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City of Northampton marks Climate Preparedness Week with events & activities

In honor of Climate Preparedness Week (September 24-30, 2019), the City of Northampton has planned activities dedicated to bringing the community together to learn about climate preparedness efforts and actions that we all can take to better prepare for climate change-related impacts and emergencies. With the city's dedication to taking action on climate change and its commitment to becoming carbon-neutral by 2050, we invite and encourage all residents to join us in recognizing Climate Preparedness Week by participating in the following events and activities planned across the city.

- **TREE PLANTINGS:** Resident volunteers are invited to participate in building Northampton's climate resilience by helping the Tree Warden plant trees on Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to Noon.
 - o On Wednesday, Sept. 25 - 11 tree plantings will take place on the corner of Greenleaf Drive and Hawthorne Terrace and 7 tree plantings will take place on Wilson Ave.
 - o On Saturday, Sept. 28, with the assistance of neighborhood volunteers from the Prospect Street area, 14 tree plantings will take place on Prospect Street, across from Childs Park.Interested volunteers should sign up by Monday, Sept. 23 by emailing treenorthampton@gmail.com. "Urban shade trees are one of our best lines of defense as Northampton faces hotter summers. Temperatures within a city can be up to 10-15 degrees cooler in areas where there are shade trees, so we have to expand our canopy," said Mayor David Narkewicz.
- **FILM SCREENING:** In collaboration with Northampton Open Media, the Northampton Arts Council, Forbes Library and Cinema Northampton, the City of Northampton will be screening "The Human Element" on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Northampton Community Arts Trust, 33 Hawley Street. Please find additional information [here](#).
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP:** When seconds count, being prepared is critical. Your household may not be together in an emergency, so it is important to plan in advance. On Monday, Sept. 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz St., attend a highly interactive workshop to learn how to be better prepared as an individual or family. Discussions will include how to make a household plan, build an emergency kit, what items should be included, and the proper way to store its contents. The workshop will also teach basic prevention and mitigation strategies that you can do in your home to protect your household members and valuables. Representatives will be on hand from the City of Northampton Emergency Management team and the Hampshire County Medical Reserve Corps to answer your questions and to discuss the city's emergency response plan. We hope to see you there!