

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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City of Beloit Named Tree City USA

April 7, 2022 - The City of Beloit is proud that its commitment to urban forestry management was recognized as a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The City of Beloit has a proud history of committing itself to the planting and growth of trees throughout the community. It was honored for the 34th year with the Tree City USA distinction for its commitment to sound urban forestry management

The recognition is based on four criteria:

- A tree board or department
- A tree care ordinance
- An annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita
- An Arbor Day observance and proclamation

The City of Beloit planted 187 trees in city parks and terraces in 2021.

The City of Beloit will celebrate Arbor Day with a coloring and writing contest for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade; submission deadline is Friday, April 29. The winner will help plant a tree in their favorite park. Download the contest packet and coloring sheet at <https://www.beloitrecreation.com/arbor-day-contest/>.

Additionally, forestry will hand out small evergreen trees for residents to plant at home on Saturday, May 14, during the Beloit Farmers' Market as part of the annual Public Works Week display (while supplies last).

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