

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Franklin, Indiana, Arbor Day Program

“Arbor Day is not like other holidays.
Each of those reposes on the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future.”
Sterling Morton

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| 7:45 a.m. | Arbor Day Committee Arrives
to set-up in Franklin Arboretum
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Phone: 317-736-9500 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Forestry Foundation Staff Arrives
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| 8:15 a.m. | Neighborhood Association Members Arrive
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| 8:30 a.m. | Coffee and Doughnuts at
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| 9:00 a.m. | Volunteers Arrive at Franklin Arboretum
247 E. Monroe Street
Franklin, Indiana 46131
Province Park
On the South Side of Monroe St.
Cross Streets Monroe and South Home Ave. |
| 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | Registration Sign-in
Franklin Arboretum
247 E. Monroe Street
Franklin, Indiana 46131
Province Park
On the South Side of Monroe St. |

9:55 a.m.	<p>Welcome Speech - Zachary Burton</p> <p>Welcome Elected Officials and Thank Sponsors</p> <p>Franklin Arboretum, Province Park</p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Arboretum Sign dedication ceremony</p> <p>Rocky Stultz, Assistant Superintendent Franklin Parks Dept.</p>
10:10 a.m.	<p>Moment of Silence to recognize the challenges facing Franklin's sister city of Kuji, Japan</p> <p>David Lee</p>
10:15a.m.	<p>Ceremonial Tree Planting - Liberty tree</p> <p>Chip Orner, Superintendent of Franklin Parks Dept.</p> <p>Thomas Paine Liberty tree poem</p> <p>Greg Cantwell - Franklin Tree Board Chairman</p> <p>Franklin Mayor's Office</p> <p>Arbor Day Committee</p> <p>Franklin Tree Board</p> <p>Franklin Parks Department</p> <p>Franklin Street Department</p> <p>American Legion</p>
10:35 a.m.	<p>Update on Kuji, Japan and how citizens can be involved in helping Zach Burton and Tamayo Fukumoto</p>
10:55 a.m.	<p>Placement of plaque from the Elm Research Institute</p> <p>Chip Orner, Superintendent of Franklin Parks Dept.</p> <p>Scott Swartz, Swartz Funeral Home</p> <p>Ceremonial picture taking, with planted Liberty tree</p>
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Demonstration on Tree Care Techniques</p> <p>Tree Climbing, Cabling, and Pruning</p> <p>John Hawkins, Arbor Experts</p> <p>Stewardship awareness learning session for participants</p>
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<p>Music and entertainment on the back porch</p>
1:00 p.m.	<p>Complete Clean-up of Arboretum</p>
1:20 p.m.	<p>Program Ends</p>

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Franklin Arboretum, Province Park



Franklin Indiana Arbor Day

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Clean Community Challenge

Background Information on Arbor Day Program and Sister City of Kuji, Japan

Planting trees is something we do for the next generation and something for which we thank those who went before us.

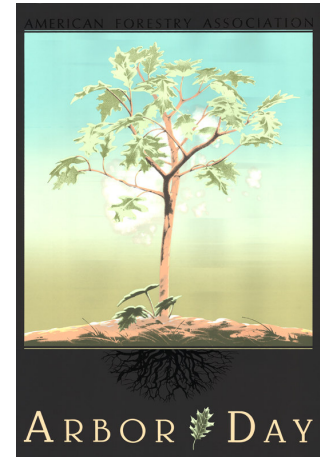
The Franklin Arbor Day program will coincide with the Franklin Parks Department's Clean Community Challenge Day. The Arbor Day program will be held in the Franklin Arboretum located on the north side of Province Park at 247 East Monroe Street. The Arbor Day program on Saturday, April 9, 2011, will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will feature a series of education programs. Volunteers will help clean up the arboretum in conjunction with the Franklin Parks Department's Clean Community Challenge and plant a Liberty tree provided by the Elm Research Institute. Please visit their website at www.elmresearch.org

The Arbor Day Program is being organized by the Franklin Indiana Mayor's Office, the Franklin Tree Board, the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department, the Franklin Street Department, Arbor Experts, the Forestry Foundation, and the Historic South Home Neighborhood Association. The first Arbor Day ceremonies took place over a hundred years ago on the prairies of the Nebraska Territory. Arbor Day became a tradition through the work of Sterling Morton, editor of Nebraska's first newspaper and later, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Although Morton loved his home in Nebraska, he missed the green forests of his native New York. He found that Nebraska's high winds blew the soil away when he plowed fields on the open prairie, so he decided to plant trees as wind-breaks. Morton's successful tree-planting project encouraged him to promote the idea throughout Nebraska, and on April 10, 1872, Arbor Day became a Nebraska state holiday.

In 1883, the first Arbor Day school celebrations were held in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day. Today Arbor Day is celebrated in almost every state and U.S. territory, as well as numerous foreign countries. The celebration dates vary due to the local climate. Here in Franklin, we have award-winning parks, trails, and the legacy of tree-planting left to us by past generations.

The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous American elm tree that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The tree was a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies. In the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree—a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty. The American elm, once seen in many cities and towns, almost died out in the late 60s and 70s due to Dutch elm disease. The Liberty elm tree is a new hybrid elm which is resistant to this disease. Washington Post reporter Phil McCombs observed about the American elm: "Once upon a time in America, great leafy high-arching cathedrals of elms lined the streets of villages and cities from the Atlantic to the Rockies, casting a deep cool shade upon life's turmoil."



Liberty Elm

In the late 1980s, Franklin's Arbor Day programs were sponsored by the American Forests Global ReLeaf program and the Forestry Foundation. Global ReLeaf is an education and action program that helps individuals, organizations, agencies, and corporations improve the local and global environment by planting and caring for trees. Since its beginnings in 1988, Global ReLeaf has planted trees in every state in the nation, and in more than 20 countries around the world.

Today, the Forestry Foundation is glad to be a part of this year's Arbor Day program. For more information on this organization, please visit their website at www.forestryfoundation.org.

This year's Arbor Day celebration is in cooperation with the Franklin Clean Community Challenge.

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Arbor Day Registration

The Franklin Arbor Day celebration can be enjoyed by children and adults alike. This program will feature a number of activities for kids of all ages, including a look inside a stock car. The Barnett Racing Team will have on display their late-model stock car for kids to get behind the wheel.

This Arbor Day, the community of Franklin will pause for a moment of silent prayer for our friends and neighbors in our sister city of Kuji, Japan. The Liberty Tree, which will be planted on Saturday, April 9, 2011, will be dedicated as a symbol of our city's commitment to help our sister city.

The sister city relationship between Franklin, Indiana and Kuji, Japan, spans over five decades. The program began in 1960 and has helped bring the two cultures together. Kuji, Japan is a centuries-old village on the northern end of Honshu, the Japanese main island. The city's population is approximately 38,000 people and is located in the Iwate prefect. The epicenter of the earthquake was approximately 200 miles to the south of Kuji. The tsunami hit the port of Kuji with great force, causing substantial damage.



Kuji, Japan

The two communities have had a lengthy relationship, with delegations visiting each other on a regular basis. For two decades, Franklin College graduates have taught English in Kuji. Franklin College graduates were at their teaching assignments when the earthquake struck.

After the earthquake and tsunami, Franklin Mayor Fred Paris echoed the community's support for Kuji by saying, "Because we value and respect bonds of friendship, the City of Franklin will stand united with Kuji City, Japan and its citizens as they begin their recovery. We are prepared to help in whatever way we can." The Liberty Tree stands as a symbol of America's resolve to establish its independence. With a similar resolve, the community of Franklin stands ready to help its sister city. This ceremonious planting of the Liberty Tree shows that the community stands together in this time of crises with its sister city and that our community's thoughts and prayers are reflected in our gesture in planting this tree as a symbol of our solidarity with Kuji. The city of Kuji will return to its prominence.

The City of Franklin, working with the Johnson County Community Foundation has established a fund to benefit Kuji, Japan. The Johnson County Community Foundation is in its 20th year. The Foundation is looking forward to working with the Franklin Mayor's Office in this endeavor. Contribution inquiries can be made to:

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The American Liberty Elm Tree

The American Liberty Elm (*Ulmus americana* "libertas") is the first disease-resistant American Elm with a pedigree and warranty against Dutch elm disease. American Liberty Elm was named after the famed "Liberty Tree" which was an elm that stood in Boston during the American Revolution

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scientific name: *Ulmus Americana Libertas*

Pronunciation: UL-mus uh-mair-ih-KAY-nuh

Common name(s): American Elm

Family: Ulmaceae

USDA hardiness zones: 2 through 9 (Fig. 2)

Origin: native to North America



The American Liberty Elm is not a hybrid, but has the same traditional shape and hardiness of the original American elm. The American Liberty Elm displays a classic elm form, and is perfect for elm-lined drives, elm groves and specimen elms.

As an elm tree matures, it displays wide canopies to heights that afford clear views of the architectural details of buildings and deep shade for people to enjoy. A favorite of Fredrick Law Olmsted, the American elm was included in his plans for the U.S. Capitol grounds and New York City's Central Park. The American Liberty Elm has been street tested for over 25 years.

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