



TREE COMMISSION

Report to Town Council

December 2014

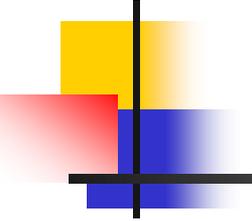
Tom Seeman, Chair



Leesburg Tree Commission

– Established 1995 –

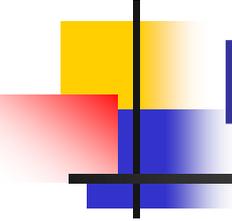




Commission Objectives

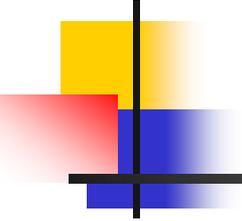
– As Per Town Code Section 2-229

- “Enhance, expand, and preserve the tree canopy for the benefit of the community”
- Recommend ordinances as necessary
- Educate the public
- Advise Council on policies to manage the Town’s tree canopy
- Act as advocates by coordinating private groups (i.e., homeowners associations)



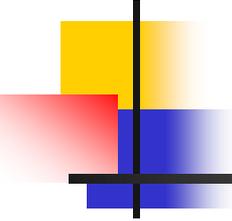
Flower and Garden Festival

- Prior to Festival
 - Published two-page tree care PSA as part of *Leesburg Today* festival promotional insert
- During Festival – April 26 - 27, 2014
 - Distributed 1,200 Norway Spruce seedlings
 - Ruffled 10 larger Norway Spruce trees
 - Distributed tree care educational materials
 - Supported by local student volunteers



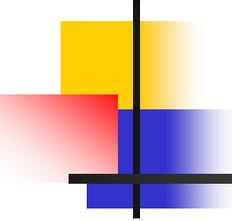
Input To Town

- Tree Canopy Advisory Letter To Council
 - December 2013
- Park Plan Reviews/Recommendations
 - Potomac Crossing Park
 - Mervin Jackson Park
- Downtown Street Improvements
 - Street tree selection



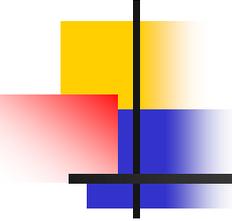
Public Outreach

- Leesburg Homeowners Associations
 - PSA and educational filler for HOA newsletters
 - Information distributed quarterly
- Fostering Relationships
 - Loudoun County Master Gardeners Association
 - LCMGA – Loudoun Tree Stewards
 - Dominion Virginia Power Tree Nursery Program



More Public Outreach

- Improved Information Materials
 - Literature for public distribution
 - Web page expansion
 - Flower and Garden Festival handouts
- Official Town Arbor Day Tree
 - Annual celebration with planting and designation



Youth Outreach

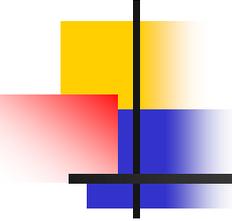
- **Fourth Grade Foresters Program**
 - Cool Spring and John W. Tolbert Elementary Schools – 2014
 - Frederick Douglass Elementary School – 2015
- **School Tree Plantings and Education**
 - Cool Spring Elementary School – 2014
 - Heritage High School – 2013
 - Harper Park Middle School – 2012
 - Tour Des Trees (Various schools) – 2011
 - Catoctin Elementary School – 2010

Tree City USA

– 25th Annual Designation



- Tree City USA Award Requirements
 - Tree-related governing body (Tree Commission)
 - Tree care ordinance
 - Community forestry program
 - Arbor Day observance and proclamation
 - Per capita tree-related expenditures
- Virginia Department of Forestry Public Presentation
 - On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation
 - Held at 2014 Flower and Garden Festival



What Council Can Do

- Continued Support for Council-Approved Urban Forestry Management Plan
 - Centralized tree management within Town government
 - Tree canopy on equal par with the Town's other infrastructure and public assets
 - Implement Master Tree Planting Plan
 - Increased planting of street trees
 - Support spring 2015 trial Neighborhood Tree Planting Program



PROCLAMATION

*RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE
Of*

Town Employees Retiring in the Year 2014

WHEREAS, town employees make a significant contribution to the well-being and quality of life for the citizens of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, dedicated town employees endeavor to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity to make government more accessible and effective; and

WHEREAS, retirement marks the end of their public service careers and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby congratulates the following 2014 retirees on their retirement and wishes them well in their future endeavors:

Linda DeFranco	Planning and Zoning	10 years (8/03-2/14)
Thomas Kinnally	Police	7 years (5/07-6/14)
John Creamer	Utilities	20 years (6/94-7/14)
Max Mellott	Utilities	17 years (7/97-7/14)
Charles Rockholt	Utilities	32 years (7/82-7/14)
Norman Butts	Finance	10 years (5/04-8/14)
Wanda Ruffner	Plan Review	10 years (12/03-9/14)
Blanche "Connie" Lickey	Utilities/Finance	16 years (7/97-10/14)
John Wells	Town Manager's	10 years (10/04-10/14)
Lawrence Taylor	Utilities	32 years (10/82-11/14)
Kenneth Bryan	Public Works	38 years (2/76-12/14)
Clagett Moxley	Police	34 years (11/80-12/14)
Jeffrey Vangilder	Police	33 years (5/81-12/14)
James Cockrell	Public Works	14 years (8/99-12/14)

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of December, 2014.

Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor

David S. Butler, Vice Mayor

Kelly Burk

Thomas S. Dunn, II

Katie Sheldon Hammler

Fernando "Marty" Martinez

Kevin D. Wright