

March 13, 2008

Metro's Arbor Day ceremony Friday

Nashville's celebration of National Arbor Day will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 14 in Centennial Park near the Sunken Gardens.

The ceremony will include planting of Memorial Trees in remembrance of the following Nashvillians: Katie M. Allen, Jennifer L. Bozeman, Victor S. Johnson Jr, Patty Lampley, Gwen E. McFarland, James H. Pirtle, Celeste Casey "Cecy" Reed, and Captain Ronald Ward.

Metro Police Officer Danita Marsh will have a tree planted in her honor, as well.

Nashville's 13th Tree City USA designation and the Nashville Arbor Day Mayoral Proclamation will be presented. Metro students Catherine Falls of The Oak Hill School and Heath Bridges of David Lipscomb Middle School will read their winning Arbor Day essays during the ceremony.

Also, the Hill Center at Green Hills will be named this year's winner of the George H. Cate, Jr. Award for following or exceeding the spirit and intention of the Metro Nashville Tree Ordinance. The award honors the former Metro Councilman and Vice Mayor who has been a long-time advocate and proponent of the value and benefits of Nashville's trees.

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