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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 11

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 2, 2010 – Wake Forest’s annual Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 11. The event will get underway at 10 a.m. at the [Wake Forest Community House](#), 133 W. Owen Ave.

As part of the town’s Arbor Day observance, the [Urban Forestry Advisory Board](#) will present Green Medal Awards to individuals, civic clubs, and businesses who worked during the past year to promote the town’s urban forest. The board will also announce this year’s Arbor Day Poster Contest winners.

Arbor Day is part of an annual nationwide campaign to promote the planting of trees. The event began in Nebraska in 1872 when newspaper journalist J. Sterling Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday to the State Board of Agriculture.

Although National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, individual state commemorations are scheduled on dates better suited to their own tree-planting seasons. North Carolina officially celebrates Arbor Day on the first Friday following March 15.

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Advisory Board, formerly the Tree Advisory Board, was established in 1978 as an advisory committee to the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners. The nine-member committee oversees all planting in rights-of-way and on public property.

For more information about this year’s Arbor Day festivities, call (919) 554-6143.

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