

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



APRIL 30, 2021

For this year's Arbor Day celebrations, the Street Tree Commission planted a native Buckeye Tree at Three Meadows Park.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Tom Mackin, Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator Mark Easterling, Street Tree Commission Chair Scott Kirby, Street Tree Commission Member James Hagen, Street Tree Commission Vice-Chair Christine Ardley, Director of Public Service Rob Ross, Operations Manager Greg Kuhr, and Street Tree Commission Member Susan Rowland Miller.

MAYOR MACKIN'S REMARKS ON ARBOR DAY

For 37 years, the City of Perrysburg has been celebrating Arbor Day, a day devoted to reflecting on the importance of trees and urban forests in our community. I want to extend a heartfelt congratulations and thank you to the winners of this year's Arbor Day Banner winners. Every year it brings me great joy in seeing the banners of artwork created by the students of Perrysburg displayed in Historic Downtown Perrysburg.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, this year's event is virtual. Even though the events this year will not be in person, I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees and urban forest not just for the beauty they provide but for the benefits they give our residents and community.

The City and the Street Tree Commission understand the importance trees have on our infrastructure, and we take great care to ensure trees are being planted and protected so that generations to come will be able to benefit from a greater quality of life.



HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

The idea of Arbor Day originally began in the late 1800's as pioneers began settling in what is now the state of Nebraska. The settlers missed the trees they left behind in their home states, primarily their use as a natural resource. Trees are a natural shade from the sun, they provide windbreaks to keep soil in place, and they are used for fuel and building materials. In 1872, the Nebraska Territory proposed a tree planting holiday that they called Arbor Day. According to ArborDay.org, an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

By 1920, more than 45 states were identifying the last Friday in April as the official Arbor Day Celebrations. The City of Perrysburg has been planting trees and celebrating Arbor Day for 37 years, with the growth award for 23 years.

The City of Perrysburg is committed to protecting and nurturing our trees and urban forest not just for their beauty, but also for the benefits they provide residents and the community, as they are an important part of our community's infrastructure.

Trees and the urban forest make our neighborhoods more inviting and attractive. Trees and the urban forest have been shown to reduce crime, vandalism, and domestic violence, as well as vehicular speed and therefore are important components of our community's safety mission.

Trees and the urban forest extend the life of our community's streets' surface and reduce storm water runoff and therefore are important resources for our community's service mission. Trees also reduce the costs of air conditioning and heating for residents, reducing a need for foreign energy. Trees help reduce water pollution and are therefore an integral part of our community's water supply.



COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB REMARKS ON ARBOR DAY



The members of the Country Garden Club are pleased to support the planting of this Native Buckeye Tree at Three Meadows Park for 2021 Arbor Day. The garden club has been contributing to The City of Perrysburg's Arbor Day Tree as one of their community projects since the first Arbor Day celebration in Perrysburg and they are very excited that this year the tree is an Ohio native plant and thus supportive of local insects and birds.

Country Garden Club Members: Nancy S. Lehmann, President, and Ursula Kluge, Chairman, Country Garden Club Horticulture Committee.

OHIO BUCKEYE TREE

The Ohio buckeye is a neatly rounded tree with low, sweeping branches and dense foliage that provides deep shade. It is one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring. Its name comes from the 'buckeyes,' a small, dark brown nut with a light patch resembling the eye of a deer, which grows inside a rounded prickly fruit capsule. This tree is susceptible to leaf blotch. This plant has some cultivated varieties. It is the official tree of the state of Ohio.

Botanical name: *Aesculus glabra*

Common name: Ohio buckeye

Planting Site: Residential and parks, City parkway, Wide median,

Foliage: Deciduous (seasonally loses leaves)

Mature Height: 20-40 feet Mature Width: 20-40 feet

Light Exposure: Full sun (6 hours direct light daily), Partial sun/shade (4-6 hours light daily)

Hardiness Zones: Zone 3 through 7,

Soil Preference: Acid soil, Moist, well-drained soil

Tolerances: Dry sites, Occasional drought, Wet sites, Alkaline soil

WILD TOLEDO REMARKS ON ARBOR DAY

Wild Toledo has put together a three minute informative video titled "Native Species Trees" by Jake Schoen of Wild Toledo. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

2021 ARBOR DAY BANNER WINNERS

THEME: WHAT TREES DID FOR ME IN 2020

The banners will be on display in Historic Downtown Perrysburg

FORT MEIGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Marjoe Cooper

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Morgan Saito	Mrs. White
Grade 2	Jane Merrell	Mrs. Larzelere
Grade 3	Lucy Russell	Mrs. Ziemke
Grade 4	Eleanor Adams	Mrs. Wiley



FRANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Lou Marconi

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Sofia Gomes	Mrs. Collins
Grade 2	Charlotte Jacobs	Mrs. Rodriguez
Grade 3	Zander Aromas	Mrs. Waddell
Grade 4	Savannah Mulkey	Mrs. Schulte



SAINT ROSE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Dr. Bryon Borgelt

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Angelina Jaros	Mrs. Ferguson
Grade 2	Brooke Pfof	Mrs. Johnson
Grade 3	Reagan Cron	Mrs. Aubry
Grade 4	Myla Ketelaar	Mrs. Henry
Grade 5	Anneliese Burrow	Mrs. Henry
Grade 6	Elliot Toon	Ms. Weiner



2021 ARBOR DAY BANNERS WINNERS

TOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Hilary Steinmiller

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Noah Castillo	Mr. Lingle
Grade 2	Sullie Morrison	Mrs. Gedert
Grade 3	Lacey Warr	Mrs. Oberst
Grade 4	Abigail Wong	Mrs. Gongwer



WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Michael Salviesz

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Lexington Langehdeifer	Mrs. Pratt
Grade 2	Hudson Morehart	Mrs. Halm
Grade 3	Emma Paquette	Mrs. Wilson
Grade 4	Laura Lenz	Miss Pinkava



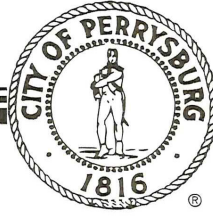
HULL PRAIRIE INTERMEDIATE

PRINCIPAL: Scott Best

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 5	Anya Gloeckler	Mrs. LaFountan
Grade 6	Iris Weisstein	Mrs. Budnick



2021 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION



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WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest are an important component of our community's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest have been shown to reduce crime, vandalism, and domestic violence, as well as vehicular speed and therefore are important components of our community's safety mission; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest extend the life of our community's streets' surface and reduce storm water runoff and therefore are important resources for our community's service mission; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduces the symptoms of ADD and ADHD and improves the concentration of school age children allowing them to perform better in school and make better life choices and therefore are valuable assets for our schools and educators teaching our next generation; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduces air conditioning and heating costs for residents and therefore makes our community more livable, saves our residents money, and reduces our need for foreign energy; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest make our neighborhoods more inviting and attractive and cause home buyers to want to live in our community and be willing to pay more for a residence in our community and therefore are a foundation stone for our community development efforts; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest attract shoppers and businesses, inspire shoppers to visit more frequently, stay longer, pay to park, and purchase more goods and services, and are therefore important components of our community's economic development mission; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce water pollution and the need to treat and therefore are an integral part of our community's healthy water supply; and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce stress and human mortality for cardiac and lower respiratory illness and therefore are critical to our community's EMS and health mission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor of the City of Perrysburg, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of Perrysburg, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees and urban forest not just for the beauty they provide but for the benefits they give our residents and community, and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Perrysburg, Wood County, Ohio, to be affixed this 30th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor

City of Perrysburg

201 West Indiana Avenue
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

