



**Darien's 26th Annual
Arbor Day Celebration
Friday, April 25, 2025
9:30 AM**



Darien's 26th Annual Arbor Day Celebration will take place on Friday morning, April 25th at 9:30 am, at Ridgewood Park. The park is located at the corners of Lyman Ave., Wakefield Dr. and Green Valley Road just south of 75th Street.

Students from Prairieview Elementary School and Cass Jr. High will be raising butterflies that we will release during this event. Sharon Convalle will emcee the event and sing the Peace Tree Song. Mayor Joe Marchese will speak about Darien's Arbor Day program and the history of Arbor Day. Beth Bengston, our tree expert will "edutain" those families and friends in attendance with tree knowledge. Darien police and Darien/Woodridge fire district will briefly educate the children in attendance on fire safety and stranger danger. Hinsdale South HS Madrigal singers will sing the National Anthem and entertain with their magical voices too.

Educational packets containing tree planting information, butterfly information and native wildflower seeds for planting will be given to the schools that participated in releasing the butterflies, and to those families in attendance at the event. **Bartlett Tree Experts will have tree saplings for those who would like to take one.** Indian Prairie Public Library and Darien Garden Club "Sprouts" group will have information available for the families in attendance. This event has always proved memorable! All are invited! Do join us and get inspired!

Thanks to the City of Darien, Darien Park District, Darien Police Dept., Darien-Woodridge Fire Department, DuPage County Forest Preserve, Kohl's of Elmhurst, Bartlett Tree Experts, Davey Tree Service, Darien Garden Club "Sprouts" group and Indian Prairie Public Library.

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