

## Going Green Sustainability Lecture

### *The Woodlands GREEN*

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 7:00 pm

#### ***Becoming A Monarch Champion***

*Amber Barnes, with The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department, will discuss the plight of the monarch, how the Township has achieved Monarch Champion designation, upcoming conservation projects, and how residents can become a Monarch Champion, too. Join us via Zoom at this [LINK](#).*

#### **Becoming a Monarch Champion**

Pollinators – bees, moths, butterflies, beetles and more - have faced a drastic population decline in recent years. The Monarch butterfly is no exception as their population has decreased over 90% the last few decades. Pesticides, herbicides and habitat loss have left monarchs fighting to stay off the endangered species list. The good news is that communities across the country are taking up the fight to save the monarch, including The Woodlands. Recently designated by the National Wildlife Federation as the *10<sup>th</sup> Monarch Champion* city in North America, The Woodlands devotes significant resources towards monarch and pollinator conservation.

#### **Speaker**

Amber Barnes is the Sustainable Landscapes Education Specialist for The Woodlands Township Environmental Services Department. She oversees many programs and events for the Township that focus on creating wildlife and pollinator habitat, the benefits of native plants, community gardening events, volunteer tree plantings, and more. This year she's helped launch two new programs that she's very proud to offer to our community: *Backpack Birding Program*, for residents to borrow equipment, at no cost to go birding, and the new summer movie series: *Sunset Cinema* where environmentally themed movies will be shown for free this summer at Northshore Park.

Amber is passionate about creating habitat for wildlife both throughout the community and in her own backyard and she hopes to inspire you to do the same!