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Arbor Day Community Events Planned

DELAWARE – The City of Delaware’s Shade Tree Commission will observe Arbor Day Saturday, April 30, with a ceremonial tree planting ceremony at 9 am at the Delaware Community Center YMCA, 1121 S. Houk Road during the YMCA’s “Healthy Kids Day” event. In addition, Arbor Day events are planned for the May First Friday in downtown Delaware

The tree, a Shumard Oak, was donated for planting by The Arbors at Delaware, 2270 Warrensburg Road.

Arbor Day activities continue downtown Friday, May 6, from 6-9 pm, when the commission will be giving away seedlings during the Delaware Main Street First Friday event.

The City of Delaware has been named a Tree City USA community for the 35th consecutive year by the National Arbor Foundation for its commitment to community forestry. In granting Tree City status, the National Arbor Day Foundation noted the work of the city’s Shade Tree Commission, as well as Delaware’s Arbor Day observance.

The Shade Tree Commission promotes the benefits of healthy urban trees and vegetation. Delaware has an urban forest of more than 14,000 trees valued at more than \$14 million. These trees provide shade, reduce pollution, soften urban noise and provide shelter for a multitude of wildlife.

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