April 14, 2014

**JOLIET NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR THE 23RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR – ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AND POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The National Arbor Day Foundation recently recognized the City of Joliet for achieving the designation of “Tree City USA” for the 23rd consecutive year, along with achieving a Growth Award for 2013. The Growth Award recognizes communities with higher levels of tree care and is awarded on a points system.

Friday, April 25, 2014, has been proclaimed “Arbor Day” in the City of Joliet, with an official celebration taking place Monday, April 21, 2014, at 2:15 PM at Wesmere Elementary School, 2001 Wesmere Parkway, Plainfield, IL. The fifth grade students of teacher Tracy Hood will participate in a tree planting ceremony.

Winners of the “Trees are Terrific” Arbor Day Poster Contest from the participating class are:

- First Place – Maya Ordaz
- Second Place – Anicka Anderson
- Third Place – Brianna June Harris
- Honorable Mention – Hannah Faragoi

The winning posters will be on display in the lobby at City Hall from April 14, 2014, through Arbor Day on April 25, 2014.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of more than 1 million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

**James D. Hock**  
City Manager

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 147,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) or call 815.724.4000.

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