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## **Public Invited to Help Plant Trees in September**

Duluth residents are invited to come take part in Tree Planting Parties throughout September 2013.

“When September rolls around, it’s time to get some trees in the ground,” says Judy Gibbs, Trees and Trails Coordinator with the City of Duluth, adding that trees provide great benefits to our community. “They act as windbreaks and provide shade to homes, which reduces energy costs, and they build a stronger community” she says, citing statistics that show decreased crime rates and increased confidence levels of teens in neighborhoods with more trees. This year, the tree planting parties will focus on bike paths and riparian areas.

The Tree Planting Parties are sponsored by the City of Duluth and the Natural Resource Research Institute at the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

- **Monday, September 16** – 5:30-7:30PM @ Lester Park  
Meet at upper parking lot above Bridge 7 on Seven Bridges Road
- **Sunday, September 22** – 2:00-4:00PM @ Irving Park  
Meet at Irving Community Center at 20 S 57th Ave W
- **Monday, September 23** – 5:30 – 7:30PM @ Hartley Park  
Meet at the Hartley Nature Center Public Information Kiosk at 3001 Woodland Avenue
- **Thursday, September 26** – 5:30 – 7:30PM @ Lakewalk Extension  
Meet at the Lakewalk bridge between London Road and Superior Street at 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue East

The Tree Planting Parties are free and open to volunteers of all ages.

Register as a family, an individual or as a group by contacting Cheryl Skafte, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Duluth, at 218-393-9879 or [cskafte@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cskafte@duluthmn.gov). Pre-registration is

strongly encouraged.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes and bring a shovel and gloves (if you have them), although tools will be provided.

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