

FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

2018 Annual Report

January 2019

To Mayor Ron Monday, Findlay City Council, and Area Residents.....

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support to make Findlay's Tree Program a success. This Annual Report gives an overview of progress in 2018.



Tyler Stevenson, Ben Dolan, Tom Mills, Stephanie Miller
Receiving Tree City USA Award for 2018

30+ years... a Tree City USA Community!

Findlay was recognized as a Tree City USA Community on April 18, 2018 in the Northwest Ohio awards ceremony hosted by Upper Sandusky and their Tree Commission. This is the 36th time our community has been accredited by the National Arbor Day Foundation for a successful program.

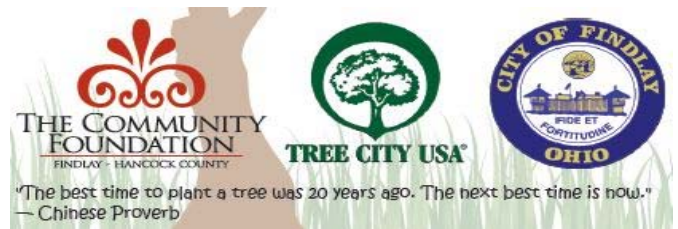
Awards were presented to various Tree City USA communities by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. The title of "Tree City USA" was bestowed on Findlay for its ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life through a comprehensive street tree management program. The program is guided by the Tree Commission and various City Departments.

The featured speaker was Jim Chatfield, OSU Extension.



2018 Arbor Day Celebration Jefferson Primary

Pictured: Mary Flickinger and Jefferson School Students and Staff



2018 Tree Commission Highlights:

- **Trees Planted** – 48 trees were planted as a result of the various planting programs and the efforts of our city staff.
- **Municipal Staff Dollars Spent** – Findlay City staff spent \$240,067.48 on tree related work including planting, pruning and removing trees. Wood and leaf residual processing was also involved in these figures. Staff support of the Shade Tree Commission efforts was also an expense.
- **"NeighborWoods"** - This special program was again held along two fronts on Sat. April 21, 2018. The program was held in the White Birch Dr. and Nutmeg Lane neighborhoods. There were 30 trees planted.
- **The Community Foundation of Findlay - Hancock Co.** The Community Foundation worked hand in hand with the Tree Commission to kick off and support our NeighborWoods program for the past five years. This program is operational and will be continuing thanks to the start up support of The Community Foundation.
- **Findlay's 2018 Arbor Day Program** - Arbor Day was held at Jefferson Elementary on Monday, April 27.
- **Volunteer Hours** - 192 volunteer hours were logged in 2018. Over 7 volunteers assisted various tree projects and programs city-wide with an in-kind donated value of \$4,740.48 to Findlay.
- **Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar** – The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was represented at the Division of Forestry's Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar held Oct. 26, 2018 in Toledo, OH.
- **Young Tree Training** –The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was represented at an area wide Young Tree Training workshop was held in Ottawa to help residents to train young trees through proper pruning. Trained trees are better able to withstand storms.
- **Community Forestry Expenditure** – In 2018 \$5.81 per capita was spent on trees and tree related items.
- **Tree Maintenance** – 651 trees were pruned at a cost of \$13,183 and 177 trees were removed at a cost of \$55,445 by the city staff in Findlay in 2018.

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2019 Events Planned:

- **January 9** - Young Tree Structural Pruning Workshop
- **April 12** – Arbor Day Program
- **April 13** – Tree Care Workshop w/NeighborWoods
- **April 13** – NeighborWoods Tree Planting in the Vincent Street neighborhood
- **April 17** – Tree City USA Recognition Program
- **June 21** – Ohio Urban Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum
- **September/October TBA** – Tree Care Workshop
- **September 28** – Fall Planting Day
- **November TBA** – Young Tree Training Workshop

New Shade Tree Street Banners

In an effort to promote the Findlay Shade Tree Commission, street banners were purchased for the downtown hangers. These banners will hang during the spring in conjunction with Arbor Day.



Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar

The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was represented at the Division of Forestry's Northwest Ohio Urban Forestry Seminar held Oct. 26, 2018 in Toledo, OH. Dr. Kathy Wolf, University of Washington – retired, speaking on the benefits of trees to communities and human health.

Thanks to Tree Commission Members

We had a great year! The Findlay Shade Tree Commission including: Mary Flickinger, Jerry Williamson, Matt Ashcraft, Becky Stahl, Ben Dolan, Tom Mills, Jim Niemeyer, Dave Honse, AJ Copus Jeremy Kalb and Brian Thomas provided yeomen service on behalf of Findlay's urban forest.

Special THANKS to Kathy Launder for coordinating Tree Commission activities and records at the Mayor's Office and to Robin Schey for coordinating the Tree Commission budget at the Public Works Office.



Pictured: White Birch Residents-NeighborWoods

NeighborWoods - 2018

"NeighborWoods" encourages larger tree planting projects in areas of town where neighbors can join together to plant and care for trees as a group.

In 2018 two neighborhoods participated in NeighborWoods. The program happened on Saturday, April 21 in the White Birch Drive and Nutmeg Lane neighborhoods where thirty trees were planted.

This project is the sixth of its kind in Findlay. Other Findlay neighborhoods are invited to participate in the program by contacting the Tree Commission.

