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Salem neighbors will plant 50 trees Saturday

Salem, Ore. — Northeast (NESCA) and Lansing neighbors will plant about 50 new trees Saturday at a volunteer planting organized by Friends of Trees in partnership with the City of Salem. The event is generously sponsored by NW Natural and Portland General Electric.

The new trees will be planted at homes, at the St. Vincent de Paul Church, Washington Elementary, and Salem Heights Elementary.

"April is Arbor month, and planting trees at your house and around your neighborhood is a great way to show appreciation for trees and all they do for us," said Kris Day, Friends of Trees' Regional Expansion Manager. "This is our second year planting in these neighborhoods as we work with the City to grow Salem's valuable urban tree canopy."

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join in the planting by meeting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1998 Lansing Avenue Northeast. The planting will last until about 1 p.m. No experience is needed, and Friends of Trees provides tools, guidance and hot breakfast treats. Lunch will be provided by local businesses so that volunteers may enjoy a warm meal with their neighbors following the planting.

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About Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees empowers people to improve the natural world around them through a simple solution: planting trees, together. They operate in Portland, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem and surrounding areas. Through FoT's Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces. FoT's Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant at their homes with their neighbors. www.friendsoftrees.org