

Arbor Day 2022 Wrap Up

Saturday, April 30, 2022

With the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions in place when we were planning the event, we decided to use an outdoor venue again, this year the event was at Cerny Park. It did rain a bit during the event, but we were under the pavilion and stayed dry. There was some wind to contend with and it was a little chilly, but we had a nice turnout.

Warrenville in Bloom was there to sell native plants and give out Brown Eyed Susan seed packets. Mayor Brummel attended and read the Arbor Day Proclamation and helped plant the ceremonial tree.

We celebrated Warrenville's 35th year as a Tree City. There are 2 Tree City road signs posted in Warrenville. One is on Batavia Road just passed the intersection at Route 59 heading east, near the Walgreens. The other is also on Batavia Road near the intersection at Warrenville road heading west, near the old gas station. Both were updated to reflect 35 years.

EAC

- David brought donuts and coffee, which were greatly appreciated!
- The EAC used 3 tables- Used 1 for reusable bags, swag to giveaway and environmental educational handouts, and the other 2 tables were used for our tree buckets. We used the picnic tables in the pavilion for prepping the trees.
- WIB used 2 tables for their set up/plant sale
- The city provided buckets to prep the trees, EAC members also brought some buckets
- Bob provided bags to wrap the trees and tissue to wrap them with
- There was a water source at the pavilion to fill the buckets
- We had 2 volunteers to help wrap and prep trees in addition to 3 EAC commissioners, our staff liaison and our city council liaison (7 tree preppers total)
- Almost all 300 trees were given away! There were some redbuds left at the end of the event, David took them to bring them to City Hall for employees to take.
- No door prizes were given out

Trees

1. Highbush Cranberry (50)
2. Redbud (100)
3. Red Oak (50)
4. Serviceberry(50)
5. White Spruce (50)

Ceremonial Tree

- A Redbud seedling (from the ones we handout) was planted at Cerny Park, to the right of the path as you walk into the pavilion.

Future Outdoor Events

- Bring rocks or bricks (or other items) to use as paperweights
- Prep materials before the event (folding materials)
- The pavilion wouldn't be large enough for the number of vendors we had at Arbor Day events pre-Covid, so keep in mind how many vendors you could invite. The picnic tables that are already under the pavilion are very heavy and hard to move and even the ones along the perimeter take up some space.

Future Indoor Events (carried over from 2018's wrap up as a reminder if next year is indoors)

- Email unloading and parking instructions, set up times, table info to organizations
- Get updated contact info for some organizations
- Use survey monkey to find out how people heard about the event- extra door prize ticket?
- River clean up info/sign up
- Rain barrel artist profiles
- Local school to sing/perform?
- Update flyer/poster distribution list
- Get flyers out earlier?
- Volunteers to help with kids craft?
- Tape!!