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Arbor Day Events in Michigan City

Michigan City, IN (May 20, 2004) – In the hopes of good weather, Michigan City has scheduled some Arbor Day events for May 22 rather than during the previous month.

From 10am until Noon, youth groups will create Arbor Day and environmental message banners at the Jaycee Stage in Washington Park. This project is sponsored by NIPSCO which is donating \$50 to the first ten groups that signed up last week. Don Babcock, director of economic development for NIPSCO, said, "The response to this Arbor Day event has been excellent, and we have ten groups already registered. Those groups will each receive \$50 from NIPSCO to use toward their programming. We will have materials on hand at Washington Park, though, for additional groups if they are able to join us for this project."

A representative from the Lubeznik Center For The Arts will join Don Babcock and Jan Kostielney, marketing and community relations consultant for the City of Michigan City, to judge the completed banners at Noon. Prizes will be awarded.

The Michigan City Tree Board will continue the city's Arbor Day celebration from Noon to 4 p.m. at Barker Woods Nature Preserve, located at the intersection of Barker and Cleveland Avenues. They join the Save The Dunes Council in celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day; music, seminars, and many exciting environmental activities are scheduled throughout the afternoon. Tree Board president Bob Frame said, "Tree Board members will be on hand to answer questions about tree care, urban forestry, pruning and other topics. Adult visitors to the Tree Board's exhibit will have an opportunity to show how they would prune a tree; if their plan is one that is good for the tree, they will win a fertilizer stake for trees. Children who visit the Tree Board's exhibit will receive a free activity book filled with coloring pages and information. Everyone who visits the Tree Board during this event will receive a free tree."

Brochures will be available, and the Tree Board members will raffle five large trees, provided by NIPSCO, for just \$1 per ticket. All proceeds will be used toward 2005 Arbor Day events.

Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Note any broken branches or evidence of disease or insect infestation. Think about how planting new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Take a trip to your local nursery to see what's available and to get new ideas....and plant a tree.

Visit <http://www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/boards/tree/index.htm> to find more information on the Michigan City Tree Board. There you will find links to these online resources provided by the US Forest Service:

- [People Need Trees: Benefits and Values](#)
- [Is All Your Rain Going Down the Drain?](#)
- [Don't Top Trees!](#)
- [How to Select and Plant a Tree](#)
- [How to Prune Young Shade Trees](#)
- [When a Storm Strikes](#)
- [Trees Have Needs - Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place](#)
- [Flooding and its Effect on Trees](#)
- [HOW to Prune Trees](#)
- [HOW to Recognize Hazardous Defects in Trees](#)
- [There's Life in Hazard Trees](#)
- [Urban Forest Management Plan - Pest Management](#)

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