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2023 Arbor Day and Tree City USA Celebration

City of Manassas, VA . . . This year's 39th Annual Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 28, 2023 at the Harris Pavilion in Historic Downtown Manassas. The Manassas City Schools' poster contest theme was "*Trees Bring Us Together*" and it included student artwork from Kindergarten to 4th Grade. The Poster Contest winners were recognized at the Arbor Day Celebration. Ribbons and prizes were awarded for the Grand Prize, 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and Honorable Mention winners for each grade level. The 2023 Arbor Day Poster Contest winner was 2nd Grader Allison Lovo Jimenez of G.C. Round Elementary School.

The City of Manassas also celebrated its 33rd designation as a Tree City USA community. Mayor Davis-Younger, Manassas City Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin Newman, Manassas Beautification Committee Chair Samantha Tungul, Virginia Department of Forestry Community Forest Specialists, and City of Manassas Arborist Dan Spoden spoke about the importance of preserving the City's trees and pollinators while stressing how vital our participating students are to the future of the City's preservation efforts. The City of Manassas Planning and Community Development Director, Matt Arcieri, accepted four trees from the Manassas Beautification Committee for planting at Winterset Park.

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