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“Liberty Garden” at Dole Center to Honor September 11 Victims

The Village will dedicate a small space on the grounds of the newly renovated Dole Learning Center, 255 Augusta, as a “Liberty Garden” at 3 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 5, in remembrance of the World Trade Center tragedy.

A national initiative of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., of which the Village is a certified affiliate, Oak Park’s garden, and those expected to be dedicated across the country, are intended to be a special place of natural beauty that will honor the memory of those who perished, and reaffirm the principles of freedom and liberty.

The President of Keep Illinois Beautiful, Joyce Kagan Charmatz of Chicago, will be in attendance at the dedication and Chicago radio station US99 is planning an on-site live, call-in program from 3 - 5 p.m.

A resolution expected to be adopted by the Village Board at its regular meeting, Tues., Sept. 3, asks “citizens of all ages, races and creeds to recognize and use this public place for meditation and enjoyment as we come together in our shared sorrow and commitment to building a better future.”

Future plans for the garden include having a book housed in the library inside the Dole Center for people sign or write their thoughts on either the tragic events of Sept. 11 or how they feel about celebrating freedom and community involvement in Oak Park.

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