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Lafayette to Celebrate 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day!
150 Trees to be planted along Underwood Street in 2022

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – April 27, 2022 – The City of Lafayette has a lot to celebrate for Arbor Day! This year marks the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day so the city will be planting 150 trees along Underwood Street in Lafayette throughout 2022. This addition to Lafayette's urban forest is important for our community as trees give off oxygen, they reduce the amount of storm water runoff to reduce erosion and pollution in our waterways, provide natural air conditioning, and reduce climate change, just to name a few.

To celebrate Arbor Day (Friday, April 29), 66 new trees will be planted on Underwood Street, coordinated by Tree Lafayette, on Saturday, April 30 with a proclamation read by Mayor Tony Roswarski at 9:30 am with the planting of the trees following. The ceremony will be at the corner of Underwood and 24th Street in Lafayette. The rest of the 150 trees on Underwood

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Street will be planted this fall as part of a city funded project. To volunteer for the fall planting, please contact Tim Detzner, Lafayette's Urban Forester, at (765) 807-1041.

Another goal for Lafayette is planting of 1,000 new trees over the next five years to increase the urban tree canopy in Lafayette. Benefits of an urban tree canopy include reducing summer peak temperatures and air pollution, enhancing property values, providing wildlife habitat, providing aesthetic benefits, and improving social ties among neighbors. A robust tree canopy can also attract businesses and residents to our community.

Over 22,000 trees are planted in public spaces – those areas between the sidewalk and the street and our city parks. To learn more about the services of the city's urban forest, click on the link at: https://www.lafayette.in.gov/2025/Urban-Forestry. This site will inform citizens on the process for planting, pruning and removal of 'right of way' trees in the City of Lafayette. For further information on Lafayette's urban forest, please contact Tim Detzner, Urban Forester, for the City of Lafayette at tdetzner@lafayette.in.gov.

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