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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Trees Make Good Neighbors: Celebrate NeighborWoods Month with Trees for Missoula

[Trees For Missoula](#), a volunteer group supporting Missoula's urban forest, invites residents to celebrate National Arbor Day Foundation's [NeighborWoods Month](#) this October by planting and pruning public trees.

[NeighborWoods® Month](#) is an annual campaign to plant and care for community trees during the month of October. Tens of thousands of volunteers take action to make their communities greener and healthier by planting trees—keeping their neighborhoods vibrant. Trees clean our water, cool our homes, reduce crime rates, provide natural beauty, and so much more. It seems only right that we dedicate an entire month to celebrate them.

Join [Trees For Missoula](#) (TFM) this month for these fun tree planting parties and a volunteer pruning program. For more information or to sign up for these programs, please email TFM Director Karen Sippy at karen.sippy@treesformissoula.org. If your group would like to schedule a tree-planting event, please contact Karen at the email address above.

Be sure to check out and "like" the [Trees for Missoula Facebook page](#) to get the latest urban forest information! Trees For Missoula accepts donations to plant new trees throughout the city and county, learn more at treesformissoula.org.

Tree Planting Parties

Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Planting Partners: ASUM Renter Center and UM Volunteers in Action
- Kiwanis Park
- Please pre-register by emailing karen.sippy@treesformissoula.org.

Tree Planting Parties, continued

Thursday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Planting Partners: Climate Smart Missoula and Missoula City-County Health Dept.
- Northside Park
- Please pre-register by emailing karen.sippy@treesformissoula.org.

Sunday, October 15, 10 am to 1 pm

- Trees for Missoula Volunteers
- Kiwanis Park
- Please pre-register by emailing karen.sippy@treesformissoula.org.

Volunteers in Pruning (VIPs) Program

Learn the basics of formative pruning and help out our community! Formative tree pruning helps and trains a young tree to develop into a stronger, well-shaped tree. To become a VIP or for more information about the class, contact Betsy Willett at Missoula Parks and Recreation, bwillett@ci.missoula.mt.us.

2017 VIP Training:

- Saturday, October 14
- 8 am – 4 pm
- Location TBD
- Bring a sack lunch and gloves
- Materials and tools provided
- Registration fee is 25 volunteer hours pruning city trees
- Please pre-register by emailing bwillett@ci.missoula.mt.us.

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