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## **MORRISTOWN SHADE TREE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL ARBOR DAY EVENT**

**April 18, 2023, Morristown** – The Morristown Shade Tree Commission is excited to announce their tenth annual Arbor Day event on Saturday, May 6th, at 10:00 a.m. in Lidgerwood Park.

This year's Arbor Day event will be sponsored by the Morristown Rotary Club with a Red Maple tree planted in the honor of former Mayor Jay Delaney. Native Maple trees are the first to bloom and when the bees wake up from their winter slumber, the Maple tree is their first stop for food. The native Maple also provides benefits to our native songbirds.

The Morristown Rotary Club was established in 1922. They are an international humanitarian service organization of business and community leaders, and volunteers working together to improve people's lives which they believe leads to a better and more peaceful world. The Rotary Club is committed to bringing people together and they stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

This is the third collaboration of the Morristown Shade Tree Commission and the Morristown Rotary Club offering tree plantings. The Morristown Rotary Club planted a tree in Elliot Park and sponsored an invasive remediation project which created a woodland garden along the fence line of Lidgerwood Park.

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission (STC), created in 2013, is responsible for the town's public trees and shrubs. The STC continues to plant trees in Morristown's right of way while also working in the forested areas of Morristown's local parks. In the parks they work to de-vine and save trees, remove and replace invasive shrubs, remediate and reforest. They will continue the eradication of the invasive Ailanthus tree aka "Tree of Heaven" which is the host to the invasive Spotted Lantern Fly.

The commission meets the third Tuesday of the month in Room 201 in Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

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