



City of Tustin

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Subject: **Arbor Day Foundation Names Tustin Tree City USA for 21st Year**
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On Wednesday, March 8th at 10:30 a.m., the City of Tustin will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a Colorado Blue Spruce tree at Cedar Grove Park located at 11385 Pioneer Road. In addition to planting the tree, the City will be honored with the national Tree City USA designation for the 21st consecutive year in honor of its commitment to effective urban management.

Mayor Dr. Allan Bernstein will lead the ceremony and special guests will include representatives from the California Department of Forestry as well as students from Pioneer Middle School and Peter's Canyon Elementary School. The public is welcome to join the festivities.

Tustin budgets over \$718,000 annually to care for the approximately 16,000 trees in Tustin's urban forest. Additionally, each year approximately 7,000 trees are trimmed and 27 trees are planted in the City.

The prestigious Tree City USA Award recognizes environmental improvement, higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities and has four levels of requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and Arbor Day observance.

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