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Kentwood to Celebrate Arbor Day with Community Event and Tree Seedling Giveaway

Kentwood, Michigan, April 15, 2024 – The City of Kentwood will once again honor Arbor Day with a tree planting and celebration, which will include a free tree seedling giveaway.

Residents of all ages are invited to join Kentwood’s Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 26 at Pinewood Park, 1999 Wolfboro Drive SE. The event will begin at noon with an Arbor Day proclamation, followed by a tree planting and a guided tree identification walk in the park. Complimentary refreshments will also be provided.

Arbor Day is an annual observance held each spring to recognize the impact of trees in the community and encourage tree planting.

“Our trees, of different species and sizes, offer more than just visual charm,” Mayor Stephen Kepley said. “They serve as vital contributors to a cleaner and healthier environment. Our Arbor Day Celebration is an opportunity to collaborate and encourage one another by not only planting new trees but also protecting our existing tree canopy from invasive species for the preservation and enjoyment of today and future generations.”

Residents can pick up free tree seedlings at the Kentwood Activities Center, 355 48th St. SE, or at Kentwood Department of Public Works, 5068 Breton SE, ahead of the celebration. The seedlings will be available during business hours Tuesday, April 23 through Friday, April 26 while supplies last.

Community members can check on tree seedling availability by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 616.656.5270. The Kentwood Activities Center is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. Residents are invited to share a photo of their planted seedling on social media using the hashtag #GreeningKentwood.

The Arbor Day Celebration is sponsored by Railtown Brewing Company and Metronet. Railtown Brewing Company also held a fundraiser through March where a portion of the proceeds from every Bike Ride Blonde ale purchased went towards supporting the planting of trees in Kentwood for Arbor Day.

More information about Kentwood's Arbor Day Celebration can be found at kentwood.us/ArborDay.

For community members who are looking for more ways to get involved beyond Arbor Day are invited to join the Kentwood Park Stewards, an environmentally focused program that helps preserve and maintain neighborhood parks, trails and public spaces. More information about the program is available at kentwood.us/ParkStewards.

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