

Borough of Closter  
Shade Tree Commission

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**CLOSTER NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE  
YEAR. ANNOUNCES ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS.**

Closter, NJ—The Closter Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce that Closter has been named *Tree City USA* by the National Arbor Day Foundation for an 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. In order to maintain this status, the Borough must meet certain criteria such as devoting a certain portion of its budget to tree planting and care and having adopted a tree ordinance. Some of the achievements the Commission accomplished in the past year included a tree planting project at Pollack Square, trimming the pear trees in the downtown area, and completing a community forestry tree inventory in the west side of the Borough.

Part of the Commission's work is to plan an Arbor Day celebration. This year, the Closter Shade Tree Commission invites all members of the public to join the Commission for our Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Hagen Park for the planting of a Sugar Maple tree. The tree will be planted near the corner of Tenakill Street and Durie Avenue.

The Commission is also pleased continue our annual School Arbor Day Program by planting a tree at each elementary school and provide instruction to Closter's students on tree planting and care. This event will take place on Thursday, April 28 with the planting at Tenakill School scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and the planting at Hillside School at 11:00 a.m. All are invited.

The Shade Tree Commission works to enhance the community through the continued development of the Borough's streetscape and by maintaining one of our most important natural resources. Additional information can be found at [www.closterboro.com](http://www.closterboro.com).

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