

# 2014 - Urban Forestry Activities Report

## Hazardous Trees

556 Total Hazardous Trees removed (approx. cost \$172,410)

## New Trees

187 Total New Trees Planted (approx. cost \$22,644)

## Tree Maintenance

- 110 Newly-planted and 1-year-old trees watered and pruned
- 16 Vandalized/Damaged trees requiring treatment
- 14 New trees lost out of 66 new trees planted (2013)
- 3\* New trees lost out of 34 new trees planted (2014)  
\* 1 from natural causes, 2 from vehicle damage

## Bee Hive Preservation

- 2 Honey bee hives relocated

## Emergency Tree Response

- 35 Street Department (2014) 62 Street Department (2013)

## Complaint/Inquiries Responses

- 59 Complaints responded to
- 80 Inquiries responded to
- 40 "See-Click-Fix" responses

## Other Highlights for the Year

- Created a webpage on the City website – [www.cantonohio.gov](http://www.cantonohio.gov)
- Tree contractor licenses – established in July, 2014
- Tree lawn tree permits established
- Established an approved list of the kind of trees that may be planted on a tree lawn; list is available on the website
- Worked with Department of Agriculture (DOA) to address Gypsy Moth infestation
- Secured grant from Kent State to hire a summer intern to work with the City Arborist for 2015
- Applied for "Tree City USA", and was accepted in December, 2014



## Canton's Second Annual

# Arbor Day Celebration

Friday April 24, 2015

Canton Garden Center, Stadium Park



Presented By

Canton City

Canton Tree Commission

Canton Park Commission

## In honor of Andy Mitchell

## Program Agenda

### **10:00 am**

- Welcome – Tree Commission Chairperson, Maureen Austin
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor, William J. Healy II (Dan Moeglin, City Engineer)

### **10:20 am**

Dedication of Commemorative Tree in honor and appreciation of Andy Mitchell, “A friend of trees, a friend of Canton”  
Dan Moeglin, City Engineer

### **10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

Activities include: crafts, refreshments, and seedling giveaway

## Introduction

### Arbor Day

Welcome to the City of Canton’s second official Arbor Day celebration! Arbor Day is celebrated in communities and countries all over the world as a day to celebrate, plant, and care for trees. Our national Arbor Day is designated as the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in April; however many states celebrate Arbor Day on different dates according to the best tree-planting times of the year. The first Arbor Day in America was promoted by J. Sterling Morton and celebrated in April 1872 when an estimated one million trees were planted in the state of Nebraska. One hundred years later, the Arbor Day Foundation ([www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)) was founded to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that first Arbor Day. The organization encourages people to plant, celebrate, and nurture trees, and sponsors the Tree City USA program.

### City of Canton Tree Commission

The Canton Tree Commission was formed in 2013 by city ordinance (Chapter 917); it is comprised of 5 members appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, as well as representatives from several City departments and one local utility company. The Tree Commission assists the City in developing a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, removal, and replacement of the City’s trees. The Tree Commission meets the first Tuesday each month at 6pm at the Canton City Engineer’s Office. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

## Acknowledgements

### Canton Tree Commission

- Maureen Austin, Chairperson
- John Stone, Vice Chairperson
- Lois Ellis, Secretary
- Patricia Kirk, Member
- Remel Moore, Member
- James Griffin, City Council, Exofficio Member
- William Bartos, Service Director, Exofficio Member
- Derek Gordon, Park Director, Exofficio Member
- Dan Moeglin, City Engineer, Exofficio Member
- Steve Wingerd, AEP Arborist, Exofficio Member
- Joseph Martuccio, Law Director, Technical Advisor
- Lola Lewis, ODNR Urban Forester, Technical Advisor
- Richard Drake, City Arborist, Technical Advisor

### Arbor Day Exhibitors

- Ohio Department Of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Ohio Chapter of International Arboriculture Society (ISA)
- Canton City (Mayor, Parks, Engineering)
- American Electric Power (AEP)

### Arbor Day Day Contributors

- Bill Smuckler
- Canton Parks
- Dick Drake
- Fishers Foods

### Canton, Ohio, since 2015



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