

# Arbor Day 2023

Friday, April 28

## Did you know?

The first Arbor Day was in April of 1872 and was spearheaded by a resident & newspaper editor in Nebraska who recognized the value of caring for trees?

[Learn more here](#)

## A Remarkable Tree: Charter Oak



Photographed By Michael Herrick

The most famous tree in our state's history is the Charter Oak, a giant White Oak in which Connecticut's colonial charter was supposedly hidden from agents of the King of England in 1687. By many accounts, the tree was well over 500 years old when felled by a storm in 1856 and so big that 27 men once stood together inside its hollow trunk. Descendants of this remarkable tree were grown from its acorns and live throughout the state, including one that stands today in front of Fairfield's Old Town Hall ([Steadman 2008](#)).

## Did you know?

Trees are "Meadows in the Sky"

- All trees flower
- Oaks and other native trees are pollinator powerhouses
- Over 500 species of caterpillars eat oak leaves and turn into butterflies & moths
- Your trees need a check up from certified arborists every 5 years



The local Red-banded Hairstreak caterpillar eats oak leaves

[Native NE Trees for Pollinators](#), [Top 10 Trees for Native Bees](#)  
Bee a pollineighbor today and [join the Pollinator Pathway!](#)

Why was the cat afraid of the tree? Because of its bark! [More Arbor Day Jokes](#)

[Tree Planting Program](#) & [Commemorative Tree Program](#)

Join us for Earth Day/Healthy Kids Celebration  
Sat, April 29, 10am-1pm Fairfield Y, 841 Old Post Road

