

CITY OF PEABODY

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MAYOR BETTENCOURT TOUTS TREE RECOGNITION

Mayor Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr. announced that the City of Peabody was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

It is the 17th year Peabody has earned the national honor from the Arbor Day Foundation, the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

“Planting and caring for trees is among the most important things we can do to benefit current and future generations,” Bettencourt said. “We all know that trees beautify the landscape and provide shade for our homes but they also offer countless environmental, economic and social benefits.”

Peabody has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program with annual expenditures of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and educational organization of more than 1 million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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