

2023 Annual Report

Prince George's County



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Established 1960

Committee Members

**History of the Prince George's County Beautification
Committee**

Overview of Our Year

Expenses

Invoice

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Archer, Torlanda;
Master Gardener and Judge

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Department of the Environment

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Master Gardener

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Vice-Chair
Master Gardener and Judge,

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Lucas, Wayne;
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Community Developer
Department of the Environment

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Collective, LEED AP,
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Neighborhood Design Center,

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Treasurer
Ranger
Natural and Historical Resources
Division, M-NCPPC

History of the Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee is a volunteer organization. Originally created and sponsored in 1960 by the Chamber of Commerce. It was designated, by then County Commissioners to be an official part of the Prince George's County Government in 1965, when members were appointed by the County Executive. Under the Chairmanship of Theodore (Ted) Miazga, members came from various County agencies including the County Landscape Architect, garden clubs, non-profits and interested members of the community- this is still the case. Our current chairman R. Calvert Steuart was appointed in 1978. The Department of Public Works and Transportation was the agency responsible for oversight of the programs developed by the Committee, which was dedicated to the protection of the environment and the preservation of Prince George's County as a healthy and pleasant place to live and work.

In the early days, the emphasis was on a county-wide street tree planting program, working with Civic Associations and individual citizens. Within a few years, a resolution had been passed to require installation of street trees on all new County roads being built. By 1975, 40,000 trees had been planted—a considerable achievement and legacy. Other early activities included the establishment of a Memorial Tree Program with M-NCPPC, leadership in countywide clean-up efforts and the passage of a Clean Lot Ordinance. The annual Beautification Awards Program was established in 1970.

By 1976, the energy of the Committee was concentrated on a Bi-Centennial Beautification Program-an all-out effort to beautify the county to celebrate this important anniversary. A Prince George's County Tree Hall of Fame was also established that year. Every year since then, residents and landscape professionals have gathered at Newton White Mansion to celebrate countless efforts to beautify our County. The 49th Anniversary was celebrated in 2019.

The tradition of involving an entire elementary school in the official Prince George's County Arbor Day began in 1985. Every year until 2015, the Beautification Committee and community volunteers went to a site to plant a tree with each class of students in the school. What began as a small affair grew to be an event involving the Neighborhood Design Center, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's Soil Conservation District and Prince George's County Schools.

There was a hiatus in 2016 as we awaited a new policy statement from the School system about volunteers working with students in public schools. On Arbor Day in 2016 trees were planted at the Soil Conservation HQ in Upper Marlboro, in 2017 at Glenn Dale Firehouse and in 2018 at the Birchwood City Recreation facility in Oxon Hill. On Arbor Day 2019 we resumed planting trees at a public elementary school—Laurel Elementary School. In 2020, COVID was in full force and schools were held virtual so no plantings were done. In 2021, the Committee partnered with the City of Hyattsville during Arbor Day and help plant 40 trees. In 2022, 19 trees were planted at Mattaponi Elementary School.

Prince George's County Beautification Committee

OVERVIEW OF 2023

Overview

Arbor Day, recognizing the importance of trees to our community, is always observed on the last Friday in April and this year it's Friday, April 28th. A host of Prince George's County officials joined the Prince George's County Beautification Committee, volunteers, County agencies, and the staff and students at Francis Scott Key Elementary School in District Heights, to plant 23 native trees in honor of Arbor Day on the school's grounds located in Upper Marlboro. During the event, Prince George's County, the only county in the state to receive the honor for 39 consecutive years, was recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service with the Tree City USA® award.

Our Beautification Awards is held the last Wednesday in September at the Newton White Mansion and was held this year on Wednesday, September 27th. Most gardening activities are winding down and this is a good time to reflect on the year and learn to grow better. Our program includes an ongoing slideshow before and during dinner, a light dinner, a speaker who discusses topics on horticultural/home gardening, presenting awards. The ceremony is usually host to County Officials, Mayors of Municipalities, invited guests from University of Maryland and other State Officials, and Residents receiving awards.

2023 Arbor Day

History of Prince George's County Arbor Day

Overview – The Event

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HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

The tradition of involving an entire elementary school in the celebration of Arbor Day began in 1985 with County Executive Parris Glendenning. He supported getting school children together to plant trees and learn about how important trees are to our environment. The Beautification Committee partnered with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the chosen schools' principal, staff, and some PTA members to include a study unit suitable for each grade level to participate in the festivities. Students spent weeks preparing posters, songs, poetry, and other activities as part of their regular lessons to present a program to mark the special occasion. The innovative ideas that these students and teachers dream up and complete is a most reassuring way to let adults realize how much pride they have in their school, and how committed these young people are to preserve the world for the future!

What started as a small "party" about Mother Nature grew into a full-fledged event complete with parents, police and fire department personnel, VIP's from the community, and volunteers from the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE), Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), MDNR Forest Service (FS), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Prince George's Soil Conservation District (PGSCD), and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). These individuals and organizations helped students plant their classrooms' tree. Additionally, the planting of a ceremonial tree on school property was supervised by horticultural experts from the Committee, with the principal, school staff, and various participating dignitaries. All trees were purchased through MDNR FS.

List of participating sites since 1996:

- 1996 Carole Highland Elementary School, Takoma Park -- Ceremonial Magnolia and 39 individual classroom trees planted),
- 1997 William Beanes ES, Suitland -- Ceremonial Red Maple and 34 individual classroom trees planted
- 1998 Forest Heights ES – Forest Heights -- Ceremonial Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtles) surrounded by a bed of mini sedums and 30 individual classroom trees planted .
- 1999 Carrollton ES, New Carrollton -- Ceremonial Ginkgo and 29 individual classroom trees planted at
- 2000 Deerfield Run ES, Laurel -- Ceremonial Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtles) surrounded by perennials and 30 individual classroom trees planted;
- 2001 William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center, Brandywine -- Ceremonial flowering Crabapple and 4 large individual schools' trees planted in Honor of the Committee 30th Anniversary.
- 2002 Oak Crest ES, Seat Pleasant -- Ceremonial Red Oak, four large squares of perennials and 30 individual classroom trees planted;
- 2003 Beltsville Academic Center, Beltsville -- Ceremonial Red Maple and 37 individual classroom trees planted
- 2004 Ceremonial 'Jane' Magnolia surrounded by perennials and 32 individual classroom trees planted at
- 2005 Indian Queen ES, Fort Washington -- Ceremonial Japanese Pagoda tree surrounded by 25 individual classroom trees and many other varieties of trees and shrubs planted on campus at Thomas Claggett ES, Capitol Heights; partnered with the NDC and the Prince Georges' County Livable Communities Initiative (LCI)

- 2006 Hillcrest Heights ES, Temple Hills -- Ceremonial Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtle) and 27 individual classroom trees of many varieties planted on the campus at Hillcrest Heights ES, Temple Hills; partnered with NDC and the Prince George's County LCI
- 2007 Scotchtown Hills ES -- Ceremonial Tulip Poplar, 5 Red Maples, 1 Oak, 1 Holly, 3 Redbud, 5 Dogwood, 3 Oakleaf Hydrangea and 3 Red Twig Dogwood planted on the campus at Scotchtown Hills ES, Laurel; partnered with NDC, Prince Georges' County LCI and the Student Green Team of Scotchtown Hills ES
- 2008 Baden ES, Brandywine -- Ceremonial Serviceberry, Crape Myrtle, Dogwood, Cherry Laurel, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Shagbark Hickory and Leatherleaf Mahonia were planted on the campus at Baden ES, Brandywine; partnered with NDC, Prince Georges' County LCI
- 2009 Vansville ES -- Ceremonial Willow Oak, Eastern Redbud, White Fringe Tree, American Holly, London Plane Tree, Red Chokeberry, Sparkleberry Holly, Leucothoe and Northern Spicebush were planted on the campus of Vansville ES, Vansville; partnered with NDC, Prince Georges' County LCI
- 2010 Samuel P. Massie Academy, Forestville -- Ceremonial Sycamore, Red Maple, Willow Oak, Osama Cherry, Eastern Redbud, Crape Myrtle, Virginia Sweetspire and St. John's Wort shrubs were planted on the campus of Samuel P. Massie Academy, Forestville; partnered with the NDC, Prince Georges' County LCI
- 2011 Robert Frost ES, New Carrollton -- Ceremonial Sycamore, Weeping Cherry, Willow Oaks, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Yoshino Cherry and Gingko's were planted on the campus of Robert Frost ES, New Carrollton; partnered with the DoE, DPW&T, MDNR FS, M-NCPPC, NDC, Prince George's County Office of Central Services, PGCPs, PGSCD
- 2012 Brandywine ES, Brandywine -- Ceremonial Sugar Maple, 5 Eastern Redbud, 3 Red Maple, 2 Littleleaf Linden, 2 Japanese Zelkova, 1 Dogwood, 2 Okame Cherry and 5 Glossy Abelia were planted on the campus of Brandywine ES, Brandywine; partnered with the DoE, DPW&T, MDNR FS, M-NCPPC, NDC, PGCPs, PGSCD
- 2013 Adelphi ES -- Ceremonial Bald Cypress, 2 Serviceberry, 8 Willow Oak, 3 Flowering Dogwood, 8 Red Maple, and 2 London Plane trees planted on the campus of Adelphi ES; partnered with the DoE, DPW&T, MDNR FS, M-NCPPC, NDC, PGCPs, PGSCD
- 2014 Longfields ES -- Ceremonial Magnolia x soulangeana 'Lennei', 6 Eastern Redbud, 3 'Golden Glory' Cornelian Cherry Dogwood, 7 Red Oak 'Autumn Blaze' and 6 Princeton Elm were planted at Longfields ES; volunteers planted 31 extra trees, provided by DPW&T and DoE assisted by partner organizations MDNR FS, M-NCPPC, NDC, PGCPs, PGSCD
- 2015 Washington Forest ES -- Ceremonial 'Covey' Weeping Redbud, 6 Serviceberry 'Autumn Brilliance,' 4 Purple Redbud, 3 Redbud 'Alba,' 3 Black Gum, 2 'Golden Glory' Cornelian Cherry Dogwood, 5 American Holly, 3 'Nellie Stevens Holly, 3 'Arnolds Promise,' 1 Winter Hazel, 3 'Moonglow' Sweetbay Magnolia, 5 Scarlet Oak, 5 'Little Gem' Magnolia, and 5 'Winter King' Hawthorn were planted at Fort Washington Forest ES by students and volunteers from DPW&T and DoE assisted by partner organizations MDNR FS, NDC, PGCPs, PGSCD, M-NCPPC
- 2016 Ceremonial Native Witchhazel, 2 Linden/Basswood, and 3 Eastern Redbud were planted at the Prince George's Soil Conservation District office in Upper Marlboro

- 2017 Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department in Glenn Dale -- Ceremonial Red Maple, 3 Serviceberry, 3 Washington Hawthorne, 16 Winterberry Holly, 3 Oakleaf Hydrangea, 5 Virginia Sweetspire, and 9 Eastern Redbud were planted at the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department in Glenn Dale by students and volunteers from DPW&T and DoE assisted by partner organizations MDNR FS, NDC, PGCPS, PGSCD, and M-NCPPC
- 2018 Birchwood City Recreation Center -- Ceremonial Southern Magnolia, 6 Eastern Redbud, 3 Northern Red Oak, 6 Red Maple, 3 River Birch, 2 Willow Oak, 6 Serviceberry were planted at the Birchwood City Recreation Center by students and volunteers from DPW&T and DoE assisted by partner organizations MDNR FS, NDC, PGCPS, PGSCD, and M-NCPPC
- 2019 Laurel Elementary School -- Ceremonial Tulip Poplar, 1 Serviceberry, 6 Flowering Dogwood, 5 Oakleaf Hydrangea, 3 River Birch, 5 Eastern Redbud, 2 Red Maple, and 5 Bald Cypress were planted at the Laurel Elementary School by students and volunteers from DPW&T and DoE assisted by partner organizations MDNR FS, NDC, PGCPS, PGSCD, and M-NCPPC
- 2020 No Ceremony because of COVID
- 2021 Co-partner with the City of Hyattsville to plant 50 trees to include . 5 Betula Niger (River Birch), 3 Ilex Verticillata (Winterberry), 6 Hamamelis Virginiana (Winterhazel), 7 Acer Rubrum ‘October Glory’, 6 (Red Maple), 8 Quercus Velutina (Black oak), 7 Quercus Montana (Chestnut Oak), 8 Liriodendron Tulipifera (Tulip Poplar)
- 2022 Mattoponi Elementary School -- Ceremonial Scarlet Oak, 3 Black Tupelos, 4 Scarlet Oaks, 3 Eastern Redbud, 3 Bald Cypress, 2 River Birches and 2 Sweetbay Magnolia.
- 2023 Francis Scott Key Elementary School – Ceremonial Serviceberry, 4 Black Gums, 2 American Hornbeans, 5 Serviceberry, 5 Sweetbay Magnolias, and 6 Willow Oaks.

PRESS RELEASE

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April 28, 2023

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CELEBRATES 39 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS A TREE CITY IN HONOR OF
ARBOR DAY

The 2023 "green" event marks the 151st anniversary of Arbor Day celebrations

LARGO, MD – Today, Prince George's County officials joined members of the Prince George's County Beautification Committee (PGCBC), volunteers, and the staff and students of Francis Scott Key Elementary School to plant 23 native trees and shrubs in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were planted on the grounds of the school located in District Heights. DoE Director Andrea Crooms presented the Committee and Principal of Francis Scott Key Elementary School, RaeShauna Mboma, an Arbor Day proclamation from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and shared the impact that planting trees can have to combat climate and improve the quality of life for everyone that lives, works, and plays in Prince George's.

"Trees provide many benefits beyond protecting our soil, air, and wellbeing," says Director of the Department of the Environment, Andrea Crooms. "The Arbor Day planting is one of many green improvements the County has committed to that restore tree distribution inequities by providing local jobs, increasing property values, and even lowering utility costs, particularly in underserved communities."

"The Committee worked alongside students and educators from Francis Scott Key Elementary School in District Heights, along with members of the Department of the Environment and the Department of Public Works & Transportation, to plant trees on the grounds of the school," says Vice-Chair of the Committee, Dave Kneipp. "After a brief ceremony, students from 22 classes worked by classroom along with adults in discussing the importance of trees while planting them on the school grounds."

"It has been my honor and privilege to lead and support the Francis Scott Key ES family in making the green school initiative a priority," says Principal RaeShauna Mboma. "This has allowed us to be a part of bettering our community and environment. Our school concentrated on learning how to compost, created a garden club, fun initiatives, and empowered students to become recycling engineers. We are looking forward to a great Arbor Day that acknowledges our commitment to caring for our earth. We are PGCPs proud!"

Prince George's County was recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service with the Tree City USA® award. Prince George's County is the only County in the state to receive this award for 39 consecutive years.

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It's a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and increase their public trees.

The committee partners with DoE, DPW&T, Maryland DNR Forest Service, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Master Gardeners/University of Maryland Extension, the Neighborhood Design Center, the Prince George's Soil Conservation District, and the Prince George's Forestry Board in hosting the Arbor Day celebration.

If you're interested in securing trees for your community, contact Carole Barth, DoE Tree Conservation Program Manager, at cabarth@co.pg.md.us. To learn more about how you can join the fight to keep our County clean and beautiful, the Beautification Initiative, and other litter reduction efforts, visit www.pgcproud.com.



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland recognizes April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day; and WHEREAS, this year marks the 151st anniversary of Arbor Day celebrations, a national effort and annual holiday dedicated to planting trees; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and are among the oldest living things. Trees serve as an essential source of inspiration and spiritual renewal; and

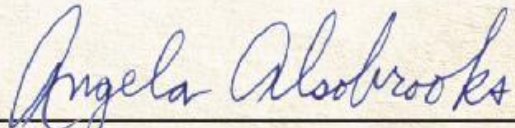
WHEREAS, Prince George's County was the first County in the State of Maryland to implement plans to protect and maintain forest resources and has been recognized as a "TREE CITY USA" recipient for thirty-nine consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County encourages its residents and youth to learn about the importance of environmental balance and their role in the stewardship of the earth; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Prince George's County Beautification Committee and the staff and students of Francis Scott Key Elementary School in District Heights are demonstrating their commitment to preserving the environment by joining in the tree-planting celebration by planting twenty-three trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA ALSOBROOKS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in Prince George's County. FURTHER, I encourage all residents to follow the example of the students at Francis Scott Key Elementary School by celebrating tree-planting activities that enhance and protect the environment and help create a clean and beautiful Prince George's County.




County Executive

CELEBRATION SPONSORS

A special thanks to our partners for sponsoring today's event



Prince George's County Public Schools



Prince George's County Beautification Committee



Prince George's County Department of the Environment



Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation



Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service



The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission



Master Gardeners/University of Maryland Extension



The Neighborhood Design Center



Prince George's Soil Conservation District



Prince George's County Forestry Board



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

FRIDAY **APRIL 28**
8:30 A.M. | 2023

Thank you to the staff and students of Francis Scott Key Elementary School for their generosity in hosting this Arbor Day Celebration. Today, the students look to protect our future by planting 23 native trees and shrubs on their school grounds.



TREE CITY USA®

Prince George's County is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA® Award winner for 39 consecutive years.



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive



GREETINGS AND WELCOME

RaeShauna Mboma

Principal
Francis Scott Key Elementary School

R. Calvert Stuart

Chairman
Prince George's County Beautification Committee

SPECIAL REMARKS

Adriana Caldarelli

Deputy Director
Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation

Prince George's County Office of the County Executive

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

Adriana Caldarelli

Deputy Director
Prince George's County Department of the Environment

TREE CITY USA® AWARD

Sandi Olek

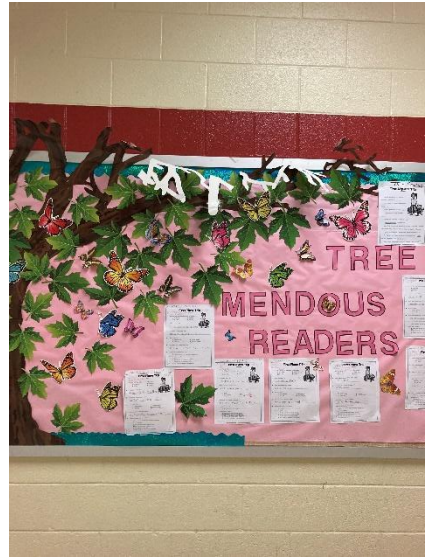
Acting Associate Director of Policy and External Relations
Maryland Department of Natural Resources

CELEBRATION

R. Calvert Stuart

Chairman
Prince George's County Beautification Committee





2023 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Application

Awards Program Overview

Program

Winners

Sample Pictures of Winning Entries

53rd
Annual

Prince George's County **BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

2023
Application
**Deadline: 5.1.2023*



OUR STORY

The Prince George's County Beautification Committee was established in 1960 as the citizens' advisory group for matters related to street trees and landscaping programs. In 1965 we became an official arm of the Prince George's County Government. On Arbor Day, we work to plant trees and educate our younger generations on the importance of TREES.

Committee members were instrumental in establishing the Willow Oak as the County tree, the Glenn Dale Azalea as the County shrub, Bee Balm as the County herb, and the Daffodil as the County flower.

Through our Beautification Awards Program, Prince George's County honors those who have contributed to the community through excellence in gardening and landscape design. The Beautification Committee is dedicated to the protection of the environment and the preservation of Prince George's County as a healthy and pleasant place to live and work. At our annual awards ceremony, we recognize those citizens whose gardening efforts help make Prince George's County beautiful.



Call for Entries!

You are encouraged to apply on your own behalf or nominate a friend or neighbor whose property you consider beautiful. *If a friend or neighbor is nominating a garden, they must have the nominee fill out the photography wavier section in this application.*

Who May Enter?

Any person or group maintaining property in Prince George's County is invited to submit an application (this includes professionally designed and maintained gardens).

What About Judging?

Each garden will be evaluated by accredited judges of the *University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners of Prince George's County.*

AWARDS

Based on the judge's evaluation, first year winners will be given a Beautification Certificate Award. First year winners are then encouraged to submit their gardens every year for up to five years to receive the Golden Trowel Award. Golden Trowel Award winners will have their names entered into the Horticultural Hall of Excellence on the sixth year. Awards will be presented at the annual awards ceremony and reception for all participants held in September. Winning recipients will be notified before this date.

YEAR 1

Beautification
Certificate



YEARS 2-5

Superior Sustained
Maintenance Award



YEAR 6

Golden Trowel
Award

For more information contact

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(Brooke Westby)

Website: www.pgcbeautification.com

By Mail: Prince George's County Beautification Committee
Post Office Box 143, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20773

By Email: pgc.beautification@gmail.com

APPLICATION

Category of Entry: There are three major competition categories. Take care in determining which subcategory best describes your entry. You may check as many subcategories as you feel apply to your situation. Extra credit will be given to gardens that exhibit sustainable practices. **However, only one application per property will be accepted. Applications must be submitted by May 1st, 2023.**

Choose the season that best showcases the garden:

All school gardens will be judged in the Spring time frame.

Spring Garden (entry to be judged from May-June)

Summer Garden (entry to be judged from July-August)

Residential

This category is for homeowners, renters, or professionally designed properties. Both homeowners and renters may submit; however, if a renter's entry was commercially designed and is also commercially maintained, the entry should reflect the property owner as the nominee and the renter as the nominator.

Planted: Less Than 3 Years More Than 3 Years

Professionally Designed: Yes No

Professionally Maintained: Yes No

Property Size : 1/4 Acre or Less 1/4 to 1/2 Acre 1/2 to 1 Acre More Than 1 Acre

Garden Type: Front Yard Back Yard

Specialty Area (e.g., herb, oriental, patio/deck, rock, rose, vegetable, rain, xeriscape)

Please Specify: _____

Community

This category allows subdivisions, municipalities, government agencies or faith-based organizations to enter beautification projects that have been done collectively. This would include schools or civic groups, groups of property owners, clubs or community properties.

Planted: Less Than 3 Years More Than 3 Years

Garden Type: School Public Building Place of Worship Community

Specialty Public Project (e.g., median, road, community garden, common area, community entrance, playground/recreation area, wildflower, rain, vegetable, xeriscape)

Please Specify: _____

Commercial / Industrial

Commercial and industrial properties are eligible to compete. Apartment common areas – either as an individual building or as a group of buildings – should be identified by the address of the business office and not by the address of an individual's apartment.

Planted: Less Than 3 Years More Than 3 Years

Garden Type: Overall Complex Entrances/Common Areas

Individual Commercial Property (i.e., bank, grocery, gas station, restaurant, retail shop)

Please Specify: _____

Individual Industrial Property

Please Specify: _____

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Name of Entry (or Site): _____

(PRINT CLEARLY AND EXACTLY HOW CERTIFICATE SHOULD READ, IF AWARDED)

Address of Entry: _____ Phone (required): _____

_____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Directions (from Beltway or nearest major highway): _____

If entry is by a Resident or Citizen:

Nominated by: _____ Phone (required): _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Zip: _____

If entry is by an Association, Municipality or Business:

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone (required): _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

_____ Zip: _____

As a nominator, we have notified the homeowner/business they are being nominated for this award and they have agreed to have their property judged.

Photography Waiver:

This section must be filled out by nominee of garden:

I do not want photography of myself or my garden used on the Beautification Committee website.

Please send the completed application to:

Mail: Prince George's County Beautification Committee

Post Office Box 143

Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20773

Email: pgc.beautification@gmail.com

Remember:

Application deadline is May 1st, 2023.

The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns, cities and counties where more than 135 million Americans live. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride.

Prince George's County has been given this award for 39 consecutive years. Receiving this national award is an excellent indicator that our County is taking its tree care responsibilities seriously.



TREE CITY USA

53RD ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATIONS AWARDS

Judges look for designs and plantings that are sustainable and ecofriendly while being ecstatically pleasing. This includes but not limited to native plantings, water conservation, wildlife habitat, and tree canopy cover. Judging begins in May with spring gardens/yards and continue through August with summer gardens/yards. Those yards that meets the point criteria are notified and invited to the Awards ceremony. Judges are composed of Master Gardeners and some Committee members and receive 2 days of training and 2 hour practicum.

In 2023, the Beautification speaker was Andriana Calderelli who topic was “Climate Resilience Can Be Beautiful”.

The Committee awarded 8 new residential applications and 3 new community/public entrance or common areas applications with the **Initial Beautification Award** for entrance into the program.

Each year, A new residential applicant with the highest score receives an additional award as **The Yard of the Year**. The Beedle-Atizado Home in Cheverly received the 2023 Yard of the Year Award.

In the next 4 years after receiving the Initial Beautification Award, the applicants receive the **Superior Sustained Maintenance Award (SSM)**.

There were 41 Superior Sustained Maintenance Awards (SSM) given. These awards are given for 4 years to those residents who maintain their properties after receiving the initial award.

In 2023, the Committee awarded SSM Awards to 12 Year One residents; 12 Year Two residents; 6 Year Three residents and 11 Year Four residents

The Golden Trowel Award is given to those residents who have maintained their property in the program for 6 years. They are listed in the Horticultural Hall of Fame and have completed the program.

There were 7 Golden Trowels given at the 2023 Beautification Awards event.

2023

BEAUTIFICATIONS AWARDS PROGRAM

JUDGING FOR *awards*

University of Maryland Extension
Maryland Master Gardeners of Prince Georges County

2023 Judges

Torlanda Archer	Rhonda Hines	Nila Olimpo-Henson
Ernestine Ashley	Gloria Hynes	Renee Padmore-Baccus
Kathleen Beres	Denise P. Holliday	Andrea Siegel Shindel
Julianne Bethea	Michael Jackson	Cotty Smith
Linda Campbell	Sharan James	Teresa Speight
Vonda Carter	Carolyn Casey Kneipp	Adrienne L. Stay
Anthony Carr	David W. Kneipp	Ray L. Stein
Jacqueline Cunkelmon	Lorraine Lake	Douglas Steinberg
Ashley Delgado	Valerie Long	Amy Taylor
Grace Dorsey	Ellen Mack	Deborah L. Turner
Terry Hardy	Esther Mitchell	Jaime Weisner
Marcia Hines	Leslie Moon	Jon Weeks

Beautification Committee Members

The Beautification Committee is an all-volunteer organization. Originally, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, it was made an official part of the Prince George's County government in 1965, and the Beautification Awards were started in 1970. For more information on the Committee and its programs, please visit <https://pgcbeautification.com/> and pgc.beautification@gmail.com.

The Committee is dedicated to the protection of the environment and the preservation of Prince George's County as a healthy and pleasant place to live and work. Tonight, with the presentation of the 2023 Beautification Awards, the Committee is honoring those who have contributed to the community through excellence in gardening and landscape design.

Dave Kneipp, Chairman

Carole Barth	Kelley Okleson	James Roberson
Michael Jackson	Renee Padmore-Baccus	Laura Robinson
Wayne Lucas	Brad Pudner	R. Calvert Steuart
Esther Mitchell	Helen Register	Brooke Westby

*Our County is Proud to be a
Tree City USA Winner!*

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

53rd Annual BEAUTIFICATION *awards*

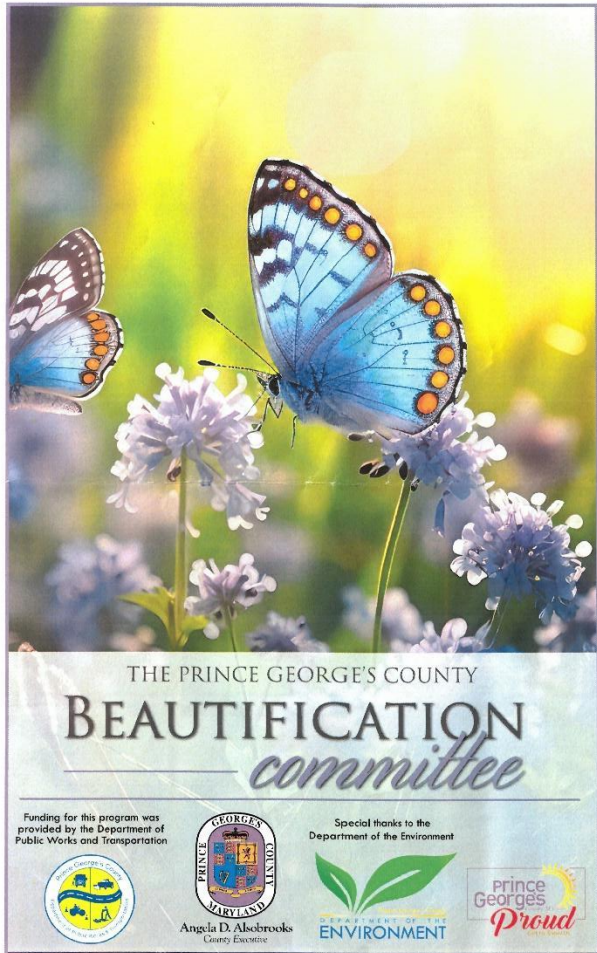


SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 | 6 P.M.

Newton White Mansion
2708 Enterprise Road
Mitchellville, MD

2023 BEAUTIFICATIONS AWARDS PROGRAM

The evening of the Awards Ceremony, as participants were entering the waiting room, a Powerpoint presentation of all the winning properties was shown. Then Carole Barth welcomed everyone and introduced the Speaker for the evening. Adriana Caldarelli of DOE who spoke on Climate Resilience.



BEAUTIFICATION *awards*

CONTINUOUS SHOW OF ENTRIES FOR 2023

Kelley Oklesson
Committee Member

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS

Carole Ann Barth
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GREETINGS FROM DPW&T

Oluseyi A. Olugbenle
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CLIMATE RESILIENCE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL

Adriana Caldarelli
Deputy Director, Department of the Environment

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Oluseyi A. Olugbenle
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Andrea Crooms
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Golden Trowel Winners
Yard of the Year

2023

BEAUTIFICATIONS AWARD WINNERS

New 2023 Winners Congratulations!

-----Residential-----

Christine Loo	Greenbelt
Jimmy's Native Garden	Laurel
Karen Elizabeth Reed	Fort Washington
Nies Family Garden	Cheverly
Pearsall Family	Suitland
The Beedle-Atizado Home	Cheverly
The Flowes	Laurel
Douglas Steinberg	Hyattsville

-----Community Entrances and/or Common Areas-----

Cheverly Police Station	Cheverly
Edmonston Town Hall	Edmonston
UMD Chemistry Courtyard	University of Maryland

Yard of the Year: The Beedle-Atizado Home

2023 SUPERIOR SUSTAINED MAINTENANCE

Year One

Aaron Dubois and Crisilda Simmons	Suitland
Allyce Kennerly	Oxon Hill
Elmon and Pozella Wilder	Suitland
Gwendolyn Allen	Temple Hills
Jennie Thomas	Fort Washington
Karen Thomas	Fort Washington
Liz Lescault	Cheverly
Wallace Barron	Fort Washington
Frederick Douglass Square	University of Maryland
Community Learning Garden	University of Maryland
Maryland Natives Shade Garden	University of Maryland
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.	Greenbelt

Year Two

Brandon Pecoraro
Carmen Maria Hernandez
Evelyn Crellin
Jeff Mangano
Jeffrey Felten-Green
Shannon Griswold and Tim Fothergill
Sharon Sims-Colbert
Tony and Maria Jurlano
Trudy Rutland
Cameron Grove Community Association
Kilmer Street Park and Arboretum
UMD Knight Hall Pollinator Garden

Brentwood
Bowie
Greenbelt
Greenbelt
Cheverly
Cheverly
Oxon Hill
Riverdale Park
Upper Marlboro
Upper Marlboro
Cheverly
University of Maryland

Year Three

Barbara Carter
Denise Jordan-Williams
Jamie Wiesner
Veda Dixon
Ronald Brantley
Roland Johnson

Oxon Hill
Oxon Hill
Laurel
Oxon Hill
Oxon Hill
Oxon Hill

Year Four

The Dougherty's West End Farm
Marlene Patterson
Steve and Jenny Prince
Christine Freeman
Christopher Klocek
Lillian Kay Beckley
Ruth and Carlin Penny
Megan Tarvin
Viola Kirby
Suitland Elementary School
Central High School

Upper Marlboro
Fort Washington
University Park
Upper Marlboro
College Park
Mount Rainier
Clinton
University Park
Oxon Hill
Suitland
Capitol Heights

2023 Golden Trowels

Carlos and Candi Diaz
Jocelyn Payne-Jones
Michael Jackson
Mike Zammit
Virginia and George Potts
Garden of Reflection and Remembrance
Cheverly Swim and Racquet Club

Cheverly
Accokeek
Upper Marlboro
Croom
Upper Marlboro
University of Maryland
Cheverly



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