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## Michiana establishing Arbor Day Foundation

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MICHIANA — On Saturday, October 7, the Village of Michiana will hold a dedication ceremony to establish Arbor Day Foundation membership at Forest McCance Park, northeast of the Village Hall located at 4000 Cherokee Drive, Michiana, Michigan. The ceremony will take place at 4PM EST, 3PM CST.

Council President, Timothy J. McCarthy, will read the inaugural Proclamation, there will be the presenting of the flag of the United States of America, by Boy Scout Troop 802 and Girl Scout Troop 8022 Honor and Color Guards. A local dignitary will be present along with members of the village Tree Board. "We are proud to hold this historic first-ever event celebrating our Village Urban Forest," Timothy J. McCarthy, Council President

In addition, the village conducted their first tree inventory, a project proposed to the village council by Tree Commissioner, Nancy Thill in 2020 which is in the final stages of review. When completed and approved by council, the inventory will be the basis for a data-driven Urban Forestry Management Plan that will provide direction for best management practices, resident education, and stewardship of the trees in the village forest. The tree inventory was conducted and managed by Steve Lane, Certified Arborist and Lead Urban Forestry Consultant with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management in Batavia, Illinois.

The First Arbor Day was established in 1872, by Sterling Morton. The Arbor Day Foundation is the world's largest member nonprofit dedicated to planting trees and was founded in 1972.

A ceremonial tree will be planted, along with an additional tree. Donations to the Village of Michiana in an ongoing stewardship and planting effort will be appreciated. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call the Village Hall at 269-469-4600.

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