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BRIDGEWATER MAYOR DAN HAYES ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Township Earns Arbor Day Foundation Recognition as a Tree City USA for the 19th Consecutive Year

Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes and the Township Shade Tree Board (Team Arbor) are pleased to announce an "Old fashioned" Arbor Day Celebration. The free community event will take place on Saturday, 25 April at 3:00 PM at the Bridgewater Municipal Complex Courtyard. The Municipal Complex is located at 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater. The event will include a memorial tree dedication, tree seedling distribution and a live musical performance by the band Off The Grid. Light refreshments will be available at the ceremony. The Arbor Day event is sponsored through the support of the New Jersey Forestry Service and Sanofi.

The Arbor Day Celebration marks Bridgewater's achievement as a recognized Tree City USA for the 19th consecutive year and honors the community for its commitment to effective urban forest management. 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.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and the committed citizens in communities like Bridgewater 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."

For more information about the Arbor Day Celebration please feel free to contact Chris O. Poulsen, Township Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at <u>cpoulsen@bridgewaternj.gov</u>. Additional information about the Tree City USA Program is available at <u>www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA</u>.

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 <u>www.arborday.org</u>

Mayor Dan Hayes And Bridgewater Team Arbor Present



A Community Arbor Day Celebration

Bridgewater Municipal Complex Historical Monument 100 Commons Way

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Saturday – April 25, 2015 3:00 PM

Sponsor: *Sanofi* Bridgewater Is A Proud *Tree City USA* Community

Events



Ceremonial Tree Dedication

Community Tree Seedling Distribution



Entertainment & Refreshments

Community Concert Presented By

OFF THE GRID

