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TREE CITY USA®

City of Washington Celebrates 32 Years as Tree City USA Participant

The City of Washington is one of more than 3,400 Cities nationwide that participates in the Tree City USA program. Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. To receive this designation, the City must make the planting and caring of trees a top priority. This is something the City of Washington has focused on a lot over the past year.

“We started at the W-W Middle/High School campus” stated Administrator Bailey. “We were lucky to have an individual, Dwayne Moon, move to Wilkes County and bring his tree farming business with him. He has donated over 80 trees to the City, which is where the school’s trees came from”. Bailey went on to say that trees have also been planted at the School Street Park, the Square (picture below), and at the Mary Willis Library.



The City has more planting projects scheduled for 2017. “We lost several old Oak trees around town due to age or disease, and we want to replace those. We will be working with the tree board and Mr. Moon to make sure the projects completed” stated Mayor Barnett.

The City of Washington achieved “Tree City USA” status by meeting the program’s four requirements: 1) *The City must have a tree board or department* 2) *The City must adopt a tree-care ordinance* 3) *The City must allocate an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita* and 4) *an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.*



Dwayne Moon accepts a plaque in recognition of the trees he has donated to help beautify the City. (Picture courtesy of Jane Ellyn Aaron of Wilkes Publishing)

Pictured above; Laura Toburen, Mayor Barnett, Bob Haughey, Dwayne Moon & John Sisson. (Toburen, Haughey, & Sisson serve on the Tree Board Committee)

BECOME AN ARBOR DAY MEMBER & GET 10 FREE TREES

By joining the Arbor Day Foundation, for just \$10 for a 6-month membership or \$15 for an annual membership, you get 10 free trees. They offer several variety packages to choose from, like flowering trees, oak trees, and autumn classics. Along with your membership you will also receive **The Tree Book** with planting and care information, the **Arbor Day** Newsletter, and discounts on over 100 varieties of trees! Just go to www.shop.arborday.org and register. Your membership more than pays for itself, and you can do your part to help the environment and make the community a better place to live!

PLEASE ADOPT A NEEDY PET



Meet Dingo! He is a sweet, energetic and fun boy. He was found at a hunting camp and came to the shelter with his brother & sister. They have found their forever home, please help Dingo find his! Contact the W-W Animal Shelter at 706-678-2287 and set up an appointment today!

Calendar:

- ❖ The City Council meets March 13th work session at 5:30 p.m. regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.