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## ASK AND RECEIVE

Last issue of Prairie Tree Companion Newsletter, there was an article on Tree City USA with a challenge to all communities with tree related names and a tree related history. As luck would have it, along comes a NEW!!! Tree City USA application from the town of Long Grove. While reviewing the application, I read with intrigue the message that was presented to the community on Arbor Day. With permission, I am sharing it with you today.

REMARKS MADE at LONG GROVE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY  
ARBOR DAY, 2000 - APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>

Tree planting, forest management, reverence and appreciation of our existing trees and the long grove for which the village was named is not just a tradition but an active protective goal of its residents as evidence - its woodland conservancy and tree ordinance.

LONG GROVE'S first President, my Father, Guy Reed, first came to Long Grove in 1929 when he purchased a five acre woodlot in the midst of the long grove of oaks and other native trees. He subsequently added more acreage, most of which is now preserved for generations to come as the Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Preserve, chosen as a state nature preserve for the plant and tree species that have existed on the property.

As Long Grove's President he initiated a village-wide tree planting of maples and crab apples in 1958. I am very happy to see the present trustees honor that tradition with this year's program, honoring at least one activity and tradition established by its early trustees who wisely wanted to protect and supplement its forest heritage and natural resources. By Barbara Reed Turner.

I am humbled at the love and commitment of this community for its trees and the timing of their application.

Written by: Reinee Hildebrandt, Urban Conservation Program Administrator, IDNR, Division of Forest Resources.

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## **MONEY MATTERS**

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### **ILLINOIS Urban and Community Forestry Grants**

Once again the Urban and Community Forestry Grant program put on hold until funding can be secured.

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## **TECHNICAL UPDATE**

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### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

*Crabapples for Midwestern Landscapes*, written by Jeff Iles, Iowa State University, Extension Distribution Center, 119 Printing and Publications Bldg., Ames, Iowa 50011-3171. Telephone: 515-292-5247.

*The Forest Where Ashley Lives*, written by Mark A. Vitosh and Ashley L. Vitosh, illustrated by John L. Smith. This reference tells a well balanced story of a family and the trees that are around them. It includes an inset of information in the corner of each page that helps the reader also understand the science behind the picture. This book can be purchased from Iowa State University, Extension Distribution Center, 119 Printing and Publications Bldg. Ames, IA 50011-3171. Telephone: 515-294-5247.

*Tree Pests of The Midwest*, written by Karol Jacobs, The Morton Arboretum and John E. Lloyd, Ohio State University. Copies can be gotten from The Morton Arboretum, Visitor Services, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532-1293. Telephone: 630-719-2465

*A Practitioner's Guide to Stem Girdling Roots of*

*Trees*, written by Gary R. Johnson, University of Minnesota and Rich J. Hauer, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The cost is \$6.00 per copy. Purchase these from the University of Minnesota Extension Service Distribution Center, 405 Coffey Hall, 15420Eckles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108-6068. Telephone: 800-876-8636.

### **IDNR - TREE INVENTORY SERVICE TO SMALL COMMUNITIES UPDATE**

Sign up for the FY'01 Illinois Department of Natural Resources on-line tree inventory and management plan development service.

DNR staff will assist community volunteer groups in conduct tree inventories and data entry. The result of participation will be a database file of your communities trees and a management plan. There are only nine openings still available for this year. Please contact either your District Forester or the Springfield office for more information. Enroll by calling 217-782-2361 and providing your name, communities name, address, phone, county and community population.

### **IDNR - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES HAS RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

IDNR has teacher training available through the ENTICE program. Teachers can enhance natural resources curriculum in the classroom by attending the teacher training at the Wildlife Prairie park in Peoria, IL. For more information call Troy Gilmore at 217-557-6798 or send an e-mail to [illinoisentice@dnrmail.state.il.us](mailto:illinoisentice@dnrmail.state.il.us) or visit the website at [www.illinoisentice.org](http://www.illinoisentice.org)

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## **RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND CONTESTS**

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In the September/October 2000 issue of Land and Water, Jim Patchett recently had an article published called, "Integrating Native Landscapes". The shoreline at Tellabs Bolingbrook Facility in Naperville, IL was featured for the native plantings that help control erosion. The Sears Prairie Stone Corporate Campus in Hoffman Estates, IL was featured as an example of sustainable land use planning. Information includes: benefits of native landscape, reducing soil erosion, creating low maintenance, landscapes, increasing plant diversity, using less chemicals, using drought tolerant plants, enhancing soil development, reducing surface runoff and potential flooding, as well as, creating an exciting mosaic of natural floral colors that change throughout the season.

### **TREE CITY USA THE BASIS OF A GOOD PROGRAM**

With all due respect to country song writer and truck drivers that have created their own jingles, \_\_\_\_\_ BUT... If your communities name begins or ends with the name of a tree, (PAUSE) ... then you should be a TREE CITY USA community. If your communities name has the word forest or woods in it, (PAUSE) ... then you should be a TREE CITY USA community. OOPSIE! Just can't stop singing that song! To become involved in the Tree City USA program contact your District Forester or Regional Administrator for an application and some technical assistance or call 217-782-2361 for a Tree City USA packet.

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO TREE CITY USA COMMUNITIES**

Due to reductions of staffing in Springfield, several changes need to be made with the Tree City USA program.

1) Please enter the following information on in the yellow Box:

a)Community: (Please type in the name of your community)  
b)Fill in the blank with 2000 for the calendar year  
c)Leave the signed and date line blank.  
d)For the "Person in State Forester's Office who should receive recognition materials" type:  
Name: Reinee Hildebrandt  
Title: Urban Conservation Program Admin.  
Agency: Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
UPS: 600 North Grand Ave., West  
City, State, Zip: Springfield, IL 62706  
Phone: 217-782-2361

2) Please send two copies (one original and one copy)

3) Don't forget that the year you are applying for is the year 2000.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

### **ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST**

POSTER CONTEST DUE DATE IS MARCH 20, 2001. That means the posters should be received by either Cathy Gibson or Reinee Hildebrandt, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, 524 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1787

The State of Illinois 5<sup>th</sup> grade Arbor Day Poster Contest theme was "Trees are Terrific ... And Forests are Too!" To view last year's the winning poster please visit Illinois Department of Natural Resources web page.

<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/education>

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## INSECT AND DISEASE

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If your trees have any of the diseases or insect problems listed below, don't forget to get rid of leaves and twigs under your trees. Disease (spores) and insects (eggs) can overwinter in fallen leaves and twigs. Leaf-spotting and leaf blighting bacteria and fungi overwinter in fallen infected leaves, on dormant buds, and in small twig cankers. Canker-producing bacteria and fungi overwinter in the margins of the cankers. Wilt fungi can be found in the soil as well as the tree's vascular tissue. The following list contain the top five overwintering disease and insect problems.

- 1) GALLS- OAK, MAPLE BLADDER, HACKBERRY NIPPLE GALL
- 2) LEAF SPOTS
- 3) POWDERY MILDEW
- 4) ANTHRACNOSE DISEASES
- 5) FIRE BLIGHT OF CRABAPPLE

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## PARTNERSHIP CORNER

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### NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION (NADF)

NADF will hosting Trees People and the Law in Peoria, Illinois on February 28, 2001. For more information, please contact June Parsons, Director of Conference Program Development at 402-474-5655x205 or fax 402-474-0820 or e-mail her at [jparsons@arborday.org](mailto:jparsons@arborday.org)

TREE LINE USA Conference February 6-8, 2001, Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE Call: 402-474-5655 for more information.

## ILLINOIS ARBORIST ASSOCIATION

The Illinois Arborist Association gets a new Executive Director. Her name is: April Toney. Her address is P.O. Box 860, Antioch, IL 60002. Phone: 877-617-8887. Fax 262-857-6677. Email: [ctoney1@earthlink.net](mailto:ctoney1@earthlink.net) June 1<sup>st</sup> was her first day on the job. Call her if you need anything!

IAA is currently looking for an editor for the "Illinois Arboriculture" newsletter. If interested call Peggy Drescher at 630-469-6756.

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE CARA FUNDING FOR URBAN FORESTRY

Cara Funding for urban forestry initiatives in major metropolitan centers was made available in January 17, 2001 with a due date of Feb. 16, 2001. There were two categories of funding: Title VIII and Inner City. The Title VIII requests ranged from \$75,000 to \$200,000 for major regional initiatives that would help area officials better manage their urban forest resources. Inner City projects ranged from \$25,000 to \$75,000 and focused on improving underserved, low income areas of cities by planting trees and conducting educational outreach. Illinois metro areas sent forward requests of up to \$1.2 million for the two categories of funding in the pre-proposal stage. A total of \$1.4 million is available for the twenty state region of the Northeastern Area. A final decision should be made in April of this year.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

If you wish to contact the Community Forestry Volunteer Coordinator about receiving technical assistance within the southern 36 counties, please contact Dave Close at 618-453-3341 or [dclose@siu.edu](mailto:dclose@siu.edu).

## REGIONAL URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCILS (RUCFC) UPDATE

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE SMALL TOWN REGIONAL URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Two Regional Councils joined together to serve as a Satellite Station for the St. Louis GROWING OUT STATION. There was a tree planting and tree pruning demonstration. Participants had a chance to network with urban forestry professionals and tree enthusiasts from central Illinois. The trees were provided in cooperation with the National Tree Trust a not-for-profit for the purpose of promoting tree planting in communities on public lands, the Small Town Regional Urban and Community Forestry Council (Contact Kim St. John, Prairie Rivers RC&D, Henry, IL) and the Central Illinois Regional Urban Forestry Council (Contact Larry McDaniels, Peoria Public Works, Peoria, IL).

### NORTHEAST ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ARBORIST'S - The Municipal Committee of the Illinois Arborist Association

The Northeast Illinois Municipal Arborist Meeting/Luncheons have convened for the year. The meetings are held from October to April each year

and are generally, @ 11:00 a.m. on the second Thursday's of the month. Locations of the meetings vary and the cost of the meal is usually between \$5 and \$10, depending on location and menu. For more information contact: Heather Green @ the City of Park Ridge to be added to the mailing list:  
@ Phone (847)-318-5231 @ Fax (847)318-5562

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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### CONFERENCES, EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Northeastern Municipal Arborist Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from October to April contact Heather Green @ Phone (847)-318-5231 for more information.

October 30, 31<sup>st</sup> Illinois Arborist Meeting at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL.

December, 31 - Tree City USA applications are due. Send your completed application to: Reinee Hildebrandt, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources, 524 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, IL 62702-1787.

February 6-8, 2001 - Trees and Utilities national Conference, Lied Conf. Center, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Call 402-474-5655.

February 28, 2001 - Trees People and the Law, Peoria, Illinois

March 20, 2001 - Tree City USA Conference and Awards Ceremony, Springfield, IL

March 22, 2001 - Tree City USA Conference and Award Ceremony, Lisle, IL

April 27, 2001 - ARBOR DAY in ILLINOIS

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