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City of Newburgh Shade Tree Commission Celebrates Arbor Day

City Receives Tree City USA Designation 3rd Year in a Row

For the third year in a row, the City of Newburgh has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Mayor Nicholas Valentine will issue an official proclamation designating May 5 as Arbor Day in the City of Newburgh at tonight's City Council meeting. Then, on May 5 at 10 a.m., the City of Newburgh Shade Tree Commission will celebrate Arbor Day by planting six trees on Gardner Street, and by replacing an evergreen tree on the Third Street side of the Newburgh Heritage Center (Grand Street Courthouse). The community is invited to join in the celebration.

"Over the years many of the street trees in the Gardner Street neighborhood have been removed and few replacements have been made. We are excited to have the opportunity to replant six trees here," said Shade Tree Commissioner Chris Knasiak.

In 2006, through a combination of federal grants and matching funds, the Shade Tree Commission planted more than 150 trees in the City of Newburgh.

Mayor Valentine commented, "Wherever trees are planted, they symbolize renewal, which is especially appropriate as the City of Newburgh's renaissance continues. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Shade Tree Commission in the City of Newburgh, and we hope that more volunteers will come forward to help them with their important work."

Shade Tree Commissioners are city residents who volunteer to protect and enhance urban forestry in Newburgh. They have several projects planned including conducting a tree inventory, workshops on tree pruning as well as additional tree plantings. For more information or to request a tree on your street, email the Shade Tree Commission at shadetree@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov.