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SUBJECT: Arbor Day Celebration to be held September 20 at 2:00 pm at the Wheeler Athletic Complex

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Arbor Day Event Celebrates Duluth Tree City USA designation

Event offers the public a chance to learn about the role of trees in our City, the Duluth Climate Action Work Plan, assist in planting some white pines, and meet City staff.

[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth invites the public to an Arbor Day Celebration on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm to recognize Duluth's Tree City USA status and host a tree-planting event. The event will take place at Wheeler Athletic Complex located at 3501 Grand Avenue.

At the event, attendees will learn about the role of trees in Duluth and how they relate to the City's Climate Action Work Plan.

- Hear about forestry projects and the importance of trees in our City!
- Learn more about Duluth's Climate Action Work Plan and connection to our green spaces. Created in response to the City Council's Climate Emergency Declaration in April of 2021, the plan is available at duluthmn.gov/sustain and outlines a 5-year set of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.
- Help plant some white pines at Wheeler Park.
- Meet and talk with our City Forester, Sustainability Officer, Natural Resources Coordinator, and Parks Staff to learn more about our open spaces, trails, climate plans and more!

Duluth has been a recognized Tree City USA community for 31 years and has achieved the Growth Award for five years. The Tree City USA program is an initiative of the Arbor Day Foundation. The Growth Award is presented to participating Tree City USA communities that have demonstrated an increase in levels of tree care and community engagement. For more information about the Tree City USA program, please visit: arborday.org/programs/treecityUSA/index.cfm

This event takes place during the Duluth Climate Week, organized by a team of climate-motivated individuals and groups from around the Northland. Climate Week kicks off with a vigil at the Civic Center at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 19, coordinated by Duluth Climate Mobilization www.theclimatemobilization.org.

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