



## **Theme for Tree Lafayette Earth Day is the Civil War: 11 Trees to be Planted at the Greenbush Cemetery**

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The media and the public are invited to Tree Lafayette's annual Earth Day celebration, this year to be held on the East Side of Greenbush Cemetery, 1408 N. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Lafayette, on Wednesday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

Come celebrate Earth Day on the hallowed ground of the Greenbush Cemetery, as Tree Lafayette honors the hundreds of war dead and the earth they are buried beneath. Eleven trees will be planted.

The theme of this year's event is The Civil War, and in keeping with that, many attendees will be dressed in uniform, including top hats to be worn by the master of ceremonies, Tree Lafayette Executive Director, Larry Rose, and Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski, who will read the annual Proclamation of Earth Day.

The event is being held at the Greenbush Cemetery to promote the restoration project undertaken by Fairfield Township, where the cemetery is located within the City of Lafayette limits. The project includes restoring damaged gravestones and adding and maintaining the greenery and landscape.

During the event, a trumpeter will play ceremonial music, and groups will be dressed in both Union and Confederate uniforms, to represent the more than 250 Civil War veterans that are buried there. The cemetery is also the final resting place for veterans of seven wars, and four U.S. Representatives and Senators.

"We are very excited on the progress that has occurred at Greenbush Cemetery over the past year," says Shane Weist, Fairfield Township board chairman, and Tree Lafayette marketing committee member. "As we have worked to bring public awareness to this restoration project many local citizens and businesses have come together to start restoring it to its original park like state." Weist will be making a short presentation at the Earth Day event about the cemetery restoration project.

Tree Lafayette thanks the supporters for Earth Day: Purdue Federal Credit Union, and Cellular Connection's "Heal the World" in partnership with ACTrees.

Several other community groups will be making short presentations at the Earth Day event: Attached is the program agenda For Your Information.

**About Tree Lafayette:** Tree Lafayette is a non-profit organization dedicated to planting and maintaining trees, and to educational awareness about the importance of trees in urban settings. For more information about upcoming events, including Arbor Day in Lafayette on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, visit our website, [www.treelafayette.org](http://www.treelafayette.org).

Attachment: Earth Day Program Agenda