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Peachtree Corners Celebrating Arbor Day

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, Feb. 8, 2016 -- The City of Peachtree Corners will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to noon at Simpsonwood Park at 4511 Jones Bridge Circle in Peachtree Corners.

Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our state and across the nation.

"Trees are an essential part of the city. A healthy urban forest provides benefits including air and water pollution mitigation, habitat for wildlife, and storm water runoff reduction," said Peachtree Corners Mayor Mike Mason. "Trees are fundamental to the character of Peachtree Corners."

To address the needs of Peachtree Corners' urban forest, the city adopted a tree ordinance in 2013 which assists in preserving and enhancing the natural environment through preservation, protection and the planting of trees.

At the upcoming event, the city will celebrate its recent certification by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. Achieving Tree City USA status requires meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

"The City of Peachtree Corners recognizes the value and benefits of its urban forest and the need for an integrated, collaborative approach to caring for its trees," said Councilmember Jeanne Aulbach. "We are proud of our Green Committee's effort to make a lasting difference to the city's environment and quality of life."

The Arbor Day ceremony will also include the designation of Peachtree Corners' first Heritage Collection, trees recognized by size and age in a notable grove. Tree seedlings and seed balls for planting will be available at the reception at the Simpsonwood Chapel.

For more information about the event, visit the city's website at <http://peachtreecornersga.gov/> or call Volunteers Administrator Jennifer Howard at 470-395-7028.

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