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Volunteers in the News

Volunteers Plant Trees in Woodbury

Dozens of volunteers came out on a rainy Saturday for the city's annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Program.

By Kris Janisch Email the author May 2, 2011



Apparently, for the past few years it has rained during Woodbury's annual Arbor Day Spring Tree Planting Program.

That was the case Saturday, as I joined about 20 other people at the site I was assigned for tree planting. Most of the other people there were from local Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups. Part of Patch's involvement in the community includes regular volunteering. I was assured by City Administrator Clint Gridley that the holes would be dug already. Sounded easy enough. (He didn't mention the rain and 30-degree weather.)

It was definitely cold and wet, and the folks from the city were certainly appreciative, and helped out a bit with hot coffee and snacks and words of encouragement. And I was impressed by the dedication of the volunteers at our spot—on the Bielenberg Sports Center campus near East Ridge High School. (Other volunteers were out doing the same thing at a handful of other locations in Woodbury.)

No one really complained about the weather. Most of them had planted trees as part of the initiative in previous years, and only mentioned the weather as part of the drill. Everyone quickly got to work; I got some advice from them on how it's done.

We planted a couple dozen trees along the rim of the holding pond at Bielenberg, scooping water out from the muddy holes, which made things a little more difficult. But it was fun. I got to meet a few Scout leaders and chat with them about the city.

I'll be doing more volunteer work in the city this summer. If you have a good idea for something, email me at kris.janisch@patch.com.

















