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Shade Tree Commission Looking for First Youth Commissioner

Are you a young person in the City of Newburgh with an interest in the environment? The City of Newburgh Shade Tree Commission is looking for its first student commissioner. All candidates must be City residents and at least 16 years old.

“We are a “hands on” Commission where learning by doing is strongly encouraged,” said Shade Tree Commissioner Chris Knasiak. “Technical training is provided by Shade Tree members, certified arborists and DEC Urban Forestry Staff.”

The Shade Tree Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Downing Park Visitors Center at 6:30 p.m. Tree planting, pruning and care projects are usually scheduled on Saturday mornings.

Current projects include:

- Arbor Day Celebration Tree Planting Event – Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m. on Gardner Street
- DEC Grant Tree Planting Project –Street and park trees will be planted throughout the city.
- Street Tree Inventory –to develop a tree inventory and maintenance database.
- Citizen Pruner Training – Similar to programs in cities like New York, Newburgh is training volunteer pruners to help our newly planted trees grow strong.

Candidates should submit a letter of interest to Courtney Kain, Special Projects Coordinator, City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550. For more information, please email: shadetree@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov.