



## PARKS AND RECREATION

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2022 TREE CITY/CAMPUS AWARD AND ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION  
Event Set for Tuesday, April 12

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – April 11, 2022 – The City of Athens Parks & Recreation Department will be celebrating Arbor Day on Tuesday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. at TWU Quad. Athens will be receiving Tree City USA status for the 41st consecutive year from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Tennessee Wesleyan University will be receiving Tree Campus USA status for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Children from the Athens City Schools participated in a coloring and writing contest sponsored by Willsonthropic, Inc. The writing theme was “I may be small, but I can make a big difference.” The winners from kindergarten through 5 grade will present their winning work at the celebration and receive a scholarship from Willsonthropic, Inc.

Smokey Bear, Ruby Raindrop, and Sammy Soil will also be joining the celebration.

Additionally, tree seedlings, donated by the Tennessee Division of Forestry, will be distributed, free of charge, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion on April 12. Tree species available will be White Oak, Persimmon, and Sweet Pecan.

The City of Athens is a full-service municipality nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and has garnered a reputation as the “Friendly City.”

For more information, please contact Athens Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2700 EXT 3 or email the department at [recreation@cityofathenstn.com](mailto:recreation@cityofathenstn.com)

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