



## **Arbor Day Foundation Names SeaTac Tree City USA, Growth Award Winner**

SeaTac, WA (April 1, 2015) – SeaTac was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The City also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care. This is the City’s sixth consecutive year for the Tree City USA award and fourth consecutive year receiving the Growth Award.

SeaTac 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.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Please join the City on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 10 AM at Angle Lake Park to celebrate Arbor Day. Parks Operations Manager Roger Chouinard will be working with local area students and Washington Community Forestry workers to plant trees. Click the link below for the event flyer:

<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=10588>

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like SeaTac make smart investments in urban forests,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits.”

Cleaner air, improved stormwater management, energy savings, increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

More information on the program is available at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.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 can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

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