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New Braunfels Named Tree City USA® Community for the 25th Year

New Braunfels, TX - New Braunfels has again earned national recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA® community for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the twenty-fifth year the City has attained this national recognition, with significant credit due to the efforts of local garden clubs who started the program 25 years ago.

The City also received the Tree City USA® Growth Award for the fourteenth consecutive year. The prestigious Growth Award honors environmental improvements and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA® communities.

“We all benefit when communities place a high priority on planting and caring for trees, one of our nation’s most treasured resources,” said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Communities that are honored with a Tree City USA® designation and a Growth Award make a strong commitment to planting and caring for trees, and we applaud their efforts.”

“We are thrilled to receive both awards again this year” said Kelly Eby, Urban Forester, “We are grateful to the many volunteers and local garden clubs for their continuous efforts in maintaining our communities’ urban forest and Tree City USA® status.”

For over two decades, the local garden clubs have been an unwavering foundation sustaining the Tree City USA® standing.

“When we started this program, there were only six designated Tree City USA® communities in Texas, now there are over 75,” said Dolores Schumann, longtime member and past president of the Guada Coma Garden Club. “We are so proud that this program has continued in our community because it shows that people are learning about trees and appreciating them.”

Tree City USA® communities must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

More information about Tree City USA® is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA .

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