

See what the Tree Friends have been doing to keep West Lafayette a true tree city!



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Arbor Day Tree Planting

Twenty two preschoolers worked with the West Lafayette Tree Friends, city officials and local neighbors to plant 6 trees along Happy Hollow Rd. on Friday, April 28th in celebration of Arbor Day. The purpose of this national event is to encourage everyone to plant and protect trees for the current and for future generations to enjoy.

Bill Evers, the Tree Friends chair, welcomed everyone, shared information on the benefits of trees and provided a brief history of Arbor Day. Sana Booker, West Lafayette Clerk, then read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Following these remarks, the Covenant Kids Alive Pre-Kindergarten class used trowels to help the others fill soil in around the tree roots.



After the planting was complete, the West Lafayette Tree Friends gave these youth two challenges. The first was to show their parents the trees that they helped plant. The second challenge was to come by this area when they are in high school to see how their trees have grown.

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Sigma Tau Gamma Helps



Under the direction of Bryce Patz, West Lafayette Neighborhood Vitality, Purdue members of Sigma Tau Gamma volunteered on April 1 and April 15 to apply recycled mulch to over 80 trees and prune 18 trees along Kalberer Road near Soldiers Home Road. Thank you to the men of Sigma Tau Gamma for assisting the WLTF in the care and maintenance of our street trees.

Spring Pruning Kick Off/Limbing Up on Linda Lane



Recently the W L Street Department workers have encountered overhanging tree limbs as they made their rounds on Linda Lane: they requested that WLTF "limb up" lower hanging branches. On 4/21 Tree Friend volunteers met to comply with that request and had fun putting their tools to good use!

Pruning maintains the shape as well as health of a tree, removing dead or damaged limbs, encouraging upward growth, giving the tree a balanced shape for our pleasure and its safety. Consider joining us as we continue to prune West Lafayette street trees.

Check this link for the [WLTF 2017 pruning schedule](#).



Earth Day Shredding Event By Reliable Insurance Solutions and The Russell Team Realty Group Profits WLTF

West Lafayette Tree Friends thank Reliable Insurance Solutions,

Inc., and The Russell Team, for their fundraising efforts on our behalf.

As the city has expanded to a Class 2 Indiana city, the need for more trees, more money, and more volunteers continues to expand. All help is valuable.

Our organization could not exist without the help of volunteers who help us "plant, prune, and protect" our 9,000+ street trees, as well as the many citizens who donate most of our funds.



Lilac Tree: A fragrant delight

The Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) really is a tree as opposed to the common lilac bush (*Syringa vulgaris*). *Syringa* means pipe and the name applies because the plant has hollow, pith-filled branches-like a medicinal syringe. In the early summer the tree lilac bears clusters of fragrant white flowers that are 10-12 inches long. As the flowers age they are sometimes replaced by seed capsules that attract birds. The flowers and seed pods of *Syringa reticulata* offer seasonal interest; the attractive pearly bark is an extra bonus. Flowering is best in full sun.



The Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) web site (missouribotanicalgarden.org) says the tree lilac height ranges from 15-20 feet with a spread of 15 feet, that the tree is tolerant of urban pollution and easy to grow (zones 3-7). The WL Tree Friends have planted several tree lilacs along Kalberer Road. The web site arboretum.purdue.edu identifies campus planting locations.

Other events of interest

Tuesday, 6/13/17 - West Lafayette Tree Friends monthly meeting, WL Public Library.
All are welcome

Wednesday 6/7/17, 7/12/17 and 9/13/17, 3:30-7:00pm - Tree Friends have a booth at the West Lafayette Farmers Market. Stop by for education and fun.



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