



Deer and Rabbit Protections

Tree tubes
Wire cages
Repellants
Tall metal stakes

A Great Read

“Wicked Plants” by Amy Stewart. Includes stories about the weed that killed Lincoln’s mother and other botanical atrocities.

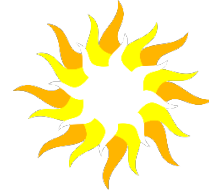
Good Quote

“Someone’s sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”
Warren Buffett

Sunfish Lake’s Arbor Day is cohosted by the Sunfish Lake Tree Board, Recycling Coordinator Courtney Selstad, and your City Forester, Jim Naves.

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2026 Sunfish Lake Arbor Day Lakeshore Restoration Planting Event



Saturday May 2nd, 9:00 am- 1:00 p.m. – Horseshoe Lake

Our Arbor Day Green Event is Saturday, May 2 from 9 am till 1pm. Please join with our neighbors to plant trees, share treats and conversations, and welcome spring to our city. The Arbor Day event will happen **just west of the Robert Trail and 60th Street corner** on the edge of Horseshoe Lake between 1085 – 60th Street and 5980 Zehnder Road. Parking is available on both Zehnder Road and 60th Street.

This year we are doing something very special. Please bring family and friends. We will be planting trees and shrubs for a shoreline restoration adjacent to 60th Street. This area was mistakenly damaged by an invasive species street mowing crew and we will be bringing it back to life this Arbor Day. Bring gloves and your favorite planting shovel. Trees, shrubs, mulch, and a few extra shovels will be on hand. Baby trees will be available to buy plus free coffee and cookies. Please contact Jim Naves with any questions at 612-803-9033 or at jim_naves@mac.com



Views: Before (left) and After (right) lakeside mowing.

Trees for Sale

There will be very limited numbers of American plum, river birch, red maple, balsam fir, pussy willow, and American hazelnut at \$10.00 each; also very limited numbers of interspecific chestnut hybrids, “Bob Gordon” and “Adams” elderberry (edible juice varieties), white spruce, and concolor fir at \$15.00 each. Pre-ordering is OK, just give Jim a call.



Left: Tapping the tree using a Spile and collection bag

Right: Boiling the sap to condense it

Bottom: Resulting jars of maple syrup!
Recipe: 40 gallons of sap gave about 1 gallon of syrup (sap/syrup ratio varies by type of tree, weather, and temperature)



Maple Syruping

Maple tree tapping and maple syrup cooking is winding down. Did you know that you do not need sugar maples to get maple syrup? You can also tap other maple species such as red maple, Norway maple, boxelder, silver maple, and even amur maple. The principal difference between sugar maple and other maples is that sugar maple sap has a higher sugar concentration and therefore requires less cooking time to get to syrup. Jeannine and I tapped 30 trees on our property this spring. We primarily tapped boxelder and silver maple trees and we were able to make more than 5 gallons of maple syrup from our own trees. It is delicious - especially on chocolate chip pancakes, a Granddaughter favorite.



Everyone Needs a Psycho Path

This pathway (the Psycho Path) starts at our fruit orchard and goes through the developing woodland we began planting five years ago. Some of the one-foot tall white pines are already approaching 10 feet tall. Some fruit trees in the orchard started bearing fruit the second summer after planting. Our fastest growing trees are Dawn Redwoods and they have the potential to someday grow to over 100 feet tall. We have, to date, planted more than 400 baby and larger trees into what used to be a horse pasture. It is truly amazing how quickly our trees are growing and we are excited that we can enjoy the changes on our own relaxing Psycho Path.