

News Release

City of Mansfield, Ohio

Tim Theaker, Mayor



For Immediate Release

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Subject: City of Mansfield Shade Tree Commission Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Planting and Walking Trail Arboretum Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Monday, September 14, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
North Lake Park (near the open pavilion by the Bike Trail Entrance)

Mansfield, Ohio – Mayor Tim Theaker is pleased to announce the City of Mansfield Shade Tree Commission will be celebrating Arbor Day 2020 with two (2) special ceremonies on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at North Lake Park.

The Commission will be planting a *Crimson King Red Maple* near the entrance of the bike trail as part of its annual Arbor Day Celebration as the Mayor proclaims Arbor Day 2020 in the city of Mansfield. The location for this year's celebration was chosen specifically to celebrate the 2nd program to occur on this date – the ribbon cutting of the B & O Walking Trail Arboretum.

The Commission, as part of their annual work plan 2 years ago, began exploring the possibility of developing an Arboretum. In an effort to reach many residents and visitors the idea, of utilizing the Richland B & O Bike Trail seemed like an ideal location. The Richland County Park District welcomed the opportunity to partner with the City of Mansfield on this project which has now reached fruition.

The Richland Area Chamber will be joining in this celebration, with an official ribbon cutting of the Walking Trail Arboretum which will take place upon completion of the tree planting. After the ceremony, Jason Larson, Director of the Richland County Park District, will be leading an “open-ended” nature walk and arboretum tour/hike down the trail to explore the length of the new arboretum trail.

Mayor Tim Theaker invites the community to join the Commission, Richland County Park District, and the Chamber by celebrating Arbor Day and the unveiling of the Bike Trail Arboretum on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at North Lake Park.

For more information, call Kim Hildreth at 419.755.9702.