

Valpo, VU Partner for Arbor Day Planting

The public is invited to attend a tree planting and tree talk in celebration of Arbor Day. The event will be on Friday, April 26 at 10 a.m. on the grounds of Valparaiso University's Law School, 656 Greenwich St. (intersection of Freeman and College). The planting and presentation are co-sponsored by the City of Valparaiso and VU. Be sure to enter the drawing as one guest will win a special hand-shaped chair created from recycled plastics.

The tree planting celebrates both Valparaiso and VU's recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation. The City of Valparaiso has been named a Tree City USA for the 16th year, and VU was named a Tree Campus for the first time, both by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of their commitments to urban forestry.

"We truly feel that everyone wins when the community makes smart investments in urban forests, because trees provide so many benefits -- shade, beauty, air purifying, and soil stabilizing to name just a few," said Matt McBain, Valparaiso's Certified Arborist. "Certainly trees enhance our campus and community. We're pleased to be recognized for our efforts to foster VU's tree canopy," said Julie Whitaker, Energy and Sustainability Coordinator for VU.

To learn more about the tree event or how to get involved as a volunteer in urban forestry, contact Matt McBain at mmcbain@valpo.us. You can learn more about the city's urban forestry efforts, including suggested trees for local planting, visit the City of Valparaiso's website Valpo.us and search "trees."

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Arbor Day is April 26 and we encourage residents to celebrate this year at a local event.

- On Friday, April 26 from about 10-11am, join us at the intersection of Freeman and College (near VU's former law building) for a tree planting demonstration by a certified arborist from our Public Works team. There will also be a drawing for a special guest to win a recycled hand chair! This event is offered through a partnership between the city and Valparaiso University.
- On Saturday, April 27 from 10am-3pm, visit the VU campus for some family-friendly fun to celebrate Arbor Day and Earthy Day. Learn more about the Valparaiso University Earth Day Celebration.