



City of Yakima

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Yakima Area Arboretum Celebrating Success With Arbor Fest

This year's Arbor Fest at the Yakima Area Arboretum will celebrate two major milestones . the Arboretum's 50th anniversary and the formal presentation of a Tree City USA award to the City of Yakima.

The free, family-friendly Arbor Fest will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 15th at the Yakima Area Arboretum. The theme for this year's event is "Trees are the Best!" The many benefits trees provide, including habitat for animals, clean air, erosion control, food, building materials, etc. will be featured at a variety of stations throughout the Arboretum. Hands-on learning opportunities, crafts and displays will give everyone who attends Arbor Fest a chance to become more familiar with how trees positively affect our community.

A **special ceremony** will be held at **12:00 pm** in the **Jewett Center Courtyard** to mark the Tree City USA designation recently received by the City of Yakima. Yakima City Councilmember Avina Gutiérrez will be presented the Tree City USA award by State Forester and Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire Gerry Day.

"The City of Yakima is thrilled to have received the Tree City USA designation," said Gutiérrez. "It's especially exciting to be able to receive the Tree City USA award during Arbor Fest. The Yakima Area Arboretum is one of our Valley's most valuable assets," said Gutiérrez. "Having the chance to celebrate the Arboretum's 50th anniversary and the Tree City USA award during Arbor Fest is something I hope the entire community takes part in."

In addition to the crafts, displays, and many other activities that will be going on at the Arboretum during Arbor Fest, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork sandwiches will be for sale.

Also, more than 600 trees will be given away to people who attend Arbor Fest so they can be planted in yards throughout the area.

For more information about the Yakima Area Arboretum's April 15th Arbor Fest, call 248-7337 or click on the following link - <http://conta.cc/2p3zHhr>