Lake Oswego Celebrates 25th Year as a Tree City USA

This April, the City of Lake Oswego kicks-off its celebration of 25 years as a Tree City USA (TCUSA)! TCUSA status is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation to communities that demonstrate a commitment to managing and caring for trees. Over the last 25 years, Lake Oswego has met TCUSA standards by maintaining a tree board, tree ordinance, minimum $2 per capita expenditure for tree planting and maintenance, and organizing an annual celebration and proclamation of Arbor Day.

In honor of this benchmark anniversary, Lake Oswego's Urban & Community Forestry program will be celebrating trees with workshops and events every month throughout 2014, starting in April.

Ways to Celebrate

Participate in Lake Oswego Arbor Week, April 6 – 12
Arbor Week Festival kicks-off the celebration in Millennium Plaza Park on Sunday, April 6 from 12-3 p.m. Don't miss live music, free refreshments, kids' activities, and loads of prizes! The festival includes a special 25 year Tree City USA presentation at 1 p.m. and a tree planting and care workshop at 1:30 p.m. Arbor Week is April 6 – 12; other Arbor Week events include an ivy pull, Heritage Tree dedication ceremony, kids' Arbor Week story hour and tree-themed puppet show. Visit Arbor Week Events for more information.

Kids and Teens: Enter an Arbor Day Art Contest
This year, Urban & Community Forestry is sponsoring two youth Arbor Day art contests: an Arbor Day Art Contest for kids grades Pre-K through 5, and an Arbor Day Poster Contest for teens grades 6 through 12. Both contests are open from April 1 – April 24. Entries for both contests will be on display throughout April. Winners will be chosen on National Arbor Day, April 25, and prizes will be awarded by the City Council on May 6. Frog Pond Toys is pleased to co-sponsor the Arbor Day Art Contest for kids again this year.
Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/arbor-day-art-and-poster-contest for more information.

Participate in an Urban & Community Forestry Event Every Month of the Year
Urban & Community Forestry will be holding workshops and events every month in 2014! Lake Oswego Urban & Community Forestry will be offering workshops, tree walks, and ivy pulls throughout the year.
The first workshop of the year is Tree Pruning on April 26. After April, don't miss the Friends of Springbrook Park Ivy Pull on May 17 or the Heritage Tree Bike Ride on June 8. Visit www.ci.oswego.or.us/planning/celebrating-trees-and-workshops-and-events-throughout-2014 for more information.

For information on any of the events, workshops, and contests in April or throughout the year, contact Shannan Stoll at sstoll@ci.oswego.or.us, (503) 675-3737, or go online.

Supporting Documents

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