2014 Tree City USA Certification

TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION APPLICATION 2014

TREE CITY USA

The City of Bel Aire has been a proud member of Tree City USA for 18 years. City staff continually strives to increase the beauty of the community, including planting and caring for trees. All tree work is documented to help qualify for the Tree City USA award. The Tree Board plays an important role in achieving this award also. Their community involvement, such as planning and hosting the Arbor Day event as well as planting 'survivor' trees, indicates their strong dedication to helping citizens and their environment. The Tree Boards participation in the Tree City USA program helps residents feel good about the place they live and work.

The 2014 Tree City USA certification application was filed online through the Arbor Day foundation website; however, I have printed these documents and information to create a hard copy.

Tree City USA Standards

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, a town or city must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management program. They were also designed so that no community would be excluded because of size.

The Four Standards for Tree City USA Recognition

1. A Tree Board or Department
2. A Tree Care Ordinance
3. A Community Forestry Program With an Annual Budget of at Least $2 Per Capita
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

CITY OF BEL AIRE

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY 2014

City of Bel Aire

TO THE CITIZENS OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special date be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2014 is the 142nd anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

THEREFORE, I David Austin, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 26th as the 142nd anniversary celebration of ***Arbor Day*** in the City of Bel Aire and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

CITY OF BEL AIRE * CITY OF THE FUTURE WITH RESPECT FOR ITS PAST * Est. by the Will of Its Citizens * May 26, 1980

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Bel Aire, Kansas this 15th day of April, 2014.

David Austin, Mayor

CENTRAL PARK- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
18-Feb									4	12		4
20-Feb									6	13		6
21-Feb									4	12		4
24-Feb									4	12		4
25-Feb									4	12		4
27-Feb									8	24		8
17-Mar									4	13		4
9-Apr							12	10				12
22-Apr			6	2					1	2		7
23-Apr			4	1					1	1		5
1-May			6	2					1	1		6
2-May	4	200										4
21-May	24											24
2-Jun					2	6						2
2-Jun											Pesticide applicat	16
1-Jul					1	1						1
5-Aug					3	8						3
5-Aug	6	900										6
25-Aug	10	2,200			6	12						10
26-Aug	1	100										1
10-Sep	6	1,000			12	36						12
11-Sep					2	3						2
23-Sep					8	13						8
2-Oct					3	9						3
15-Oct					2	3						2
21-Oct									4	4		4
TOTALS	51	4,400	16	5	39	91	12	10	41	106	Total Hours	162

BEL AIRE PARK- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
4-Aug					4	4						4
5-Aug					1	2						1
14-Oct					1	1						1
TOTALS					6	7					Total Hours	6

EAGLE LAKE- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
30-Apr					4	5						4
22-May					8	9						8
10-Jun					2	1						2
15-Jul					2	1						2
11-Jul					2	1						2
14-Aug					3	5						3
15-Oct					2	2						2
TOTALS					23	24					Total Hours	23

QUAIL RIDGE LAKE- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
									40	63		40
TOTALS											Total Hours	40

OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
21-Mar							2	1				2
2-May											created compost	6
5-May					2	4						2
21-May					4	6						4
18-Jul					1	1						1
6-Oct			6	3								6
7-Oct			12	6								12
17-Oct					2	4						2
									80	100		
TOTALS			18	9	9	15	2	1	80	100	Total Hours	35

CITY HALL- 2014 TREE CARE LOG												
DATE	Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
18-Mar									8	13		8
19-Mar					1	2			4	6		5
2-Jun											Pesticide application	4
11-Jun					2	1						2
17-Jul					4	5						5
5-Aug	1	40										1
25-Aug	1	50										1
10-Sep	2	150										2
30-Oct									4	10		4
TOTALS	4	240			7	8			16	29	Total Hours	32

TOTALS- 2014 TREE CARE LOG											
Hours Watering	Gallons	Hours Planted	#	Hours Pruned	#	Hours Removed	#	Hours Mulched	#	Other (Indicate)	Total Hours
55	4,640	34	14	84	145	14	11	177	298	26	390

CITY OF BEL AIRE
2014 TREE CARE REPORT

COMMUNITY POPULATION – 6916

TREE PLANTING AND INITIAL CARE
Tree Planting Labor $850.00
Watering $1,375.00
Tree Purchases $2,144.49 *Total $4,369.49*

TREE MAINTENANCE
Pruning Labor $1,900.00
Mulch $1,638.00
Mulch Labor $4,425.00
Insect Control $200.00
Backpack sprayer $87.99 *Total $8,250.99*

MULCHING PROJECT
Contracted stump grinder to mulch up huge brush pile generated from tree limbs.
200 cubic yards of mulch for city wide tree mulching project in 2015.
Cost of mulch$2000.00 *Total $2,000.00*

TREE REMOVALS
Labor $750.00

Total $750.00

MANAGEMENT
Training and Conferences
Certified Arborist Membership *Total $544.61*

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS (Tree Board) - 5
Volunteer Hours – 103.3

Total $2,171.52

COMMUNITY FORESTRY EXPENDITURESE TOTAL $18,086.61

COMMUNITY TREE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS

TREES PLANTED - 14
TREES PRUNED - 145
TREES REMOVED – 11

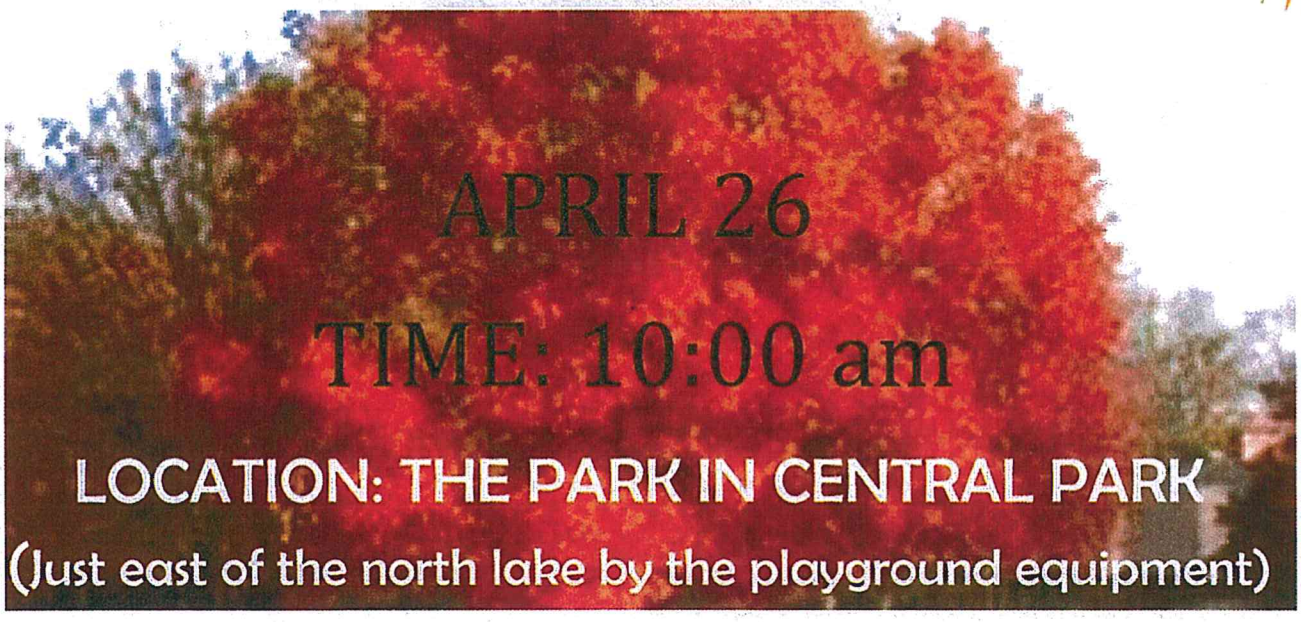
2014 COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Bel Aire, KS

For Arbor Day 2014 the Tree Board honored the memory of Sgt. Alex Funcheon, a former resident of Bel Aire who died in Iraq on April 29, 2007 while serving his country. A Chinese Pistache was planted in Central Park as a memorial to Sgt. Funcheon. In attendance at the ceremony were the parents of Sgt. Funcheon, city leaders, all members of the tree board and members of the Patriot Guard.
Members attended the Tree City USA Recognition Day in Derby, KS and the associated Botanica tour in Wichita the previous day. Members also attended the 13th annual Tree Festival on April 5th which was held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center in Wichita. One of the tree boards Survivor Trees was given to the city of Reading, KS and that tree was planted in Reading in the spring of 2014.

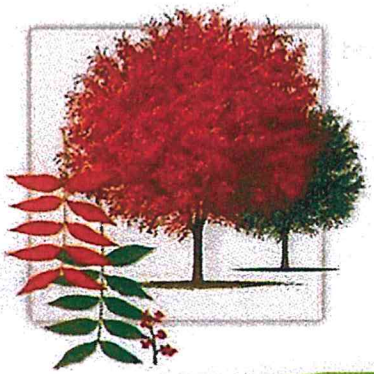
Taking part in an April 26 Bel Aire Arbor Day ceremony to honor the memory of Sgt. Alex Funcheon with the planting of a Chinese Pistache tree are (from left) Bel Aire Tree Board members Gary Northwall, Diane Martin, Gary O'Neal and Justin Schwanke, Sgt. Funcheon's parents Bob and Karen Funcheon, and tree board members Connie and Fred Cabala.

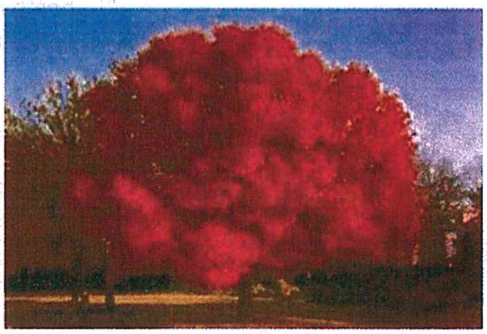
ARBOR DAY 2014



CITY OF BEL AIRE HAS PROCLAIMED SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH AS ARBOR DAY

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS DAY, THE CITY OF BEL AIRE WILL PLANT A TREE IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALEX FUNCHEON WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ





PLEASE JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER ALEX FUNCHEON

BEL AIRE TREE BOARD WILL BE HOSTING THE EVENT

U.S Army Sgt. Alex Funcheon was killed April 29, 2007 while serving in Iraq. He is remembered as someone who in three years grew into a respected leader, role model and hero.

The Funcheon's chose a Chinese Pistache tree to plant. The Chinese Pistache is very resistant to insect and disease problems and has extremely hard, durable wood which helps protect the tree from wind, ice and decay. Chinese Pistache trees have a medium to fine textured foliage that remains an attractive deep green color during the growing season and a spectacular fall color in shades of orange, red, and crimson.

(ARBOR DAY 2014 IS SPONSORED BY THE BEL AIRE TREE BOARD)

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Tree City USA

2014 Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2014 calendar year.

As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of Bel Aire

I herewith make application for this community to be officially certified/recertified as a Tree City USA for 2014, having achieved the standards set forth by the Arbor Day Foundation as noted below.

Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department
Community has a Tree Board only

Tree Board Chair

Gary Northwall Tree Board Chairperson 316-744-0682 gnorthwall@sbcglobal.net

Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance

✔ Our community ordinance is on record

Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least $2 Per Capita

Total Community Forestry Expenditures	$18086.61
Community Population	6916
Per Capita Spending	$2.62

Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

✔ Official Arbor Day proclamation is on record

Mayor or Equivalent Signature	Title	Date
	Mayor	12/16/14

Application Certification

To Be Completed By The State Forester:

Bel Aire

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2014 calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature	Title	Date

Arbor Day Foundation

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