



Canton's Third Annual
Arbor Day Celebration
Friday April 29, 2016
Canton Garden Center, Stadium Park



Presented By

Canton City
Canton Tree Commission
Canton Parks & Recreation

Program Agenda

10:00 am

- Welcome – Tree Commission Chairperson, Maureen Austin
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor, Thomas M. Bernabei, (Dan Moeglin, City Engineer)

10:20 am Dedication of Arbor Day Tree, Mayor Thomas M. Bernabei, Dan Moeglin City Engineer, Derek Gordon Park Director

10:30 am to 12:30 pm Music by Brian Henke, Guitarist who composes and performs his music like a painter putting images on canvas, drawing his inspiration from the world around him.

10:30 am to 1:00 pm Activities include: crafts, refreshments, seedling giveaway, and Photo Contest voting.

Introduction

Arbor Day

Welcome to the City of Canton's third official Arbor Day celebration! Arbor Day is celebrated in communities and countries all over the world as a day to celebrate, plant, and care for trees. Our national Arbor Day is designated as the 4th Friday in April; however many states celebrate Arbor Day on different dates according to the best tree-planting times of the year. The first Arbor Day in America was promoted by J. Sterling Morton and celebrated in April 1872 when an estimated one million trees were planted in the state of Nebraska. One hundred years later, the Arbor Day Foundation (www.arborday.org) was founded to celebrate the 100th anniversary of that first Arbor Day. The organization encourages people to plant, celebrate, and nurture trees, and sponsors the Tree City USA program.

City of Canton Tree Commission

The Canton Tree Commission was formed in 2013 by city ordinance (Chapter 917); it is comprised of 5 members appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, as well as representatives from several City departments and one local utility company. The Tree Commission assists the City in developing a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, removal, and replacement of the City's trees. The Tree Commission meets the first Tuesday each month at 6pm at the Canton City Engineer's Office. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Acknowledgements

Canton Tree Commission

- Maureen Austin, Chairperson
- John Stone, Vice Chairperson
- Lois Ellis, Secretary
- Patricia Kirk, Member
- Remel Moore, Member
- William Bartos, Service Director, Exofficio Member
- Derek Gordon, Park Director, Exofficio Member
- Dan Moeglin, City Engineer, Exofficio Member
- Steve Wingerd, AEP Arborist, Exofficio Member
- Joseph Martuccio, Law Director, Technical Advisor
- Lola Lewis, ODNR Urban Forester, Technical Advisor
- Richard Drake, City Arborist, Technical Advisor

Arbor Day Exhibitors

- Ohio Department Of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Ohio Chapter of International Society Arboriculture (ISA)
- Canton City (Mayor, Parks & Recreation, Engineering)

Arbor Day Contributors

- Bill Smuckler
- Dick Drake

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