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MAYOR HORNIK ANNOUNCES MARLBORO TOWNSHIP NAMED TREE CITY USA

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (April 24, 2019) Through the work of a committed administration and the active Shade Tree Committee, Marlboro Township has achieved Tree City USA status for the 11th year in a row. The Shade Tree Committee will also be holding the annual Arbor Day Celebration at the Township's Community Garden, on Saturday, April 27 at 10:30am. Mayor Jonathan Hornik will present a proclamation during the celebration with Township Officials, community organizations and residents at the event. Two trees will be planted on the property and those in attendance will be given a sapling for planting at home.

"The Shade Tree Committee, since the onset of my Administration, has really taken their job seriously. I am proud of the work they are doing and the impact they have had on our community" Said Mayor Hornik who added "We have planted countless young trees, beautifying the township, benefitting the environment and continuing to hold up the requirements of being a Tree City."

The requirements for Tree City USA status are to have a tree committee, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget per capita and an Arbor Day observance. Marlboro Township is looking forward to observing Arbor Day this weekend. "... recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride.," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. More about Tree City USA can be seen on the Arbor Day foundation website at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Ellen Simonetti, Chairperson of the Marlboro Township Shade Tree Committee agrees. "It's important that we gather to honor our trees that serve us in good weather and bad," she added "Arbor Day is our opportunity to share with the community all the things trees do for us."

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained including improving the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increasing property values, reducing home cooling costs, removing air pollutants and providing wildlife habitat.

Arbor Day will be celebrated in Marlboro Township on Saturday, April 27, 10:30am at the Marlboro Community Garden (82 Tennent Road). Visit marlboro-nj.gov/STC for more information about the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee.

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