



## VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

April 17, 2012

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Village Manager's Office

### **DEERFIELD RECEIVES TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION**

The Village of Deerfield was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Deerfield has successfully met all the requirements for a Tree City USA Community. Tree City USA Communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that earn Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air by removing dust and other particles;
- Moderate climate, conserve water and provide vital habitat for wildlife;
- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings;
- Increase property values, reduce energy use and add beauty to homes and neighborhoods.

At the April 16, 2012 Village Board meeting, Mayor Rosenthal proclaimed April 27, 2012 Arbor Day in Deerfield. The Village is planning a tree planting ceremony with Shepard Middle School in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

More information about Tree City USA can be found online at: [www.arborday.org/treecityusa](http://www.arborday.org/treecityusa).

For further information regarding Deerfield's designation as a Tree City USA community, please contact Brad Fink, Assistant Public Works Director at (847) 719-7462 / [bfink@deerfield.il.us](mailto:bfink@deerfield.il.us).