

Volunteers Wanted For Tree Lafayette's Arbor Day 2011

Volunteers from across Greater Lafayette helped to make the tree planting in the Ellsworth-Romig neighborhood a fulfilling community venture in the fall 2010, and Tree Lafayette is again reaching out to the community to ask volunteers to take part in its Arbor Day and Earth Day local celebrations.

Tree Lafayette's major event of the year is Arbor Day, which will take place on May 7, 2011—on Mother's Day weekend.

"Plant one for mother Earth," says Tree Lafayette President, Larry Rose. "Tree Lafayette needs volunteers to help plant trees. We provide all the tools

for planting a tree. It's easy, fun, and the right thing to do."

Supporters and volunteers will gather on the north side of Brady Lane between Sagamore Parkway and Concord Road under a tent set up for the event at 9 a.m.

Volunteers separate into small groups to do the tree planting, which will consist of 57 trees in the vicinity.

Corporate sponsors for Tree Lafayette events include Tipmont REMC, the Duke Energy Foundation, Alcoa Action, Heritage Interactive Services, Evonik Degussa Corp., and the Community Foundation of

Greater Lafayette. This year, Tree Lafayette is making it easy to sign up to be a volunteer by inviting interested individuals to read our website, www.treelafayette.org, and sign up on the website at this link:

<http://tiny.cc/arborday2011>

Also this spring, Tree Lafayette will plant one tree in the parking lot of the Lafayette Police Department in honor of Earth Day on April 21.

Volunteers are also invited to the Earth Day celebration to learn more about our organization and tree planting in general. So come and help us to keep improving the beautiful landscape of Lafayette.

2011 Planting Update

Lots of planting is planned for 2011, as Tree Lafayette supporters, volunteers, and the board of directors take part in the organization's primary mission: to create a greener urban landscape.

Currently, Tree Lafayette has plans to plant approximately 107 trees in 2011, but as the year progresses, could plant as many as 200 trees.

In 2010, Tree Lafayette planted 156 trees, and coordinated three different

neighborhood plantings, including 16 Maple trees along Oregon Street in the Ellsworth-Romig neighborhood in October 2010. Gail Brock of the Ellsworth-Romig Neighborhood Association received the neighborhood stewardship award from Tree Lafayette for her work going door-to-door to help coordinate the event, and raise funds and awareness.

In addition to Tree Lafayette's major tree-planting event on Arbor Day (May 7, 2011), 50 trees will be planted along Main Street. Plantings are also expected to include seven schools in the Lafayette School Corporation.

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Tree Lafayette Moving Forward with Education Program

Planting and Programs to be held at LSC Schools this spring

In an effort to get kids excited about the importance of trees to the environment and to life in general, Tree Lafayette is making good progress with its third grade elementary school program. Each spring and fall, Tree Lafayette plans to hold an instructional program and tree planting at seven elementary schools in the Lafayette School Corporation.

This spring, Tree Lafayette expects to hold programs at Glen Acres, Miller, and Edgelea Elementary schools.

"Tree Lafayette is excited about being invited to the third grade classrooms of LSC to teach these young children about the value of planting trees in an urban setting, and what they can do to help us improve on it," says Rob Galbraith, chairman of Tree Lafayette's education committee.

On Nov. 5, 2010, all third grade students and teachers took part in an instructional program at Vinton Elementary School providing the basics about the value of trees and how to take care of them. The PowerPoint lesson was taught by Suzie Philyaw, who is a third grade teacher at Miller Elementary.

So that the students would remember the occasion, each one received a lima bean in a cup, intended to grow into a small plant. Board member Laura Wright of the Tree Lafayette Education Committee taught that portion of the lesson.

After the indoor lesson, everyone gathered outside to plant the Indiana state tree: a Tulip tree. The tree planting was organized by Greg Shaner, who is the chairman of the Tree Committee.

Learn More about the Trees on Your Property

You have probably heard of retirement calculators, tax calculators, and weekly budget calculators. Now, there is a tree calculator. Learn how the trees on your property add value to the community where you live. Go to this URL for the calculator and more information:

<http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator>

Find Tree Lafayette on Facebook, and see all of our great photos:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Tree-Lafayette/170169641328>

Tree Inventory Records 5,058 Trees During Fall 2010

Tree Lafayette and the City of Lafayette conducted a tree inventory beginning on Sept. 27, 2010 to determine the different species of trees in Greater Lafayette and how best to maintain them. The inventory was done by the Davey Resource Group of Ohio.

The inventory found 98 species, with maple trees comprising 31 percent, ash, 16 percent, and linden, 7 percent.



Third grade students and teachers show great enthusiasm for planting a tree on the grounds of Vinton Elementary School. Shown in the picture are TL coordinators Suzie Philyaw and Greg Shaner.

More Details on the Inventory at <http://www.treelafayette.org/inventory.html>

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