Lake Oswego Offers a Variety of Community Forestry Events

The City of Lake Oswego is excited to announce a variety of community forestry events and activities for people of all ages! The City's Urban and Community Forestry Program promotes education, dialogue, and voluntary stewardship to protect the health and viability of the urban forest.

Each year, Lake Oswego celebrates trees during Oregon Arbor Week, the first full week of April. This year, the City is offering a TREEmendous lineup of events, starting with a Heritage Tree Bike Ride and Kick-Off Festival at Millennium Plaza Park on Sunday, April 7. Don't miss the tree climbing demonstration, live music, cake, and loads of prizes! Other Arbor Week events include a Right Tree in the Right Place workshop, a Heritage Tree dedication ceremony, a Tree City USA celebration, a tree planting event in Springbrook Park, a tree-themed puppet show, and more! Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/arbor-week-events, for more information.

The City is also pleased to offer a series of Urban and Community Forestry Workshops for the seventh consecutive year. All workshops are free and open to the public with preregistration, and are held at the West End Building (4101 Kruse Way). Topics include tree selection and planting (April 8), tree biology and structure (May 11), landscapes to lower your energy bill (June 8), tree protection and removal permits (July 18), and invasive plants and trees (August 10). Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/urban-and-community-forestry-workshops, for more information.

Finally, the City of Lake Oswego and Frog Pond Toys are sponsoring an Arbor Day Art Contest for kids in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Official entry forms are available at Frog Pond Toys (310 North State Street), City Hall (380 A Avenue), the West End Building (4101 Kruse Way), and online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/arbor-day-art-contest. Drop-off your TREEmendous work of art on or before Thursday, April 25 at Frog Pond Toys, where entries will be on display throughout April. Winners will be selected on National Arbor Day, April 26, and prizes will be awarded by the City Council on May 7.

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