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CITY'S URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION TO ACCEPT RICHMOND'S 26th TREE CITY DESIGNATION AT ARBOR DAY EVENT

~Free and open to the public~

RICHMOND, Va. – For the 26th consecutive year Richmond has been designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The official presentation to the Urban Forestry Division will take place during the city's Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, October 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at Bryan Park, 4308 Hermitage Road, shelter 1.

Since the inception of the Tree City USA program in 1976, more than 3400 communities have met the qualifications to receive the designation. According to the Arbor Day Foundation website, www.arborday.org, there are four core standards: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Tree care companies, civic groups and the Virginia Department of Forestry will be among those celebrating Arbor Day with the city. During the three hour occasion there will be a demonstration of the correct way to plant a tree, tree walks, pruning and information on how best to care for trees.

Though National Arbor Day is typically held each spring, celebrations may vary depending on suitable planting seasons. Richmond's recognition is in October since fall is the region's best planting season.

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The City of Richmond Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of only 146 accredited public works agencies in the United States. DPW's portfolio comprises a wide array of services to include leaf collection; street, sidewalk and alley maintenance; trash collection; recycling; urban forestry; signs; signals and pavement markings; grass cutting; graffiti removal; and parking. In addition, DPW issues permits for working in the city's right-of-way, manages Richmond's Bike Share program and maintains the fleet of city vehicles. DPW's operating budget comes from the general fund of the City of Richmond. For more information about DPW services, [click here](#) or call 3-1-1. We're Social! For updates on DPW-related projects, activities and events visit us on Twitter @DPW_RichmondVA