

CITY OF PERRYSBURG

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



APRIL 29, 2022

For this year's Arbor day celebration, the City of Perrysburg planted a Chestnut Oak tree at Woodlands Park. It is located near the entrance. As you come into the park, it is located on the left hand side.

Pictured left to right:

Greg Kuhr, Operations Manager, Department of Public Service

Jan Baker, Country Garden Club

Luella Smith, Country Garden Club

Rob Ross, Director of Public Service

Christine Ardley, Street Tree Commission

Kali Sawaya, Street Tree Commission



MAYOR TOM MACKIN'S REMARKS ON ARBOR DAY

For 38 years, the City of Perrysburg has been celebrating Arbor Day, a day devoted to recognizing the importance of trees and urban forests in our community. This year is especially significant as we mark the 150th year of Arbor Day. This theme is celebrated in the artwork created by students throughout our city. I look forward to seeing the banners hanging in Historic Downtown Perrysburg every year. Congratulations and thank you to all of this year's winners.

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 Street Tree Commission understand the importance trees have on our infrastructure. We take great care to ensure trees are being planted and protected so that our future generations can benefit from a greater quality of life.



HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

This year, the Arbor Day Foundation celebrates the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. It was in April of 1872 when Nebraska City resident and editor of the Nebraska City News, J. Sterling Morton, encouraged his readers to join him in planting trees in April. His idea was to make the empty plains of the Midwest welcoming to settlers while also providing shade, shelter, and building materials. Soon after, other states followed. According to arborday150.com, within a generation, Arbor Day was celebrated in all 50 states.

Since the spring of 1985, Perrysburg, Ohio has officially been designated a Tree City USA, confirming what residents have long known - that our tree-lined streets are a valuable aspect of Perrysburg's well-known quality of life!

Learn more about the Tree City USA distinction and the City of Perrysburg's recognition with the Growth Award [in this video](#).



ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING WITH IPS VOLUNTEERS



Employees of IPS helped to plant trees in three of our parks as part of their Arbor Day community service. 33 of the trees were holiday decorations donated by Levis Commons and four of the trees from the downtown Christmas decorations donated by the Country Garden Club of Perrysburg. Trees were planted at Rotary Community Park to serve as a partial wind break near the inclusive playground, Woodlands Park to replace the diseased Austrian Pines, and Three Meadows Park to replace old Willow trees that had been removed near the large pond. Check out the [drone footage here](#).

DETAILS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S TREE SPECIES

CHESTNUT OAK TREE

The Chestnut Oak (*Quercus prinus*) tree is named due to the resemblance of its leaves to the American Chestnut. Its dark green leathery leaves, large acorns, stout twigs, thick bark with triangular ridge, and jagged winter outline give it an exceptionally bold texture. It may reach 60 feet tall and 50 feet wide. It is a member of the Beech Family and a member of the White Oak group.

Leaves are long and chestnut-shaped that become dark yellowish-green in the summer and change in the fall to orange-yellow to yellow-brown color. Leaves are 4 to 8 inches long and 1 to 3 inches wide.

Fruit is a large 1½ inch long acorn that falls in October and is particularly sweet-tasting to many forms of wildlife such as grey squirrel and white-tailed deer.

Bark is furrowed and silvery-white in color.

Shape of the tree is round and dense. The crown is dominated by one central trunk with lateral branches. This oak grows quite large in open spaces and is a rapidly growing tree.



2022 ARBOR DAY BANNER WINNERS

THEME: THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY

The banners are on display in Historic Downtown Perrysburg.

FORT MEIGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Marjoe Cooper

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Delilah Baxter	Mrs. Thompson
Grade 2	Myra Cradlebaugh	Mrs. Brighton
Grade 3	Maggie Lindsey	Mrs. Ziemke
Grade 4	Leah Sattler	Mrs. Wiley



FRANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Lou Marconi

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Caroline Buerman	Mrs. Alcroft
Grade 2	Cora Downey	Ms. Reisner
Grade 3	Emma Toth	Mrs. Stoffel
Grade 4	Kaylynn Baltz	Mrs. Schulte

TOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Hilary Steinmiller

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Danny Land	Ms. Hanna
Grade 2	McCarron Ebright	Mrs. Gedert
Grade 3	Corrine Vargo	Ms. Short
Grade 4	Liam Lanning	Mrs. Grajczk



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WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Michael Salwiesz

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	Violet Vath	Mrs. Skowronek
Grade 2	Lillian Meek	Mrs. Nuti
Grade 3	Binudi Jayamaha	Mrs. Wilson
Grade 4	Celia Cobb	Miss Pinkava



HULL PRAIRIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Scott Best

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 5	Tenley Winter	Mrs. Boden
Grade 6	Camryn Bruderly	Mrs. Butts



ST. ROSE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: Bryon Borgelt

GRADE	STUDENT	TEACHER
Grade 1	John Anderson	Ms. Weiner
Grade 2	Sadie Molnar	Ms. Weiner
Grade 3	Jocelyn Huntley	Ms. Weiner
Grade 4	Gabe Hartman	Ms. Weiner
Grade 5	Kaitlyn Kessler	Ms. Weiner
Grade 6	Evie Johnson	Ms. Weiner



2022 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION



PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, trees and urban forests reduce air conditioning and heating costs for residents, and, therefore, make our community more livable, saves our residents money, and reduces our need for foreign energy; and

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

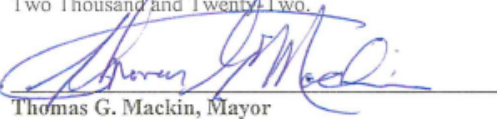
WHEREAS, trees and urban forests attract shoppers and businesses, inspire shoppers to visit more frequently, stay longer, pay to park, purchase more goods and services, and, therefore, are important components of our community's economic development mission; and

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

WHEREAS, trees and urban forests reduce stress and human mortality from cardiac and lower respiratory illnesses, and, therefore, are critical to our community's EMS and health mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor of the City of Perrysburg, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, as **Arbor Day** in the City of Perrysburg, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees and urban forests not just for the beauty they provide, but for the benefits they give our residents and community.

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 29th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor

City of Perrysburg

201 West Indiana Avenue
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

