



## ARBOR DAY

The City's Environmental Management Advisory Committee, EMAC, was out in force for Arbor Day with two events. The first was on Friday, April 25th. Members and friends of EMAC met at Public Works to participate in the [Run for the Trees](#) event. Those that signed up were able to participate in any way they felt best whether that is running or walking. EMAC chose to walk along their adopted section of Kingwood Street, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> streets, to gather trash and debris. Four ladies walked the 1.62 miles of Kingwood between 9<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> streets cleaning both sides of Kingwood resulting in a loop of 3.25 miles.



On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, was the Plant Some Love event at Gallagher Park. This time members of EMAC were joined by members of the Florence Garden Club and Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club at Gallagher Park to plant native plants among the rhododendrons. Saturday was a special day, with plenty of sunshine and a great day of honoring the beauty of trees, shrubs and plants that are such an important part of our environment. More importantly, it was an event to celebrate the incredible people who've made Florence a greener and more vibrant place. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Saturday Plant Some Love event in Gallagher Park!

**Why Arbor Day Matters.** Trees aren't just beautiful—they're vital to our city's health and happiness. They clean the air, provide wildlife habitats, increase property values, and make Florence a place we're proud to call home.