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Mayor Gary Bassett  
76 East Market Street  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Rhinebeck on **earning recognition as a 2018 Tree City USA**. Residents of Rhinebeck should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Rhinebeck is one of more than 3,500 Tree City USAs, with a combined population of 150 million. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. Rhinebeck is stepping up to do its part. As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you are helping to provide a solution to these challenges.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public.

State foresters coordinate the presentation of the Tree City USA recognition materials. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to facilitate presentation. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Rhinebeck and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,



Dan Lambe  
President

cc: Meg Crawford

enclosure

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **Arbor Day Foundation Names Rhinebeck Tree City USA**

Rhinebeck, NY, was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Rhinebeck achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

**Village of Rhinebeck**

# **Spring Tree Planting**

**Saturday April 27th, 2019**

**volunteers! meet at 9am**

**@ Rhinebeck High School**

**45 N. Park Rd. Rhinebeck NY**

*HELP OUR COMMUNITY FOREST THRIVE*

- earn 3 estimated service hours
- some tools will be provided and you may bring your own labeled tools: shovel, rake, bucket
- work gloves are required, sturdy footwear & rain gear recommended

**for more info: call 845-206-1046 or [megcrawford37@gmail.com](mailto:megcrawford37@gmail.com)**



**VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK  
SPRING TREE PLANTING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 2017  
Kickoff at 9 AM  
at Hobson's Appliance**

- ~ ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME ~ TRAINING PROVIDED AT KICKOFF ~**
- ~ EARN 3 ESTIMATED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS ~**
- ~ PLEASE BRING TOOLS (LABELED): SHOVELS, RAKES, BUCKETS ~**
- ~ GLOVES & HEAVY DUTY BOOTS/SHOES RECOMMENDED ~**

**Questions?: Meg Crawford @ 845-206-1046 / [megcrawford37@gmail.com](mailto:megcrawford37@gmail.com)**

# Village of Rhinebeck

Village Informational Notice Issued  
Thursday, October 31, 2019

For Immediate Release



**Village of Rhinebeck  
Fall Tree Planting!  
all are welcome!**

**Saturday November 2, 2019 Crew and volunteers meet at 9am**

**@ THE CORNER OF CHESTNUT ST. & LORRAINE DRIVE**

- earn 3 community service hours
- you may bring your own labeled tools: shovel, rake, bucket, clippers
- tools will also be provided
- work gloves, sturdy footwear & rain gear strongly recommended

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**Village of Rhinebeck Tree Planting set Nov. 2**

Volunteers are welcome to assist in planting trees with the Rhinebeck Village Tree Commission on Saturday, Nov. 2. Meet by 9 a.m. at the corner of Chestnut Street and Lorraine Drive. No experience necessary - instruction will be given. Some tools will be provided; if possible, bring your own labeled tools (shovel, rake, bucket, clippers). Work gloves are required; sturdy footwear and rain gear strongly recommended. For more information, call (845) 206-1046 or e-mail megcrawford37@gmail.com.

**Penny Social set Nov. 2 at Hyde Park church**

Boy Scout Troop 80 will hold its Sixth Annual Penny Social on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Reach Out Church, Crumb Elbow Road, Hyde Park. Many

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-The first weekend in November was full of tree planting. On Saturday, the tree commission planted 16 beautiful specimens, many beyond the right of way. You will see crab apples, lilacs, oaks, hedge maples, tulip trees, sycamores and more. Highway pitched in with mulch and equipment. Meg Crawford, Walter Cotter, Tom Johnson, Nick Monaco and I represented the tree commission. Invaluable and enthusiastic volunteers comprised Village Trustee Gary Bassett, Jill Welch, Paul Higgins, Nataalka Chas, Connie Lown, our favorite high schooler Adelina Malone and her friend Hannah Peterson, Benito Lopez and his cousin Nicolas. Sheri Monaco not only shoveled and mulched she also provided great sustenance and good cheer with Charlotte and Drew Monaco. Thanks are also due to Rhinebeck Bagels.

The next day was just as beautiful and the turnout even larger to plant another dozen trees in Rhinebeck cemetery. Sore muscles didn't prevent Meg, Connie Lown and myself from returning but thankfully we were joined by Mickey Haggerty, Suzanne Kelly, Garry Slater, Kathy Beiser, Evelyn Gartner, Bonni Fulmer and Carol Livellar. The Rhinebeck Grange and Rhinebeck Interact were well represented by Joe and Cynthia Baer, Laurie Bathrick, David and Suellen Albahary, plus students Serena Albahary, Elaine Albahary, Grace Steele, Emily Entner, Stella Funkhooser, Lyla Andrick, Derek Livesey and Dylan Chu.

Rhinebeck can be proud and grateful for our giving community. The Church of the Messiah will be distributing coats during regular Friday food pantry November 11, 10-1 pm. Remember that no person in need will ever be turned away. They will also be hosting the Third Thursday benefit lunch November 17. It's the best and most delicious deal in town.

Holidays and elections can be emotionally difficult for people. Volunteering with these and other activities can help keep feelings of despair at bay. Don't be afraid to reach out for help if you need it.

Reach me at [Trusteefox@villageofrhinebeckny.gov](mailto:Trusteefox@villageofrhinebeckny.gov) or call at 914-475-2890. Wishing you, your family and friends all the best for Thanksgiving

Trustee Gina Walker Fox

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