CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

UPDATE from the City Manager for Friday, April 24, 2020

Special Arbor Day Celebration Edition

City Manager Karen Conard gives a #TreeCityHug to one of the Sister City cherry trees at City Hall.

Click here for Portsmouth's 2020 Virtual Arbor Day Celebration video:

https://youtu.be/jJ1YfOfnXj0

The Arbor Day Foundation has again named Portsmouth a Tree City USA and has awarded the Tree Growth Award to the City's Department of Public Works Parks and Greenery Division, led by Corin Hallowell, Parks and Greenery Foreman and Charles Baxter, Arborist Foreman. Portsmouth has achieved Tree City USA recognition for over twenty years by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Department will make a presentation on the award and the annual Trees & Greenery Committee Report to a future City Council meeting. **This year, because of the Governor's Stay At Home declaration, Portsmouth invited residents to prepare a "virtual" celebration of Arbor Day by participating providing #TreeCityHug photographs** of themselves hugging a favorite tree in their backyards, neighborhoods or City parks. This video is the result of that collaborative effort. Happy Arbor Day, Tree City!