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Tree Plantings Bring Vienna Community Together

Arbor Day festivities will be a community-wide affair in Vienna this year, featuring two opportunities for community members to help plant trees around town.

On **Friday, April 25**, at **5 p.m.**, local dignitaries, scouts and parks and recreation staff will team up for the official Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at the Center Street batting cage at Waters Field, located at 300 Center St., S (next to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department). Attendees will help plant multiple trees.

Then, the public is invited to volunteer to help plant several trees the following day, **Saturday, April 26**, at **9 a.m.**, at the corner of Dominion Road, SE, and Park Street, SE. This tree planting site is located across from the Vienna Community Center, along the W&OD Trail.

Those interested in volunteering can email Jeremy Edwards at Jeremy.Edwards@viennava.gov or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/TOVArborDaySignUp>. Public parking for both events will be available on street or at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna.

The Town of Vienna has been designated a “Tree City USA” by the Arbor Day Foundation since 2000. The honor is bestowed on communities that meet the Foundation’s criteria including maintaining a tree board or department, having a public tree care ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on community tree care activities, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Vienna is one of 3,587 recognized “Tree Cities.”

Arbor Day was first established in 1872 by the Nebraska Board of Agriculture and has since grown into a global celebration, observed in all 50 states and around the world, resulting in nearly a million trees planted annually.

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