



Bring the whole family out to Tree Lafayette's Arbor Day celebration to plant a tree and have some fun! Photo and art by Robert Baker.

TREE LAFAYETTE

# Our Urban Forest

Neighborhoods

## We Need Volunteers for Arbor Day 2014!

### Glen Acres May 3rd 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tree Lafayette is holding our annual Arbor Day planting and celebration on May 3rd, at Glen Acres Elementary School.

We will be planting 101 trees and shrubs and giving away 250 Tulip Popular saplings. The event will begin at 9 a.m. Mayor Tony Roswarski giving a proclamation, which will be followed by a few words from a member of the Indiana DNR. Followed by the planting. We will also be instructing

guests and volunteers on how to choose and care for a tree.

Registration for volunteers at the event begins at 9:15 a.m. We need volunteers to get those trees in the ground! Anyone can volunteer, young or old. Please wear appropriate clothing for that day's weather; closed-toe shoes and gloves are required. If you have a shovel or rake, please bring them.

You can sign-up at [www.treelafayette.org](http://www.treelafayette.org), along with your partner or organization. You'll also sign a waiver at the event.

Don't worry! We're not sending you out alone to dig in a field alone. Volunteers will be divided into groups and led by a Tree Lafayette crew chief, who will instruct each group. Our chiefs are a top-notch bunch. We have multi-year Tree Lafayette veterans, teachers, foresters and master gardeners.

The event is sponsored by the Alcoa Foundation and is one of our primary ways to support the Greater Lafayette area. Please join us, we would love to have you.

**Saturday, May 3rd, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Glen Acres Elementary School, 3767 Kimberly Dr., Lafayette Indiana.**

## Using i-Tree Design To See the Benefits

Sometimes the difficult decision isn't deciding which tree to get, it's where to put it when it arrives. Where you put your new tree can be a complex decision.

You need to factor in which species the tree is, the size, the time of the year, the building footprint, possible financial benefits and several other factors. Wow, you might need to call an expert. Experts = money, is your ardor for your own tree fading?

Not if you use i-Tree Design. This virtual tool allows anyone to see how the placement of their tree will affect their property, now and in the future. It is easy to use, just put your address in to get started and you'll be walked through the process. i-Tree is a state of the art software suite from the USDA Forest Service, which provides urban forest management and advocacy. Check out the program at [www.itreetools.org/design.php](http://www.itreetools.org/design.php). Or check it out directly at [treelafayette.org](http://treelafayette.org).



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## Trees Make Your Wallet and Heart Happier

### By Joe Fowler, Tree Lafayette

There are many, many reasons to plant a tree; either on your personal or professional property. Own a store? Plant a tree in front of it, your customers might like it. Have your own house? Plant a tree in the backyard and someday your kids might play under it. Those of us at Tree Lafayette are always behind the decision to plant trees. Our mission is to promote a healthy community by providing education, leadership and inspiration in the planting and caring for trees. Education about trees and the benefits they can bring is second only to putting the trees in the ground.

Recent studies have shown both residential and businesses benefit from having trees near them.

### The Numbers: Trees Enhance Properties

Homes that have "street trees", planted between the sidewalk and the street, sold for \$7,130 more, on average, than residences without them. Researchers from the U.S. Forest Service and the National Institute of Standards and Technology analyzed 2,608 single-family home sales in Portland, Oregon for a ten month period in 2006-2007 and found that homes with street trees sold, on average, 1.7 days quicker and for more money. The sale premium of having street trees was the same as adding 129 square feet of finished space. Even neighboring houses within 100 feet of street trees had an average \$1,688 higher selling price. In the neighborhood surveyed, street trees resulted in an extra \$19,958 in house sales.

### Mental Health Benefits

The positive attributes of street trees don't stop at your wallet. They are also associated with cleaner air, lower energy use and lower crime. Studies published by the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health have also shown that street trees and urban "green spaces" have a positive effect on your mental health. People living within 1 km of green spaces have better self perceived health, with the very young and elderly getting an even bigger boost to their mental health.

Tree Lafayette's efforts will help your heart and your property values. That is worth supporting.

You can go to [www.treelafayette.org](http://www.treelafayette.org) to learn how to care for any trees you chose to plant. That is how we can help homeowners make the most of the great decision they've already made. Trees help your wallet and your heart but you have to maintain them or that happiness will slip out of your grasp. Let us teach you how to make your emotional and financial investment grow.

**TREES = A BETTER COMMUNITY**



This is an example of fully-realized street trees and how they beautify and enhance your neighborhood. New homeowners take note, this could be a great investment for your future! Highland Park, TX. Ansem27/Wikipedia.

**Consider Donating to the Tree Lafayette Endowment. The Endowment is specifically to replace trees that have been damaged. Send a check to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, 1114 E. State Street, Lafayette, IN 47905-1219 Write "Tree Lafayette Endowment" in the check memo line.**

### Planting and Promoting a Healthy Community

Contribute to all our futures,

- Terrific Tulip \$10-24
- Great Ginkgo \$25-49
- Beautiful Beech \$50-99
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