

BECOME A MORRIS TREE STEWARD

The Morris Tree Stewards are a group of community volunteers who help the City and the Tree Board. Tree Stewards promote and improve the health of Morris's trees to ensure they survive and thrive. Our local group is part of a statewide network of volunteer Tree Stewards across Minnesota.

A healthy tree canopy brings many benefits including saving energy and lowering utility bills. Trees shade our homes and businesses and give us privacy, beauty, and wildlife.

Tree Stewards especially care for young trees, giving them the best chance for a good long life. We water, mulch, install rabbit guards, stake, do simple pruning, monitor tree health, and more.

Our annual Community Tree Planting project has grown each year. We have planted hundreds of trees along highways, in parks, at the fire hall, and at the historical museum.

Our tree canopy faces big challenges ahead – up to 1/3 of Morris's canopy is made up of ash trees that are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive insect that is slowly moving westward across the state.

On the positive side, however, the City has been actively planting for more than 30 years and we have a new, diverse generation of trees in our parks and on the boulevards. And thanks to the Kiwanis and a big group of baseball enthusiasts, we also have dozens of new trees at East Side Park and at Chizek Field. All are flourishing thanks to a big dose of help from volunteers.

Please consider becoming a Morris Tree Steward. We can use your talents whether indoors or out. You decide when and how much to volunteer. We do some of our work as a group, but a lot is done on your own or with a friend – we'll give you an assignment and you work on your own schedule and at your own pace. It's fun and satisfying!

To find out more, please call Morris City Hall at 320-589-3141 or contact Sue Granger at 320-589-3846 or gemres@info-link.net.

The Oct. 26 event
(see attached) is for
everyone -- whether or not they
decide to become a Tree Steward. It
will be a fun & informative few hours --
all about trees (& with a free lunch!) Sue



Become a Morris Tree Steward!



Learn About Trees and How To Care For Them

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Where: Morris Community Center -- 603 Oregon Avenue

Cost: Free! -- Thanks to the US Forest Service and MnDNR

● *Drawing for Door Prizes!*

● *Lunch Provided*

● *Bring jacket and gloves*

Learn about selecting trees, best planting practices, simple pruning, mulching, staking, tree health, and more.

Taught by staff from the University of Minnesota Urban Forestry Lab (St. Paul campus)

Tree Steward volunteers occasionally help the City and Tree Board with:

- planting trees in parks and on boulevards
- caring for new trees
- installing mulch and trunk guards
- simple pruning
- monitoring tree health

You decide if you can help and how much.

To register for Oct 26, please contact:

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