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Subject: Arbor Day Foundation Names Mount Prospect Tree City
USA, Growth Award Winner

Mount Prospect, IL was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

The community also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care. This is the 34th consecutive year Mount Prospect has received the TCU Award, and the 15th time the Village has received the Growth Award for the Village's urban forestry program.

Mount Prospect achieved Tree City USA 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.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Forestry Superintendent Dave Hull said "the Village is proud to receive both the Tree City and Growth awards again for 2018, it shows the Village's ongoing dedication to maintaining and improving our urban forest".

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.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org

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