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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY ON APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The Village of Mount Prospect Public Works Department will host an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022. The ceremony will be held at St. Paul Lutheran School, 100 S. School Street.

During the ceremony, Mayor Paul Hoefert, various Village officials, students and staff from St. Paul School will plant a Redmond Linden tree on the parkway. The students will perform poems and readings to commemorate the occasion. Also helping with the planting will be members of the Garden Club of Mount Prospect; once again the Garden Club has contributed funds to help the Village purchase the Arbor Day tree. Additionally, Public Works mascot P.W. Paws will make a special appearance.

The Village will also commemorate its recent receipt of the Tree City USA (TCU) Award from the Arbor Day foundation in Nebraska. This is the 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Mount Prospect has received the TCU Award. Mayor Paul Wm. Hoefert noted, "For more than 35 years we have been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for our urban forestry efforts. Arbor Day is a wonderful day for our village to show our pride in the living legacy of our trees." Additionally, the Village received the Tree City USA Growth Award for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in 2021.

"Planting a tree is a great way to celebrate Arbor Day," stated Dave Hull, Mount Prospect Forestry and Grounds Superintendent. "I am especially excited this year, to be back at a school and have students participating. I hope our citizens will join us this year in planting trees throughout the community, to help perpetuate Mount Prospect's urban forest," stated Hull. "To help with this effort, we'll be happy to send upon request, the latest information about diversified tree species that are appropriate for planting in our area. Interested citizens should contact Public Works at 847-870-5640."