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ROSEMOUNT YOUTH COMMISSIONERS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE BY PLANTING TREES

Members of the Rosemount Youth Commission got an early start on their goals for the coming year by helping to plant trees in the City's newest park.

Incoming and outgoing members of the Commission gathered at Ailesbury Park before their meeting on May 25 for a brief ceremony to plant three trees. The initial planting serves to mark the commitment of Rosemount's young people to the community's future.

The first trees -- a red oak, a skyline honey locust, and an accolade elm -- highlight diversity, strength, and beauty. The Youth Commission plans to expand its "legacy grove" throughout the community in the coming years, working with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Establishing a tree planting event is one of the goals for the Youth Commission during its 2016-17 term. Sixteen students will serve on the Commission during the coming year. The May meeting was the first for eight of the students; seven are departing as they graduate from high school.

Mayor Bill Droste congratulated the students during the meeting that followed the planting ceremony. He quoted a proverb that says, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

The Rosemount City Council created the Youth Commission in 2009 to give Rosemount's younger residents a voice in planning for their hometown's future. Council member Jeff Weisensel serves as the City Council's liaison to the Commission.

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