



**CITY OF WARSON WOODS ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**  
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### Celebrate Trees

Trees play a huge part in the community of Warson Woods. Why not celebrate them this Arbor Day? Trees are very important and there are so many ways we can celebrate them. One way you can celebrate trees is by getting outside to enjoy them. It is not very complicated, but by just sitting in the park on a nice day is a way to celebrate trees. You can celebrate trees by planting a new tree where one was cut down in your yard. This is another simple way to respect and celebrate trees. You can get the whole neighborhood together to take care of the trees in our community. We could trim, water, and fertilize the trees in small groups. By taking care of a tree in your yard, you could save it. Another way to celebrate trees would be to hold a tree planting festival. In the recent construction of Memorial Park, many trees were cut down and little stumps are all that remain. This festival would be similar to the Fall Festival, but with no rides. During the festival, we would replace trees that got cut down during construction. We could also hold an "Oldest Tree Contest." People could look for the tallest or oldest tree in Warson Woods. The winning team could receive a tree as a prize. The final way we could celebrate trees would be to recycle even more than we do! Paper comes from trees, and trees take a long time to grow back to the state where they could be cut down. Anyone can help preserve, respect, conserve, and celebrate.

Trees are some of the most important organisms on the planet. Carbon dioxide is slowly causing Global Warming. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, and then they release oxygen to help us breathe. Flooding can cause damage to homes and ecosystems. Trees absorb lots of water, and then help reduce the amount of water during floods. When people in the hospital have a clear view of trees from their rooms, they recover faster! When they see trees, it makes the people feel happy and makes them *want* to recover. Trees have beauty all on their own, but add them to your property and it's value will increase by 5% to 10% more than its former value. A tree's looks and scent also brighten up a yard or home. Trees can help prevent soil erosion. A tree's roots hold the soil in place. Trees can also reduce our dependence on coal, oil, and natural gas. Trees are renewable resources. Fossil Fuels, on the other hand, take millions of years to reproduce. Your house's air conditioning bill could go down if your house is under a tree. A tree's shade can cool down your house. Trees are also home to animals, not just the normal family of squirrels. Birds can build nests in trees and can live and lay eggs there. It might sound odd but bugs live in trees too. During the summer cicadas sit in trees. Many animals live, eat, and sleep in trees. Trees play a huge role in our community and they deserve to be celebrated by everyone.