

200 Volunteers Needed for Arbor Day 2012



Tree Lafayette Pruners

Tree Lafayette's Arbor Day 2012—to be held on Saturday May 5—has an extra element of excitement this year. The project is essentially part of a larger global initiative to plant 10 million trees around the world. This program is a combined effort between the Alcoa Foundation and the American Forests' Global ReLeaf Partnership for Trees.

Two hundred volunteers are needed to plant at least 71 trees at the sites of this year's Arbor Day—Jefferson High School and Tecumseh Junior High School.

"Tree Lafayette is pleased to receive funds from the Alcoa Foundation for the ReLeaf Grant," says Rob Pahl, Tree Lafayette vice

president, who is retired from Alcoa.

Everyone is asked to gather at 9 a.m. under the tent at the registration site, which will be at the flag pole area on the West side of Tecumseh Junior High School. Parking will be available in the lot between Tecumseh and the flag pole area or behind Jeff High School on the East side of the building.

"Crew chiefs" will be designated as leaders of small groups, and each group will work on planting trees together.

"We'll divide the volunteers into groups, according to how many trees need to be planted at each site," says Greg Shaner, chairman of the Tree Lafayette Tree Committee,

and Arbor Day manager for tree planting.

The event is an excellent activity for families to do together, and families are encouraged to attend and volunteer.

If possible, we ask that you sign up ahead of time to volunteer by going online at this URL:

<http://tinyurl.com/tree-lafayette-arbor-day>.

The event is free, and volunteers will receive a Tree Lafayette t-shirt designed by students at Jeff. For more information contact Matt Green, project manager for the Arbor Day event at mgreen@heritage-interactive.com, or go to our website:

www.treelafayette.org

New Tree Lafayette Endowment Takes Shape

The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette has established the first-ever Tree Lafayette Endowment. Supporters will now have another avenue for donating: Tree Lafayette supporters can send checks written to the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, and write "Tree Lafayette endowment" in

the memo field. The incentive to donate this way is that CFGL will also give 25 percent of your gift to the Tree Lafayette endowment.

Tree Lafayette has set a short-term fundraising goal of \$10,000 to give the endowment a good start. "Endowments help secure the future of non-profits," says Tree Lafayette president Larry Rose. "Non-profits need to diversify the sources of funding opportunities available."

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Tree Lafayette Plans Busy Planting Season

Planting Update: Spring 2012

Consistent with its strategic plan, Tree Lafayette is increasing the number of trees the organization plants each year. Furthermore, with funds from the new Tree Lafayette endowment, the organization will be able to replace trees, keeping our landscape vibrant.

For spring 2012, Arbor Day is the largest project planned, with at least 71 trees to be planted on May 5 with funding from the Alcoa Releaf grant (see story on page 1). Using funding from the same grant, an additional seven trees will be planted at Glen Acres Elementary School on May 4, and five trees will be planted at Sunnyside Middle School in May.

"I greatly appreciate the enthusiasm of Superintendent Ed Eiler and his staff, the principals of Jefferson, Tecumseh, Sunnyside, and Glen Acres, and staff in maintenance and grounds for this project," says Greg Shaner, chairman of Tree Lafayette's Tree Committee. "Their support has been a great help in the planning."

Some of the other large projects planned this spring are the following: 13 trees planned on Scott Street in the Columbian Park Neighborhood; 15 trees on North Seventh Street in the Centennial neighborhood; and 43 trees on South Street, also in the Columbian Park neighborhood.

During 2012, funding from a Wabash River Enhancement Corp. grant will enable Tree Lafayette to plant an additional 102 trees in Lafayette neighborhoods.

2011 was a very successful planting year. A total of 186 trees were planted during 2011. Tree Lafayette board members, the organization's supporters, and dedicated volunteers from several Lafayette neighborhoods worked hard to coordinate the plantings and got the trees securely in the ground.

Tree Lafayette to Plant 1,500th Tree

A milestone is approaching in the history of Tree Lafayette: This spring, the organization will plant its 1,500th tree since Tree Lafayette was founded in 1993. The occasion will be celebrated for the green achievement that it is. The location of the 1,500th tree is a mystery, being closely guarded by Tree Lafayette's founding fathers.

"Fifteen hundred may seem like a small number, but these are large trees," says Tree Lafayette president Larry Rose. Rose points out that 1,500 refers only to full-size trees and not saplings or shrubs.

City of Lafayette Plans Phase Three Inventory

The city is scheduling the third part of a tree inventory for spring 2012, funded by the Indiana DNR with matching city funds. View the findings of Phase One and Two at our website.



Tree Lafayette continues its third-grade program by conducting plantings and presentations at elementary schools in the Lafayette School Corporation. Here students and teachers gather for a planting at Murdock Elementary School on Oct. 21, 2011.

Wondering what goes into planting a tree? Go to our website, www.treelafayette.org, and click on the Education section at the top of the screen. Watch the video, "How to Plant and Maintain Trees," narrated by Larry Rose.

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