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2010 Big Sycamore Tree Contest is Underway!

The City of Joliet's Tree Advisory Board is sponsoring a "BIG TREE CONTEST" as part of its 2010 Arbor Day Celebration.

The goal of the 2010 contest is to identify the largest sycamore tree within the Joliet city limits. Residents can identify a sycamore tree with its large three to five lobed maple shaped leaves, 1 inch seed balls and mottled green, gray, and white bark.

The winning tree will be determined by measuring the circumference of the tree (distance around the tree 4.5 feet above the ground), the height, and the spread of the crown. City Arborists, Jim Teiber and Tom Brady will take official measurements to verify the winner.

The contest is open to all residents of Joliet. The tree may be on public or private property. If nominating a tree that is on private property other than yours, please ask the owner for permission to nominate.

Nominations will be accepted until 12:00PM, Friday, April 2, 2010, and may be dropped off or mailed to City of Joliet, Big Tree Contest/Forestry Division, 150 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL, 60432. Nomination forms are available at both Joliet Public Libraries and on-line at www.cityofjoliet.info. For more information please contact the Planning Division at 815.724.4050.

A winner will be announced on or before Arbor Day, Friday, April 30, 2010 and receive a framed photo of their "Big Tree" with acknowledgement of the honor.

To view the Illinois Big Tree Register, which lists champion trees in the state, visit the Illinois Big Tree Register's Web site at:

http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/forestry/il_big_tree.html

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