



## ARBOR DAY 2022

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**Feature Story:**  
Arbor Day 2022

The City of Cleveland has once again earned the designation as "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The City held a celebratory ceremony on Monday, April 25th at Deer Park. City officials, city staff, members of the Tree Board and numerous others were present to celebrate 30 consecutive years as "Tree City USA". The City Urban Forestry Department planted a sawtooth oak in the park in commemoration of the 30th year. Mayor Kevin Brooks presented a proclamation to the Tree Board observing Arbor Day and proclaiming the city's 30th year as a Tree City.

The city is required annually by the Arbor Day Foundation to meet a four-step framework to receive this designation which includes having a tree board, a tree care ordinance, an annually budgeted community forestry program and an Arbor Day Proclamation and observance ceremony.

"Our trees are part of what makes Cleveland such a beautiful place to live, work and play. This is a great accomplishment for the city and our community." said Mayor Kevin Brooks.

"The city recognizes the importance of planting and maintaining trees. Arbor Day is a day set aside to celebrate trees and all of their benefits", said Cleveland Urban Forester Dan Hartman.

The City of Cleveland held a tree give-away earlier this spring. The event "Tennessee Tree Day" was held on Saturday, March 19th, at Greenway Park. The City of Cleveland stormwater division, in conjunction with the Tennessee Environmental Council gave away numerous tree seedlings. The giveaway was held on a first come, first serve basis and was a huge success.

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day. The official holiday is held on the last Friday in April. A day dedicated to tree planting and caring for trees. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the tree planter's holiday.



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## TIRE ABATEMENT

Tire abatement efforts began last year. Since then, Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Director Amanda Peels reported there have been over 7,000 tires removed from several dump sites inside the city limits of Cleveland. Councilwoman Marsha McKenzie and Councilman-At-Large Ken Webb volunteered in numerous KAB clean-up events, along side other members of the community, including the BCHS and Walker Valley football teams, and BCHS JROTC.

Earlier this year Councilwoman McKenzie requested legislative action on the regulation of scrap tires. Legislation has been passed by the House and Senate. The bill is awaiting Governor Lee's signature.

Contact Keep America Beautiful (KAB) at 423-559-3307 to learn about the proper disposal of tires or to report tire dump sites. If you know of someone illegally dumping tires or if you witness someone dumping tires, call the Cleveland Police Department non-emergency phone number: 423-728-7311.



## HOT SLAW & ART Y'ALL FESTIVAL

Cleveland's First Annual "Hot Slaw & Art Y'all Festival" was held on Saturday, April 9th. The festival was a huge success. Special thanks to all of the event organizing sponsors: The City of Cleveland; Chamber of Commerce; Mainstreet Cleveland; and the Art is Here Partnership. We would also like to thank other sponsors contributing to the success of this event: Cooke's Food Store; Bender Realty; First Horizon Bank; AirMed Care; GPAC; Coldwell Banker; Moss Rose Art; MacPC Market; Andrew Johnson Bank; Twice the Ice; and Haney Meat Company. Thank you all for helping us bring the community's hot slaw heritage and art y'all to downtown Cleveland.

The festival included: Live music, art exhibitors, street performers, games, contests, and "hot slaw" food vendors. Special thanks to festival committee members: Melissa Woody; Mary Tom; Connie Gatlin; Dwight Richardson; Patti Pettitt; Joe Fivas; Beverley Lindsey; Corey Divil; Melanie Fangman, other city staff and all volunteers.



Mark your Calendar for next year's festival:

Saturday, April 1st, 2023

## MOSBY PARK UPDATE



Coming Soon... Mosby Park Playground will receive a much needed update.

Earlier this year, the city accepted sealed bids for playground project. Game Time was the low bidder.

The equipment has been ordered and we are anxiously waiting its delivery. The project will include the replacement of worn, broken, and faded playground equipment; the addition of a pavillion; sidewalks; decorative fencing; and aesthetic improvements to the concession stand. This project is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.



"The updates to Mosby Park will bring enjoyment to the community for many years to come." said City Manager Joe Fivas.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### City Clerk's Office - Accounting Clerks

#### Annie Gann-Bryant:

Annie began working with the city in May, 2016 and just celebrated her six-year work anniversary with the city. She attended Cleveland State Community College. She is responsible for collecting and receipting all the city's revenue. Annie is married to Rusty and they have four children: Emilie (22) Alex (16), Eliot (11), Emary (4). She enjoys attending games with her kids and loves to party plan and decorate.

#### Amanda Crowe:

Amanda began working with the city in September, 2020. She has an Associates Degree of Applied Science from Cleveland State Community College. She is also responsible for collecting and receipting all the city's revenue. Amanda is married to Jason and they have two children: Emilee (17) and Jackson (10). She loves spending time with her kids, cooking/baking, kayaking, gardening and trips to the beach.

**Fun Fact:** Annie & Amanda have known each other for numerous years and used to work together for a different employer.



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- Parks and Recreation: 423.479.4129
- Police (non-emergency): 423.476.1121
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