



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Council Session

Item C-1

Presentation of Tree Board Report

Tree Board President Barry Burrows will provide a brief report to City Council regarding the activities of the Tree Board. Activities include Arbor Day events, Hall County Champion Tree Program, Emerald Ash Bore Management Plan, and ongoing efforts to advocate and educate the community about trees.

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy



Grand Island Tree Board

2022 Update

City of Grand Island 36 Years Tree City USA

Tree Board Members

Barry Burrows – President

Bryan Fiala – Vice President

Steve Meyer – Secretary/Treasurer

Darwin Wicht – Member

Leon VanWinkle – Member

Bob Thomas – Member

Erich Frueling – Member

Elizabeth Exstrom – Ex Officio Member

Todd McCoy – Ex Officio Member

What has the Tree Board been doing the last two years?

- Covid
- Nebraska State Fair Sustainability Booth
- Arbor Day Celebration (Annually)
- Hall County Champion Tree Program
- Emerald Ash Bore Management Plan
- Advocating for Trees in our Urban Forest

Nebraska State Fair Sustainability Booth

- Participated by setting up a booth.
- Board members were there to advocate the importance of trees.
- Answered questions about trees.
- Exposure to the Tree Board.

Arbor Day Celebrations

- Arbor Day Celebrations (Annually)
- 2021 Daughters of American Revolution and an Outside Donor. Donated two trees planted at Pioneer Park & Lions Club Park.
- Demonstration on how to properly plant, mulch, and stake a newly planted tree.
- Hall County Tree Champions are recognized with a certificate.
- Q & A

Hall County Tree Champion Program

- Tree Board Promoting Program.
- 17 Champion Trees Registered as of Today.
- 1 Honored This Arbor Day 2022.
- Anyone can Nominate a Hall County Tree.
- Broachers/Application

Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

- Tree Board Designed and Implemented this plan.
(EAB was discovered last year in Grand Island.)
- Plan helps the City to mitigate the disruption of our urban forest caused by EAB.
- Helps the City to address public and private needs in a more efficient and effective manner.
- Some Tree Grant Programs require Cities to have a EAB Management Plan in Place to be Awarded Tree Grants.

Advocating for Trees in our Urban Forest.

- Ongoing commitment by our Tree Board
- We help groups with tree planting projects.
- Stay up to date on our industry and offer the latest tree care advice.
- Stay up to date on the potential insect and disease infestations.

Goals

- Keep Helping out with Tree Projects & Advocating.
- Tree Inventory (Help with the Nebraska Forest Service; using Tree Plotter).
- Arbor Day Celebration.
- Hall County Champion Tree Program.
- Sustainability Booth at the State Fair.
- Tree Project.

2022 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

NEBRASKA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Tree Planting Ceremony and Hall County Tree Champion Award Presentation.

When: April 29th @ 1 pm

Where: South of Engelmann Elementary School

Who: Engelmann Kindergarteners, Pubic, and Tree Board Members.

****Rain Date May 6, 2022 same time and Place.*

Grand Island Tree Board Motto



Thank You!