

Coming soon! Two important but possibly under the radar celebrations that should be on everyone's calendar. Do you know what environmental events occur in April?

Earth Day occurs on April 22 each year as a special day for people to demonstrate support for protecting our environment. You can show support by being more diligent on recycling, using less one-use plastic, and just getting out and enjoying nature – it's good for you! This year, EARTHDAY.ORG is encouraging everyone to "Invest in Our Planet" (<https://www.earthday.org/>). You can extend your support by also participating in Avon Lake Cleanup Day on May 20 (<https://www.avonlake.org/events/2023/5/>).

Arbor Day is on the last Friday in April – this year on the 28th. Arbor Day celebrates the boundless benefits trees bring to cities and towns such as cleaner air, increased property values, and healthier people. Avon Lake's Tree Commission again will hand out seedlings to all 5th graders (over 300!) at Troy Intermediate School and St. Joseph Parish School. In addition, 2023 marks Avon Lake's 30th year as a Tree City USA. By participating in the Tree City USA program, Avon Lake is showing they are committed to maintaining and growing our tree cover so our residents can benefit from a healthy urban forest. You can support both Arbor Day and Earth Day by planting a tree, caring for a tree, or even donating a tree.