

Village of Perry to Celebrate Arbor Day

Join the Village of Perry Tree Board at its annual Arbor Day event on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 10 a.m. The Tree Board is hosting an informative pruning workshop at Memorial Park, located on the corner of Dolbeer and Main streets.

Don Gasiewicz, Wyoming County Cornell Cooperative Extension horticulture/ natural resources community educator, will conduct the workshop. He'll discuss and demonstrate the pruning of common woody ornamentals and trees in the home landscape to make you a confident pruner.

Topics Gasiewicz will cover include:

- Assessing tree and shrub health.
- Why, when and what to prune.
- Choosing the right pruning tool for the proper cut.
- How to prune and where to make the cuts.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Tree Board delayed the annual spring Arbor Day event where community members help plant trees. But the village still saw more than 20 new trees planted the end of April, thanks to the Department of Public Works staff. Working closely with the department, the Tree Board has overseen ordering trees to reach the goal of planting roughly 50 trees annually, spring and fall. Donations from community groups such as the Garden Club supplement tree purchases by the village.

An Arbor Day event and annual spring and fall tree planting are two activities that positioned the Village of Perry to be named a Tree City USA for the fourth year in 2020.

In addition to an Arbor Day observance and proclamation, Perry achieved Tree City recognition by meeting the program's remaining three requirements: a tree board, a tree ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita.

The Tree Board also holds workdays the first Saturday of most months from 10-12 a.m. starting from the village hall. Volunteers prune, weed and mulch newer planted community trees.

For additional information, contact the Village of Perry at 585.237.2216.



Robin Redding, a Village of Perry tree board member, prunes a flowering cherry tree earlier this year.