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Happy Hour at the Food Forest – Join Us!

It's one of a very few thriving Food Forests in the region, and it's going to be open for tours next week!

Cultivate Kansas City is hosting a Homegrown Happy Hour at its Food Forest from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. The Food Forest is located at 5424 Mastin Street, Merriam, Kan.

This unique forest is where fruit and nut trees, shrubs and herbs share a growing space and complement one another in a sustainable environment that requires very little maintenance. This Food Forest was planted in 2011 and includes apple, pear, peach and Chinese chestnut trees. It supports blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries and walking onions. Rhubarb, figs, persimmons and strawberries also are plentiful. All of these plants, and so many more, work in harmony to support each other. There's no spraying, weeding or mowing. And the rich soil continues to get richer.

Admission to the Happy Hour is \$5. Guests will receive a free meal and drink ticket, which will get them a signature slice of pizza cooked on the spot by Prairie Fire Oven, and a Boulevard beer from Boulevard Brewing Company. Of course, those with big appetites can buy extras! Tours and Happy Hour fun is free!

Register online at <http://www.cultivatekc.org/events/homegrown-happy-hours.html>.

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