



## METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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### **METRO TO HOST ARBOR DAY CEREMONY THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.**

As part of the ceremony, Mayor Dean will read the City's Arbor Day Mayoral Proclamation, and Metro 5<sup>th</sup> graders will read their winning "My Favorite Tree" Essay Contest entries.

The 11 a.m. event will also include the city's tradition of planting memorial trees and a tree dedication honoring Nashvillians who have made a significant contribution to our community. This year, retired Metro Public Works employee, Vickie Ingram will have a tree planted in her honor. Additionally, this year, there will be a tree planted in honor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County 50<sup>th</sup> year.

**WHO:** Mayor Karl Dean, Metro Public Works, Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, Metro Tree Advisory Committee, Nashville Tree Foundation, Metro Parks and Recreation, and Nashville Electric Service

**WHAT:** Metro's Annual Celebration of National Arbor Day

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 14th, 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Centennial Park event shelter by the Sunken Gardens

Trees will be planted in memory of the following:

- Emmett Edwards, businessman and public servant for more than three decades, recently served as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Sports Authority;
- Scott Fillebrown; community, church and business leader who served 16 years as Commissioner, Vice-Mayor, and Mayor of the City of Belle Meade;
- Sherry Force, long-time employee of MNPS at Granbery Elementary School and dedicated environmentalist who, among other accomplishments, assisted with the opening of one of Nashville's first recycling drop-off sites;
- Al Gray, long term investigator for the Davidson County DA's Office whose career also included 19 years with the Metro Police Department.

Nashville's 18<sup>th</sup> "Tree City USA" designation will be presented, and Nashville Electric Service will receive the Tree Line USA Utility designation for the 5<sup>th</sup> year from the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters.

Nashville will receive its first Tree City USA Growth Award in recognition of the creation of the Metro Landscape Coordination Program for environmental improvements and higher levels of tree care.