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URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR GREEN MEDAL AWARDS

WAKE FOREST, NC – January 13, 2009 – The Wake Forest [Urban Forestry Advisory Board](#) is requesting nominations for the 2009 Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The Green Medal Awards recognize individuals, groups and businesses that promote good environmental stewardship and excellence in service, while demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the enhancement of Wake Forest’s urban forest.

The [Town of Wake Forest](#) has been designated a “Tree City USA” for the past 29 years. This distinction is the result of the invaluable efforts of local volunteers and groups that assist with Urban Forestry Board projects aimed at improving the environment and the community. The 2009 Green Medal Awards will recognize these individuals and groups that have been instrumental in local tree issues and projects during 2008. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Civic - Awarded to an individual, civic club or organization that has shown outstanding service, education, tree planting or other volunteer-based work. Participation in an Urban Forestry Board-sponsored event is encouraged, but should not be the only example of service.

Corporate - Awarded to a company or business which exhibits a pattern of commitment to the environment, or which has made a significant contribution to the urban forest through an internal education program, a self-initiated tree planting or other outreach project.

Program or Project - Designed to honor a program or project which promotes good urban forestry or environmental practice, or to a development which has shown excellence in tree preservation or landscaping. Only those developments which exceed town requirements or meet them by using particularly creative methods such as innovative planting or design will be considered.

Community Forester - This award is intended to honor a lifetime or career of excellence in urban forestry or leadership in environmental integrity and practice. The recipient’s service should be demonstrated as having a significant impact on the community.

Nomination forms are available online on the Urban Forestry Board website located at <http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/treeboard.aspx> and at the Wake Forest Planning Office, 221 S. Brooks St.

Green Medal Award nominations may be mailed to Ann Ayers, Town of Wake Forest, 401 Elm Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587, faxed to (919) 554-6607 or emailed to aayers@wakeforestnc.gov. Completed nominations must be received no later than 5 pm Friday, Jan. 23, 2009.

Green Medal Award recipients will be recognized at the Annual Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for March 12, 2009.

For additional information about the Green Medal Awards program, contact Assistant Planning Director Ann Ayers at (919) 554-6143 or by email at: aayers@wakeforestnc.gov

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For more information on the [Town of Wake Forest](#), contact Public Information Officer [Bill Crabtree](#) at (919) 554-6196.