ARBOR DAY 2022
Friday, April 29, 2022

WHEN: April 29, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Rockfall Foundation – deKoven House Community Center, 27 Washington Street, Middletown CT

AGENDA

1. Welcome - Jane Harris, Chair, Urban Forestry Commission
2. Arbor Day Proclamation - Mayor Benjamin Florsheim
3. Tree Dedication in memory of:
   a. Joseph Childs, former Urban Forestry Commission member
   b. Nick Fazzino, former Planning and Zoning Commission member

   Tree Dedication in honor of:
   a. Steven Cronkite
   b. Jeff Myjak
   c. Sally D'Aquila
   d. Girl Scouts of America Troop #60439
4. Tony Marino, Executive Director, The Rockfall Foundation
5. Tree City USA Award - 32nd Year - Arbor Day Foundation and CT DEEP
   Urban Forestry Coordinator

Sponsored by the Middletown Urban Forestry Commission

"Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."
J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
Please call 860-638-3500 ext 3506 for further information

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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 29, 2022

TREE DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH S. CHILDS

On November 16, 2021, Joseph Childs passed away after a brave battle with brain cancer. Joseph was 58 years old. Joseph attended Middlesex Community College before moving to California where he graduated in 1998 from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He moved back to Connecticut and worked in sales for Sterling Realtors; for many years, Joseph taught English at MxCC as well. Joseph was a dedicated member of the Urban Forestry Commission and will be sadly missed and happily remembered.

TREE DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS J. FAZZINO

Nicholas (Nick) Fazzino passed away peacefully on January 1, 2022, at the age of 66. Nick was a lifelong resident of Middletown. Nick was dedicated to Middletown and thrived on serving his community. Nick served as Vice Chairman for the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Middletown. He was also a member of the Italian Society, IACO, the Elks Club, as well as the Polish Falcons. Nick will be remembered for establishing a successful vehicle appraisal business and will be sorely missed by everyone whose life he touched.

TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF STEVEN CRONKITE

After creating his own 7-acre arboretum complete with native Pawpaws, Steve measured, inventoried, and mapped the trees within the Wadsworth/Kerste deBoer Arboretum as a gift to the Urban Forestry Commission. A civil engineer and accomplished artist, Steve is also responsible for multiple gardens at Wickham Park, including a new pinetum. Thank you, Steve, for your dedication and generosity!

TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF JEFF MYIAK

We are honoring Jeff Miyak and Cans-4-a-Cause, a program that collects some of the estimated 20 million containers that go unredeemed in the Middletown area. Cans-4-A-Cause was created to give people a reason to save these containers (rather than throw them in recycling), get them redeemed and put the money to work here in our community. Thousands of cans and bottles are removed from the waste stream, and thousands of local people benefit through donations to nonprofits.

TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF SALLY D’AGUILA

Sally was born in Middletown, lived here for many years, and still has a strong attachment to our community since moving to Old Saybrook. She has been an avid supporter of the Community Foundation, the Middletown Garden Club, the Rockfall Foundation, Indian Hill Cemetery, and the Middlesex County Historical Society. Her donation recently allowed the Urban Forestry Commission to plant these beautiful Redbuds here at deKoven House. Thank you, Sally, for your many donations and support.

TREE DEDICATION IN HONOR OF TROOP # 60439 GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Members of Troop #60439 chose as their final project to donate funds to plant two trees in memory of their time and dedication learning and experiencing what it means to be a scout. Two new trees have been planted in the landscape of Beman Middle School. We wish you well as you move forward in life using the skills and knowledge that you gained from being a scout.