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A Message from The City of Avon Tree Commission



We're excited to bring you the latest updates, insights and resources from our committee's efforts to nurture and protect our trees. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to

our mission, this newsletter is your gateway to learning about the essential work being done to preserve the green spaces that make our city vibrant and healthy.

We encourage you to take the time to read the valuable information in this issue. Be sure to check out the Ask the Arborist article and photos from last year's Arbor Day celebration, as well as other information. As always, reach out to us if you have any questions. We're here to help. You can reach us at Treecommission@cityofavon.com. Your email will be sent to the appropriate member for a response.

Thank you for joining us in this important journey. Together, we can ensure that our trees continue to thrive for generations to come.

Together, we can keep Avon beautiful!



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Tree Commission Information

TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mary Berges, Council Representative
Alex Boccabella
Megan Engelmann
Mary Johnson
Matt Smith, Pro Tem, Mayor's Designee
John Traxler
Richard Varga, Chair, Certified Arborist,
non-voting member
Liesa Wetzig

The Avon Tree Commission consists of seven members and a certified arborist and meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.



Members of the City of Avon Tree Commission. Missing from photo is Liesa Wetzig.

THE MISSION OF THE TREE COMMISSION

The mission of the Tree Commission is to study, advise and encourage the adoption and then implementation of a comprehensive plan for the proper planting of new and replacement trees and maintaining the health of existing trees in the urban forest. The Tree Commission will also provide resource materials and information pertaining to proper tree selection and care.



The Avon Tree Commission presents
The Third Annual
Arbor Day
Celebration

Saturday, October 5th, 2024
11am - 2pm

Every Child's Playground : 36265 Detroit Road
Next to the Aquatic Facility

Free Community Events include:

- Opening ceremony with Mayor Jensen
- Tree planting and pruning education
- Tree themed Storybook Trail
- Scavenger hunt
- Tree giveaway
- Live music: Curt Vigg (Neil Young Tribute)
- Petting zoo
- Local vendors

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purchase
proceeds to benefit
the Lion's Leo Club
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Photos from Arbor Day 2023

Calling Young Tree Lovers to Be a Tree Commission Student Member

Are you a high school student interested in becoming involved in building the future of Avon? Do you know a student who wants to learn more about helping their community and the environment?

The Avon Tree Commission is looking for a student member. The candidate should be a high school student and must be an Avon resident at least 16 years old. The ideal candidate will have an interest in environmental studies or law and seek to be an active member of the

Avon community while learning and educating other community members about the growth of our urban forest. This position is not compensated, non-voting, and for a term of two years. **The application deadline is October 1.** The application can be found online.



**Scan QR code for
Application Form**

Avon Again Designated as a Tree City Tree City USA®



In May, the City of Avon was once again awarded the Tree City USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation.

This award is a formal recognition of the city's commitment to plant, maintain and manage trees.

For a listing of recommended trees and prohibited trees, please visit the City of Avon's Tree Commission website page.



Scan QR code for
**Recommended Trees
and Prohibited Trees**

Memorial Tree Program

Residents are invited to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one, to dedicate to a friend or family member, or to commemorate a special event as part of the City of Avon Memorial Tree Program. Neighbors and guests in our parks share that remembrance and harmony for present and future generations. For more information and to find the form, please scan the QR code.



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Memorial Tree Form

Ask the Arborist:

By Rick Varga, Certified Arborist #OH-6100-A



Q: Am I responsible for the upkeep of my treelawn?

A: Yes, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the treelawn including sidewalks and all plantings. Please keep in mind that should the tree need replacing, the Tree Commission page on the City's website has a *Quick Links* section, on the left-hand side of the page, that has a list of recommendations for suitable replacement options.

The City's Streets Department may trim the trees located on your tree lawn in the event it is causing any right-of-way encroaching issues.

Q: When is the best time to plant new trees?

A: In the fall, approximately October 15th until the first freeze around December 1st.

Q: What is the best time of day to water trees/plants?

A: In the morning, between 6 a.m.-10 a.m.

Q: What should I do with trees that are listed on the banned list?

A: No need to remove, continue to monitor and maintain it.

Q: How do I know when a tree should be taken down?

A: The most important thing to look out for is decaying and missing bark in the trunk or roots.

Q: What are gator bags?

A: A watering device that is wrapped around a tree and secured with Velcro-type tabs and filled with water once a week during the growing season (May-September) for a 1"-2" caliper tree for the first year.

Q: How far from the foundation should I plant new trees?

A: Trees that grow to 25-50 feet at maturity, plant 15-20 feet away from the foundation. If your tree will grow to more than 60 feet tall at maturity, plant it at least 35 feet away from the foundation.

Q: How deep should I plant a new tree?

A: Plant the tree so the root flare is at ground level.



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Tree Commission
Information

Tree Commission Fast Facts

50+ TREES
PLANTED BY THE CITY
OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS

150+ TREE
SEEDLINGS
GIVEN OUT BY THE TREE
COMMISSION AT ARBOR
DAY EVENTS

292 ACRES
OF GREENSPACE SAVED
BY THE CITY OF AVON/LORAIN
COUNTY METRO PARKS OVER
THE PAST 11 YEARS AND KEPT
OUT OF DEVELOPMENT

30 SEEDLINGS
PLANTED THROUGHOUT
AVON BY THE TREE COM-
MISSION

Residents who estimate the long-
term environmental benefits from
their own tree plantings can use
the i-Tree planting calculator.

Go to mytree.itreetools.org
and it will quantify the numerous
benefits of trees.