

Shade Tree Commission

Agenda – March 18, 2024

Approve: Minutes from January/February 2024

Spring TreePA Grant - plant 7 trees

- likely arrival the week of April 8
- need some all day help

Arbor Day Celebration April 26

- schools – Drawing grades 2 & 6), poetry HS English (4 line clerihew)
- location – Wolf Street. Pottsville, Brian Tassone owns property of playground, City maintains equipment
- theme – Smokey Bear 80th Birthday

Ecology Club at Pottsville High School project

- Sat April 20,9:00 Frog Hollow clean-up, invasive plant removal

Open Time:

Tree Tender Training Series - Jan 17 – Feb 28, 2024,

Next Meeting: Monday April 15, 2024 @ 3:00

Spring Tree Order 2024

- 3 Bunker Hill Playground
Maple, tilia
- 3 Presbyterian Cemetery - 11th and Howard
1 oak, 2 maple
- 2 Penn State for Schuylkill County Conservancy
1 buckeye, 1 horse chestnut
- 1 Centre Street Beyond Hello
1 hackberry
- 10 Baber Cemetery
5 red oak, 1 gingko, 4 Japanese Ivory silk
- 19 Trees

Orwigsburg Borough

10 tree grant order

Smokey Bear 80th Birthday

August 9, 2024

USDA Forest Service

Arbor Day School Challenge Pottsville Shade Tree Commission

4th and 6th Grades - In honor of the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear, submit a picture of Smokey Bear in his forest. Picture can include the slogan "Only YOU can prevent wildfires". Draw or paste on a 8 ½ x 11 inch piece of paper. Name, school, class should be printed on the back.

High School English Compose a **Clerihew** Poem about Smokey Bear in honor of his 80th Birthday. A clerihew is a funny poem made up of 4 lines. The first line includes the name, the second rhymes with the name; the third and fourth lines rhyme.

Example: Sammie, the snake,
Swallowed a rake,
He stood straight,
From what he ate.

Open to any student attending schools within the City of Pottsville. Submission should be sent to pachejane@verizon.net or mailed to 625 Schuylkill Avenue, Pottsville, PA 17901. Submissions can be picked up by calling 570-628-4802. All submission due by April 19, 2024.

Educators,

Pottsville Shade Tree Commission is once again sponsoring an Arbor Day Celebration challenge. This year the theme is to honor Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday.

It is asked that you challenge your students to create a

Clerihew poem which is a witty composition of four lines. The first line includes the name which will be Smokey or Smokey Bear, the second line will rhyme with the name of the first line, and the third and fourth lines rhyme. The student name, school and teacher/class accompany each submission.

drawing or composition on an 8 ½ by 11 inch page that shows Smokey Bear with his friends **in a forest**. His 80th birthday and the theme "Only YOU can prevent wildfires" are optional. Student name, school, grade and teacher should be printed on the back of the page.

It is asked that all submission be sent by April 19 via email to pachejane@verizon.net or sent to Jane Kruse at 625 Schuylkill Avenue, Pottsville, PA 17901. Arrangements can be made to pick up submissions by calling 570-628-4802. Students should attend a Pottsville located school.

Pottsville Shade Tree Commission has been amazed at the results from past years. Winners will be posted in Pottsville City Hall. A prize will be given to the winning class.

REASON FOR PLANTING TREES IN URBAN AREAS

Although it's known as the "Park City," a quick scan of the intertwining streets of Bridgeport, Connecticut tells a different story. It's one where majority-minority, low-income communities, especially those found on the eastern side of the city, lack tree coverage.

It gets blistering hot in the summer. 100+° Fahrenheit-surface-temperature hot.

Some families can't afford to pay electricity bills.

Greenspace is at a premium.

Relief is out of reach for residents.

Not only does the city of Bridgeport have the lowest tree canopy in the state, but the east side has the lowest tree count in the entire city. Tree canopy cover is scant — 5% — with threats of damaging storms or emerald ash borer always looming.

The lack of trees also diminishes air quality, creating the perfect storm for respiratory conditions, like asthma, which is prevalent in this community, particularly in children.

But the story of Bridgeport is far from one of yet another city that has fallen into disrepair, as residents came together to rebuild the social fabric, health, and vitality of the area with the help of trees.

The city has strong local leaders, like Christina Smith, President & CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation's planting partner Groundwork Bridgeport, who's prioritizing planting trees not just in the community, but with the community.

