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ARBOR DAY COMMEMORATION

City of Westminster to hold tree planting project

Westminster, MD – City of Westminster and Westminster Tree Commission to commemorate Arbor Day 2010 with tree planting project at Cranberry station elementary and other activities.

When: Wednesday April 7, 2010, 1pm

Where: Cranberry Station ES

What:

- Mayor proclaims April 7, 2010 Arbor Day in Westminster
- Tree Commission and Cranberry Station students plant 5 trees and 6 American Cranberry bushes on school property
- Students learn proper tree planting methods
- City replaces 3 missing street trees and plants trees in City parks(Dutterer, Jay-cee), replacing trees that died or where removed
- Beginning first tree inventory update in over 15 years

Cranberry station activities coordinated through the CCPS S.T.E.M. coordinator, Bryan Shoemaker. Also, City has been notified of renewal of Tree City USA status for 21 consecutive year. Only 8 other municipalities in the state have longer streaks. The City received Tree City Growth award for the 15th year. Last year, only 8 municipalities received the Growth Award, issued for commitment beyond the basic level.

Westminster Tree Commission members include Joe Barley (Chair), Steve Allgeier, Neil Ridgely, Jay Bogash, Roland Backhaus, and Richard Wilbur. City Staff members are Eric Schlitzer, City Arborist, and Tim Rogers, City Planner.

For more information, please contact Joe Barley at 410-775-7700 or Tim Rogers at 410-848-4628 or trogers@westgov.com.

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