



TOWN OF FARRAGUT TREE BOARD AGENDA

May 23, 2023 - Farragut Town Hall – Back of Board Room

3:30 p.m.

A. Arbor Day Celebration Events Summary:

1. Intermediate School Essays and Event

Suzanne Parham, the Principal of the Farragut Intermediate School, worked with the Town and the Tennessee Division of Forestry on this event. She asked her third graders to submit essays on “Why are trees important to our ecosystem?” The top essay from each of the 17 classes was selected and posted in the rotunda at the Town Hall the week leading up to the Arbor Day celebration event at the Intermediate School on Friday, February 17 at 10 am. The remaining essays were then posted at the Town Hall during the week of the Board of Mayor and Alderman’s meeting on February 23.

During the school event, essay winners were honored and Diane Warwick, Urban & Community Forestry Program Coordinator with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, spoke about the many benefits that trees provide. The event was very well attended and included several elected officials.

After the presentation, a two-inch caliper sugar maple tree was planted in a location pre-determined with the school and pre-dug and installed by the Town’s Public Works Department. The event was a tremendous success and provided the Town with an opportunity to partner with the schools and the State Division of Forestry.

2. Board of Mayor and Aldermen Proclamation

Vice Mayor Povlin read a proclamation during the February 23, 2023, Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting honoring Arbor Day. It was noted that the essays from the Intermediate School third graders were posted in the rotunda.

3. Tree Give Away Event

On the morning of Saturday, March 4, Farragut Stormwater Matters helped distribute free trees that had been ordered. Over 700 trees were given away. This event partnered with the Farragut Tree Board and the UT Department of Forestry and was the final component of the Arbor Day celebration for this year.

B. Public Properties Tree Planting (establishing locations for donated trees)

The attached map shows Town owned properties. This does not include greenways.