

News Release

City of Mansfield, Ohio

Tim Theaker, Mayor



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Subject: City of Mansfield Celebrates Arbor Day
Friday, April 26, 2013
Tree Planting at South Park Street in front of Midtown Parking
Tree to be dedicated to 2013 Tough Mudder

Mansfield, Ohio – Mayor Tim Theaker is pleased to announce that the National Arbor Day Foundation has named the City of Mansfield a “Tree City USA” for the 18th consecutive year. To receive this award, a community and its Shade Tree Commission must demonstrate a commitment to implementing a sound urban forestry policy.

Mansfield Shade Tree Commission members continue to demonstrate their commitment to our community by assuring trees are planted where they may be needed, and replacement/maintenance of our urban forest continues. Trees are one of our most precious natural resources providing us with clean air, reduction of erosion, an increase in property values, beautification of our community and countless other benefits. Trees also represent the strength, resilience, and potential of our community.

The City of Mansfield Shade Tree Commission has chosen to celebrate our 18th years of being designated as a Tree City USA, and Arbor Day 2013 with the planting of a tree in our downtown area as part of our tree replacement program. The tree will be dedicated to the 2013 Tough Mudder event taking place at Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport. As studies have shown, trees can improve the economic growth in a community; the Commission believed it was more than fitting this event, estimated to bring in over 2 million in revenues serves as an example of the benefits to caring for our community. **A “Serviceberry” will be planted on South Main Street in front of Midtown Parking (just south of S. Park Street) on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** This is the first of two projects planned by the Shade Tree Commission to support and encourage the citizens of Mansfield to celebrate Arbor Day and beautification efforts in Mansfield.

Mayor Theaker invites the community to join the Commission by celebrating Arbor Day 2013 with a tree planting and if your schedule permits, join us for this ceremonial tree planting and dedication to the 2013 Tough Mudder. Alta Florist & Greenhouse, Inc. has generously donated the Serviceberry for the tree planting

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