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Tree Lafayette News, Views, and Plantings

Tree Lafayette Volunteers Save Trees During Drought

The drought of 2012 will be remembered in so many ways, and by members and volunteers of Tree Lafayette for all of the watering they did during the summer months.

A small, but dedicated group of volunteers was out a few times a week watering Lafayette street trees.

"I would like to congratulate our volunteers for the outstanding job they have done watering this summer," said Tree

Lafayette President Larry Rose at an August 8 board meeting. He also commended the Tree Committee headed by Greg Shaner, for their efforts in coordinating the watering. Watering this summer will have long-term consequences to help trees survive in future years, particularly if weather conditions are similar next summer.

Before the drought, on May 5, 2012, Tree Lafayette supporters and volunteers heard the call for participation, and turned out in large numbers (170 in all) to plant trees at Jef-

erson High School and Tecumseh Junior High for Tree Lafayette's Arbor Day celebration. Everyone who participated wore T-shirts designed—especially for the occasion—by Jeff High School students.

The City of Lafayette was honored because it has been a "Tree City USA" for 20 years. Pictured on the upper left is Carrie Tauscher, volunteer coordinator, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski, holding the Tree City USA flag.

Dr. Ed Eiler Honored During Arbor Day Celebration

Former Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent Ed Eiler has left his footprint on the grounds of LSC schools in addition to the hallways inside.

Tree Lafayette, together with the Lafayette School Corporation, honored Dr. Eiler by planting a tree in his name with a plaque to mark the spot. You can find the tree and the plaque near Tecumseh Jr. High.

There was much fanfare in planting Dr. Eiler's tree because it symbolized the 1,500th tree that Tree Lafayette planted since the organization began in 1993.

"We carry the images of the school we attended as a child throughout our entire lifetime," says Eiler. "The landscaping of the school grounds helps paint those images by helping to create an aura and atmosphere surrounding the school. Trees are an integral part of that image."



Sue Eiler, Dr. Ed Eiler, and Arbor Day team plant 1,500th tree.

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2012 Annual Meeting Planned for November 14

Please come and attend the Tree Lafayette Annual Meeting!

You and your guests are invited to attend the Tree Lafayette annual meeting scheduled this year for Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012 at SGT. Preston's of the North Bar and Restaurant, 6 North 2nd St. in Lafayette from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Purdue room in the restaurant. Cost is \$13 per person.. Contact Rob Pahl, Tree Lafayette vice president for reservations and more information at pahlrc@gmail.com, or call 765-491-5499.

Catch up on all Tree Lafayette has done in 2012, including planting about 203 trees so far this year. Planting, in general, was slowed down in 2012 because of the epic drought conditions, which make tree planting less than ideal. One reason is that all of the street trees that have already been planted in previous years need extra water in drought conditions, and with an all-volunteer staff, it would be impossible to plant the normal number of new trees this year, and keep up with the watering, says Greg Shaner, chairman of the Tree Lafayette Tree Committee. Teams of Tree Lafayette volunteers watered street trees all over the city during the summer months and into the fall. (See story on page 1.)

"By late June, we were watering more than 700 trees per week," says Shaner.

Tree Lafayette Education Program in 2012

Tree Lafayette continued its education program in 2012, with presentations to third graders in the Lafayette School Corp., in addition to a presentation and planting at the new LSC Oakland High School by board member Laura Wright.

170 Volunteers Turn Out for Arbor Day

Arbor Day 2012 was a huge success with record numbers of families turning out to plant trees together at Jefferson High School and Tecumseh Junior High School. In total, 64 trees were planted at the two schools as part of the Arbor Day project this year. And last April 20 for Earth Day, Tree Lafayette Board Member Gail Brock told the story of the surviving American Elm tree at the site of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995—an uplifting story amidst the tragedy of Oklahoma City.

City of Lafayette Completes Phase Three Tree Inventory

In an effort to know how many and what types of trees make up the landscape of Lafayette, the city finished the third part of a Tree inventory, studying 2,323 trees as this part of the inventory. The inventory is especially useful during a drought because more trees may be damaged, and might need to be replaced. The results of the inventory found that 20 percent of the trees, or 459 of them were in poor condition, and 57 trees in critical condition.

Tree Lafayette Endowment for Replacement Trees

Contribute to replacing damaged trees by sending a check made out to the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. Address: 1114 E. State St., Lafayette, IN 47905. Be sure to write "Tree Lafayette Endowment" on the memo line of the check. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this effort.



The Tree Lafayette Endowment had a robust year, with the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette matching funds donated for the endowment. Many thanks to Marianne Rose of the Community Foundation and Tree Lafayette Board Member Denise Coogan for taking the pictures during our Arbor Day celebration.

Want to help prune trees and water trees next spring? Then Tree Lafayette needs you! It is an excellent chance to get outside, meet some new people, and help the environment. Contact: Tree Committee Chairman, Greg Shaner at the following e-mail address: Gregory_Shaner_454@Comcast.net.

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