

Valpo Hosts Tree Planting Events

The City of Valparaiso, a nationally designated Tree City USA for 17 years running, has planned upcoming community tree plantings to maximize its urban forest, according to Matt McBain, the City's Certified Arborist. "In celebration of a belated Arbor Day, we're partnering with neighborhoods to host these plantings, which are positive for our urban forest and for neighbors as well," said McBain. The planting events include:

- **Central Neighborhood planting** on Oct. 17 from 9:00 am to noon. This event will plant 20 trees.
- **Banta Neighborhood planting** on Oct. 24 from 9:00 am to noon. This event will plant 29 trees.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program recognizes communities that have made a commitment to their urban forest, demonstrating sound tree management. Benefits of this priority for trees include reduced costs for energy, stormwater management and erosion control, as well as boosted property values and enhanced neighborhoods. To participate in the upcoming tree plantings or learn more about how your neighborhood can host its own planting, contact Certified Arborist Matt McBain at Valparaiso Public Works at Mmc Bain@valpo.us or 219-462-4612.