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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: 2017 Arbor Day Celebration
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The City of St. Clairsville is pleased to extend to the community an invitation to its **2017 Arbor Day Celebration**. The event will be held on Friday, May 5, at 11 A. M. in the Central Park complex (102 Fair Avenue, St. Clairsville). Mayor Terry Pugh will issue an official proclamation to establish May 5 as Arbor Day, in recognition of the importance of trees and to promote efforts to protect them.

The guest speaker will be Lola Lewis, Regional Urban Forester, with the Division of Forestry, Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Lewis will be joined by City officials and interested citizens.

The City of St. Clairsville once again has been awarded **Tree City USA** designation by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Arbor Day Foundation Names St Clairsville Tree City USA

St Clairsville, OH was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

St Clairsville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to 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.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.