



# Hamilton County Reporter

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## Third Annual Earth Day ArborFest is next Saturday

Sustain Noblesville will host the third annual Earth Day ArborFest on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road. This one-day event will celebrate the community, its trees, the earth, and ways to improve and properly care for them. "This free event will be a great way for families to have fun and learn ways to protect and enhance our environment," said Mayor John Ditslear. The festival will be held in Forest Park Shelters 3 and 5 and at the Forest Park Aquatic Center parking lot. This year's Earth Day ArborFest will feature keynote speaker Tim Womick, also known as Appleseedz, at 10 a.m. Womick is a nationally-known speaker who engages audiences with his highly animated "Trail of Trees" show. His entertaining presentation helps people of all ages learn about the importance of trees for their community's health and their own human potential. Visitors also may enjoy a fundraiser breakfast and lunch provided by the Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis; get free seedlings as well as planting and pruning information; speak with local environmental exhibitors; recycle their e-waste items such as office equipment, small

appliances and gaming systems; enjoy kids' activities; recycle old bicycles; and much more. Free seedlings include Tulip Poplar, Redbud, Sugar Maple and White Oak. The event will once again feature a Community Shred Day which will take place during the entire three hours of the festival. People may bring documents to be shredded for just \$5 per box/bag. Documents will be shredded on site. Earth Day ArborFest visitors can send private, direct feedback during the event using the Peoplocity app. Visitors can download the free Peoplocity app from the App Store or Google Play and send questions, comments, problems, or praise during the event. Event staff will respond to the feedback. Nickel Plate Arts will have their Welcome to Fairyville event and other activities in partnership with this event. For more information, visit <http://nickelplatearts.org/fairyville/>. Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Others Drugs will also be helping the earth that day through their prescription take back program from 9 a.m. to noon at the Riverview Hospital parking lot and at the Marsh at Ind. 37 and 146th Street. The

program will also take place at the Sheridan High School and Hamilton Heights High School parking lots. Sponsors of Earth Day ArborFest include American Water, Commuter Connect, Courtyard by Marriott, Duke Energy, Conquest Cycling, **Keep Noblesville Beautiful**, Nickel Plate Arts, Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis, the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department, Noblesville Tree Board, ProShred and Recycle Force. To learn more about Earth Day ArborFest, visit the City of Noblesville website at [www.cityofnoblesville.org](http://www.cityofnoblesville.org) or contact Sustain Noblesville Chairperson Amy Shankland at [ashankland@noblesville.in.us](mailto:ashankland@noblesville.in.us). For more information on Tim Womick, visit [www.treefamily.org/appleseedz.htm](http://www.treefamily.org/appleseedz.htm).