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New Braunfels Named Tree City USA® Community for the 28th Year

New Braunfels, TX - New Braunfels has earned national recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA® community for its commitment to urban forestry for the 28th year.

The City also received the Tree City USA Growth Award for the seventeenth consecutive year. The prestigious Growth Award honors environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like New Braunfels 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. We congratulate New Braunfels on its 28 years of commitment to this program.”

Trees are assets 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.

“We are excited to receive both awards again this year,” said Kelly Eby, Urban Forester. “We are grateful to the many volunteers, local garden clubs, and schools for their continuous efforts maintaining our communities’ urban forest and Tree City USA® status.”

Tree City USA® communities must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, 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. More information about Tree City USA is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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