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HNI VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN PLANTING 20 TREES

City of Muscatine receives 31st straight Tree City USA designation

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Two years ago over 100 volunteers from HNI Corporation participated in the Arbor Day 2021 Project (April 30, 2021) that resulted in 500 trees finding new homes throughout the public parks system in Muscatine.

That effort will be repeated on September 8 when another group of HNI Corporation volunteers will be helping the City of Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department to plant 20 trees.



The trees are part of a \$4,000 grant received from the Alliant Energy Community Tree Program and the One Million Trees initiative.



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YOU CAN HELP BEAUTIFY MUSCATINE

The City of Muscatine has received the Tree City USA designation for 31 years recognizing the City's efforts in the area of sound urban forestry management. The Parks and Recreation Department works diligently to manage street trees in public rights-of-way, care for trees in city parks, and to diversify the urban canopy.

Citizens of Muscatine have the opportunity to assist with these efforts by complying with the ordinances found in the [Weeds and Vegetation Management](#) chapter of the City Code of Muscatine (Title 16, Chapter 8).

Street trees consist of trees located within the public right-of-way. The maintenance of these trees is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner including trimming at heights of ten feet (10') above sidewalks and fourteen feet (14') above streets. A nuisance may be issued for trees that are not in compliance.

If a citizen wishes to plant a new tree or remove an existing street tree, a permit must be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department office. While street tree permits are free to obtain, costs associated with planting new street trees or the removal of healthy street trees are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

New street trees must be a species found on the [Right-of-Way Tree Planting List](#).

Any street tree that is diseased, dead, or otherwise poses an immediate threat to the public health and welfare shall be the responsibility of the City. If a citizen would like to request the Parks and Recreation Department to evaluate a street tree adjacent to their property, a [Street Tree Request Form](#) may be submitted on the City website.

For more information, please contact the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department at (563) 263-0241.

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