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## “Upcoming Tree Care Workshop”

The City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board will host a Community Tree Information Meeting open to all tree boards and other interested city and park tree caretakers throughout Northeast Nebraska on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Elkhorn Lodge at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park in Norfolk, Nebraska. The free afternoon meeting held from 1:00 to 4:30 pm will be divided into three sessions that will assist community tree boards in coming up with tree planting projects, locating funds for these projects, and finally learning about pruning and maintenance on young trees.



The first part of the session will involve members from four communities in northeast Nebraska telling what they have learned from successful tree projects and what they would have done differently. Steve Rasmussen, Northeast District Forester with the Nebraska Forest Service, will moderate the discussion of what their projects are and how they've made an impact on their communities.

The second part of the session will shift from project ideas to coming up with the funds to cover the costs of the projects. Pam

Bergstrom, Forester for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, will talk about local cost share programs that are available and state grants that communities can apply for.

The third part of the presentation will be on pruning and caring for young trees and how that will help them be stronger and healthier in the long term. Graham Herbst, Community Forester with the Nebraska Forest Service, will explore the basic concepts of goal-oriented tree pruning and maintenance from a young age.

“This is a great opportunity for those who are caring for our publicly owned trees to learn how to promote them, care for them and find the funds to make it all possible,” said Dr. Tom Surber, chairman of the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board.

To register for the information meeting, please email Diane Becker at [dbecker@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:dbecker@ci.norfolk.ne.us) or call 402-844-2034.