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## **Upcoming activities**

Monday, May 30 – Signal Mountain Memorial Day Picnic. We'll leave about 10:30 and be back mid-afternoon.

<u>Wednesday, June 1</u>—afternoon movies at Hamilton Place. Check with Stacy to see what's playing.

<u>Friday, June 3</u>—Brooke is here from the H\*art Gallery for our art class. 10:00 in the Tree House.

Friday, June 3—Dreamnight at the Zoo.

Saturday, June 4—Walmart trip.



Have you noticed our recently repainted mailbox as you pull into our driveway? It was in dire need of a makeover and Stacy and Orlando took care of doing just that beautifully! Teamwork makes for great results.

The office is closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

While you're doing your spring cleaning and/or dividing your plants, please keep us in mind. We're looking for the following items:

hostas or other shade-loving plants; outdoor birdhouses and birdbaths; clay pots (in any condition!); bags of black mulch; and an outdoor bench

THANKS!!!

Did you ever wonder about the folks handing out paper







poppies around Memorial Day? Well, it comes from the reference to poppies in a very well known poem from WWI, *In Flanders Field*, by John McCrae. He wrote this poem after the death of a friend at the Battle of Ypres in Belgium. Because of the popularity of this poem, parts of it were used in marketing and recruitment efforts, not only for soldiers but to raise money selling war bonds. The "remembrance poppy" became a prominent symbol, not only in the United States, but around the world as a symbol honoring those who have died in conflict.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

BELOW: Several board members attend training recently at the Mountain City Club.

