



Rotary
Thornbury-Clarksburg



A Special Tree Planting Day in Our Local Parks – September 24, 2022!

Two tree planting events, hosted by Tree Trust TBM, Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary, and The Town of the Blue Mountains, will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022. All members of the public are invited - from kids to grandparents - to help out or simply to watch and celebrate. You will be helping to plant more than 25 large, eight-foot-tall trees.



**BLUE MOUNTAIN
VILLAGE**

The first tree planting is sponsored by The Blue Mountain Village Association and will start at 10 am at Heritage Park at 118 Kandahar Lane

(<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/heritage-park#map>).

The second tree planting will start at 2 pm at Delphi Point Park at 209233 Highway 26

(<https://www.thebluemountains.ca/recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/delphi-point-park#map>)

**GEORGIAN BAY
FOREVER**



and you can also help Georgian Bay Forever with a shoreline clean up.

For more information about the shoreline clean up contact: www.gbf.org

Tree planting helpers can expect about 45 minutes of “bucket-brigade” style, light carrying of mulch, compost and water to help make sure these trees get off to a good start. Tree planting helpers or shoreline clean up volunteers are recommended to bring work gloves and wear appropriate closed-toed shoes or boots (not flipflops or sandals). Tree planting helpers are asked to register their interest in one or both park planting events by sending an email to csadmin@thebluemountains.ca with the subject line: September 24 Heritage Park (or Delphi Park or Both Parks) to assist with planning and, if needed, helpers can be contacted in the event of changes due to weather or other circumstances.

The Town will also be siting water tanks at each park location and, similar to the spring community tree sapling planting along the Georgian Trail, residents will be able to help with regular watering of the park trees. Consistent watering of newly planted trees can make a big difference to the short- and long-term survival of newly planted trees.

Planting these trees in TBM parks is the conclusion of much longer volunteer effort this year aimed at increasing the tree canopy in TBM. Earlier in the spring, volunteers helped to pot-up bare root trees and, since then the Town and an especially dedicated volunteer have ensured regular watering of these potted trees. Purchasing bare root trees, potting them up and providing regular watering has resulted in significant cost savings, allowing for more trees to be planted. Initial funding from the TBM Environmental Sustainability Fund helped with the purchase of the bare roots trees and sponsorship from the Blue Mountain Village Association will help pay for additional costs at Heritage Park such as site preparation, soil amendments and professional planting support.

Treetrust TBM has had a very busy summer, implementing a range of activities with Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary and the Town to protect and expand our tree canopy including: A spring community sapling planting day at two sites along the Georgian Trail, the sale of potted trees to residents for back yard planting, provision of professional arborist care for two 100+ year old sugar maple trees, planting of four new sugar maple saplings in Hillcrest Park, and continued maintenance of a native tree seedling nursery started in 2021. All of these programs, along with the upcoming park tree planting event on September 24, would not have been possible without the incredible support of our residents, local businesses and Town staff.

To donate, to explore sponsorship opportunities, or to request more information, please contact Betty Muise at tbm@treetrust.ca . Treetrust TBM is a registered charity run by volunteers.