

News Release



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Title: Gulf Shores Beautification Board Receives City Proclamation and State Award



”Members of the City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board receive a Proclamation signed by the Mayor in honor of Arbor Day. Members present are left to right, Carolyn Doughty (Council Liaison), Mayor Billy Duke, Judy Smith, Jimmie VanValkenburg, Rodney Powell, Jean Moreland and Steve Burrow.”

Gulf Shores plans Arbor Day celebration, Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Sims Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Constitution Square, located on the southeast corner of Sims Park in Gulf Shores. Approximately 700 container grown trees will be available for residents of Gulf Shores and its Police Jurisdiction. Residents are welcome to select several trees of their choice. The choices this year are Chinese Fringe, Black Gum, Ginkgo, Natchez Crape Myrtle, Dogwood, Chinese Pistache, Sunspire Saucer Magnolia and Saucer Magnolia.

This year the Beautification Board has been selected for the first time as State Arbor Day City 2008. The Board will receive this award on Arbor Day, February 25th at Sims Park. Presenting the award will be Cleve Formwalt, former President of the Alabama Urban Forestry Association.

Representatives from the Local Garden Club, Master Gardeners, Boy Scouts and the Gulf Shores Environmental Club will be on hand to help with the Arbor Day tree giveaway. Our State Forester will be present as well as Miss Alabama Forestry, Rachel Philippona and Teen Miss Alabama Forestry, Sarah Catherine Purvis. City Horticulturist, Steve Waters will be there demonstrating the art of tree pruning. Tree planting and care instructions will be handed out.

As part of the Arbor Day celebration, the City of Gulf Shores and the Beautification Board will be announcing the winner of the Arbor Day Poster Contest Friday, February 22, 2008 at Grace Christian Academy. The winner of the contest will also have the opportunity to compete at the state level. There will be a reception at Grace Christian Academy following a ceremonial tree planting on campus.

“Gulf Shores has been a Tree City for 20 years and is dedicated to keeping Gulf Shores beautiful for our residents; giving trees away is a wonderful way to promote the beauty of our town,” says Beautification Board member, Rodney Powell.

The Beautification Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month. You can check the website at www.cityofgulfshores.org for more information about the Beautification Board.