



**Joint City of Hinesville and Hinesville
Downtown Development Authority
News Release**

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Hinesville Named Tree City USA by Arbor Day Foundation
Celebratory Tree Planting Scheduled for Tomorrow in Bryant Commons Park

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Feb. 12, 2021) – Hinesville has once again been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor its commitment to community forestry. This is the 32nd year that Hinesville has received this national recognition.

To celebrate, the City of Hinesville and Hinesville Downtown Development Authority will host a tree planting on **Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1:30 p.m.** in Bryant Commons Park, located at 438 W. Oglethorpe Hwy. During the tree planting, Mayor Allen Brown and representatives from the Hinesville Youth Council, Keep Liberty Beautiful, Morning Glory Garden Club and ESG, Inc. will plant six citrus trees in the park's small orchard.

“Residents and visitors alike always express awe and appreciation for our expansive tree canopy here in Hinesville,” Mayor Allen Brown said. “From towering pines to majestic oaks, trees have a way of feeding the soul and rooting a community. We take tremendous pride in being named as a Tree City USA.”

There are four standards that must be met to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance. In addition to these items, the City of Hinesville encourages the maintenance and growth of the local canopy in a variety of ways.

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.

“Tree City USA communities see the impact that an urban forest has in a community first hand,” said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The trees being planted and cared for by Hinesville are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life.”

The City of Hinesville has earned and maintained the Tree City USA designation since 1988. Last week, Mayor Brown proclaimed February 14-21, 2021 as Arbor Day Week in Hinesville.

To learn more about the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program, please visit arborday.org/TreeCityUSA. Keep Liberty Beautiful provides free trees to local citizens and groups to plant throughout Liberty County. If you'd like to reserve a free tree to plant during the month of February, please visit keeplibertybeautiful.org.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The City of Hinesville was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit cityofhinesville.org.