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NIPSCO to Celebrate Arbor Day with School, Community Outreach Events

Outreach inspires students and communities to learn about the value of trees

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. – In celebration of National Arbor Day, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) will host a number of tree-planting and educational events to demonstrate to local students and citizens the importance of trees and planting in the right place.

Starting this week and running through June, NIPSCO will visit schools and community parks to donate trees and demonstrate proper planting practices. In partnership with the Hammond Parks Department, NIPSCO will also offer "Tree Talks" at local summer camps June 25-28, 2013.

The events, which are open to the news media, will take place at the following locations and times:

Date/Time	Location	Address	Event Details
Thursday, April 25, 2013 8:15 a.m. ET	Angola Middle School	1350 E Maumee Angola, Ind.	Student tree planting demonstration
Friday, April 26, 2013 8:30 a.m. ET	Goshen Middle School	1216 S Indiana Ave, Goshen, Ind.	Student tree planting demonstration
Friday, April 26, 2013 10 a.m. ET	Waynedale Elementary School	7201 Elzey St. Fort Wayne, Ind.	Student tree planting demonstration
Friday, April 26, 2013 5 p.m. ET	Reith Interpretive Center	421 W. Plymouth Ave. Goshen, Ind.	Community tree planting demonstration
Saturday, May 4, 2013 9 a.m. ET	Winona Lake Town Hall	1310 Park Ave. Winona Lake, Ind.	Community tree planting demonstration
Thursday, May 16, 2013 12:30 p.m. CT	Union Center Elementary School	272 N 600 W Valparaiso, Ind.	Student tree planting demonstration
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 10:30 a.m. CT	Turner Park	Michigan & Sohl Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 1:15 p.m. CT	Forsythe Park	119th & Caroline Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Thursday, June 27, 2013 10 a.m. CT	Irving Park	Hoffman & Columbia Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Thursday, June 27, 2013 11:30 a.m. CT	Columbia Park	Columbia & Michigan Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Thursday, June 27, 2013 1 p.m. CT	Pulaski Park	137th & Sheffield Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Friday, June 28, 2013 10 a.m. CT	Riverside Park	Calumet & River Dr. Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Friday, June 28, 2013 11:30 a.m. CT	Dowling Park	175th & Parrish Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"
Friday, June 28, 2013 1:15 p.m. CT	Martin Luther King Park	Highland & Columbus Hammond, Ind.	Hammond Parks "Tree Talk"

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In addition to these outreach efforts, NIPSCO is proud to sponsor the 2013 Indiana Urban Forest Council's Indiana Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The contest, which is open to fifth-grade students across the state, helps to educate children about Arbor Day and the importance of trees and how they grow and function, illustrate the process of photosynthesis and reflect on the benefits trees provide to the environment.

Winners will be announced on Arbor Day, April 26, 2013.

NIPSCO's Award-Winning Forestry Operations
NIPSCO, honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a TREE LINE USA Utility, regularly provides funding to community tree-planting projects in northern Indiana. The TREE LINE USA award recognizes NIPSCO for professionalism and environmental stewardship in vegetation management practices. To find out more about NIPSCO's Forestry Operations department, please call 1-800-464-7726 or visit NIPSCO.com.

Tips for Selecting the Right Tree
Choosing the right tree is a very important decision. Determining the right tree and the right spot to plant it helps ensure that that your tree doesn't come in contact with any overhead electric lines.

1. Always decide in advance what you would like your tree to do for you. Do you want shade, framing, accent color, screening, energy conservation, wildlife habitat or something else? Keep in mind the type of tree and its foliage.
2. Always consider the height and spread of the tree once it reaches maturity. Never select medium or large trees for planting near overhead utility wires.
3. Always choose a tree that will thrive. Remember to look for a tree with a strong main trunk that is well suited to your climate and soil conditions. Avoid trees with shipping and handling damage such as trunk scrapes, broken limbs or torn roots.

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the seven energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With more than 786,000 natural gas customers and 457,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in seven states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipsco.com.

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