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CITY OF JOLIET'S AMERICAN ELM BIG TREE CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

The winner of the 2014 City of Joliet’s “Big American Elm Tree Contest” is Catherine Comfort’s tree located in the side yard of 401 Catherine Street, Joliet, Illinois. The tree is 81 feet tall, with an average crown of 73 feet and a circumference of 154 inches or 12 feet, 10 inches. It had 253 points, a method of ranking big trees.

The City’s Tree Advisory Board chooses a different species of tree each year for the “Big Tree Contest” to emphasize the importance of the mature urban forest in the City of Joliet. This is the eighth year that the contest has been held.

Photographs of winning trees will be on display at City Hall, across from the Mayor’s office. To see a list of Big Tree Champions in the State of Illinois, search “Illinois Big Tree Registry” on the internet.

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 or call 815-724-4000.

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