biennial Ethics Training and noted that a recording will be made available for any members unable to attend in person.

NEXT MEETING DATE

6. Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Discussion was held about potentially scheduling committee meetings monthly from January through April to prepare for Arbor Day events.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.