

## Community Engagement Event Ideas

*Opportunities to “friendraise” for TREE Fund and promote professional arboriculture!*

- Program to advise people about certified arborists
- Annual Work Day to provide tree services for cemeteries, gardens, etc.
- Day of Safety at community college, open to the public
- Symposium – bring together arborists, cities, forestry groups, nonprofits, etc. and discuss tree care issues being faced in the region
- Arbor Day celebrations including booth at an arboretum
- Earth Day programs at local schools and environmentally aware corporations
- Public events at city parks, “ask the arborist” booth, children’s programs
- Screen “Trees in Trouble” DVD regarding EAB and care for the urban forest (do this at a pub – “Tree Talk at the Taphouse”)
- Gulf Coast eco inventory results to be unveiled on Arbor Day highlighting economic and ecological value of all trees in town
- Get community involved to vote for Mayor’s Tree of the Year (award prize of dinner with the mayor under citizen-nominated tree)
- Brewing a Better Forest (Partner with a brewery. Adopt a new tree and care for it; get a free beer) – contact Minnesota Chapter for more info