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PRESS RELEASE

Brooksville to Celebrate Arbor Day!

The City of Brooksville's Beautification Board and City Council Members are excited to announce they will be hosting the 29th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Arbor Day was founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, its purpose... to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

Members of City Council, the Beautification Board, City staff, and the students and faculty of the Hernando High School's Project Looking Ahead program will participate in this year's celebration. The event will be held at the Countryman Family One-Room School House located at 66 Russell Street, Brooksville, FL 34601 and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

In honor of National Arbor Day, Project Looking Ahead students are creating Arbor Day themed poster art which will be judged by the Beautification Board. All student participants will receive a participation certificate and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Also, County Forester Nicole Howard, from the Florida Forest Service will provide insight on choosing the proper trees for this region, and how to care and maintain them. The celebration will conclude with students and City Staff, planting trees that have been generously donated by Stewart's Tree Service. Planting of such tree will improve the environment, provide shade and also beautify the area for the enjoyment of many generations to come.

The 2017 sponsors include Florida Forest Service, Stewart's Tree Service, Wal-Mart of Brooksville, and Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Mark your calendars for the 29th Annual Arbor Day Celebration event which plays an important role in maintaining Brooksville's Tree City USA status now held for 24 consecutive years!

For more information on the event please contact Beautification Board Secretary, Dodie Barger at (352) 540-3830 or email at lbarger@cityofbrooksville.us.