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**CITY OF FLORISSANT CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY AND WAS
NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 2022 BY THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION**

The traditional Arbor Day celebration took place on Friday, April 28th at Sunset Park. At the celebration was the Director of Parks & Recreation Cheryl Thompson-Stimage, Park Superintendent Kevin Green, his Foreman Dave Klaus and members of the Gardeners Club of Florissant who have for many years done an outstanding job for the community and continue to do a wonderful job.

A proclamation was read in observance to the Arbor Day celebration. The City of Florissant was named Tree City USA for 2022 by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the city's commitment to effective urban forest management.

The City of Florissant achieved Tree City Recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

The Tree City USA, Tree Line and Tree Campus USA programs are sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. These programs provide direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for community forestry programs.

Two trees were planted a Red Point Maple in memory of Buddy Graham and a Linden Tree in honor of the people of Ukraine. The city has been a Tree City USA for 33 years.

The City of Florissant urges all citizens to support efforts to protect the trees and woodlands and to support the City's urban forestry program.

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