

About Arbor Day

Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1874 and is a special day that is set aside throughout the world to raise awareness of trees and the important role that they play in our environment.

The day is celebrated on different dates around the world, depending on local seasons and temperatures. This is because one of the features of Arbor Day is the planting of trees which is best done from late Fall through early Spring. Planting trees is a great way to help the environment. Trees absorb emissions, produce oxygen and remove pollutants from the air and the soil - and improve the quality of life. In addition, trees also provide cooling shade, help prevent erosion and increase property value.



TREE CITY USA[®]

Augusta, Georgia has been recognized as a TREE CITY USA community for the past 28 years. To become a recognized community, Augusta has to spend a specific amount on tree planting and maintenance to enhance Augusta's tree canopy and therefore improve the quality of living for the residents.

2020 Arbor Day Celebration



Friday, February 7, 2020

10:00 am

Pendleton King Park

Pendleton King Park - 10am

- Welcome and Introductions
- 2020 Arbor Day Proclamation
- Georgia Forestry Commission Arbor Day Information
- Ceremonial Tree Planting
- Thanks & Conclusion

During the ceremony, interested attendees can receive a free tree seedling to help nature spread. Unused seedlings will be used to help reforest areas within Augusta parklands.

We would like to thank and recognize the following people and organizations: Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. and the Mayor's Office, the Augusta Commission, Dan Bauer and Arbor Equity, Inc., Seth Hawkins and the Georgia Forestry Commission, Jim Blount and the Pendleton King Park Foundation. A special thanks goes to Diana Sprague for her work with the Augusta Tree Commission, Trees for Augusta and the Pendleton King Park Foundation.



About Pendleton King Park

Pendleton King Park is a 64-acre bird sanctuary of great topographic diversity with pine forests, sand ridges and marshes. The park was donated by the King Family and is managed by the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department. It is located in the heart of Augusta and houses a variety of gardens and natural resources. Pendleton King Park offers many opportunities for recreational activities including new playgrounds, an 18-hole disc golf course, nature trails for walking and cycling, cross country trails, the historic Bugg family cemetery, an educational tree trail, an off-leash dog park and open spaces for picnicking and play. An information kiosk has maps of the park, park information, history of the King Family, and upcoming events.



Pendleton King Park Foundation

The mission of Pendleton King Park Foundation is to provide financial and other support for the preservation, maintenance, improvement, promotion and beautification of Pendleton King Park.

The Pendleton King Park Foundation is a private 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization that works closely with the Augusta Recreation and Parks Department and other community organizations to support and improve the park.