

## Tree Lovers

Columbia Falls LOVES Trees! We're a timber town. We're a tree-planting town. We're Tree People

This Saturday, May 2nd, Columbia Falls will be celebrating the culmination of the 3rd Annual Arbor Day Festival with a big community bbq, concert, and family fun day. It's been a huge week for our community.

On Friday the 24th, reps from the DNRC came to CF to dedicate our town as an official State Arbor Day City. This award is in recognition of all the work by our Tree City, USA committee over the last year - Barb Jenkins, Laura Bell, along with the City of Columbia Falls Tree Board, planted 30-some trees over the last 12 months, earning a special \$1000 prize from DNRC, as well as the State's Designation. The folks from the State were truly amazed about the accomplishments of our little town.

Over the course of the week, and finishing up on Saturday, 16 MORE TREES were added to the landscape. 8 were planted on Friday in Marantette Park - one dedicated to each of our 7 schools, and one community tree. Then 6 more at various businesses around town. On Saturday we'll plant two more at Discovery Square.

The BBQ event will raise funds for yet more tree plantings over the next few months. And let me tell you, folks. Trees are not just about looking pretty. Trees improve a community in a myriad of ways. Check out this video from the Arbor Day Foundation, which sponsors the Tree City USA program: <http://tinyurl.com/c7k4bh>

And zip over to [www.arbordayfoundation.org](http://www.arbordayfoundation.org) for more cool stuff. So, come on out on Saturday and enjoy some good company and celebrate the GREAT things going on in our community. Here are a few highlights of the day: Free Jack Gladstone Concert -- 1:00pm Free Gardening Workshops: - 10:00 am: Tree planting and Maintenance at Columbia Nursery - 11:30 am: Composting with Worms at Discovery Square - 12:15 pm: Gardening for Life (Herb and other gardening techniques)-Disc. Square Free Jonathan Jenkins Concert (Jonathan just won the Colgate Country Showdown Music Competition) - Noon Youth Arbor Day Play by the Boys & Girls Club Tree Planting at the Square Free Seedlings for all!! Kids Fun Zone - inflatable bouncers and such. BBQ by the Whistle Stop Cafe. Desserts and other treats from multiple vendors. Craft and other vendors. Educational booths and interactive displays. Oh LORDY! So Much FUN! You will not regret spending some time at Discovery Square this weekend. And how's bout this: Predicted to be 63 Degrees! See you there!