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## Press Release

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### **CITY OF NEWNAN RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA**

NEWNAN, GEORGIA, March 12, 2025 – The Arbor Day Foundation recently named the City of Newnan a 2024 Tree City USA in honor of Newnan’s commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit the community.

Mayor Brady shared, “Trees are vital to Newnan’s health and sustainability, and we are committed to ensuring that future generations can enjoy the benefits they provide. I want to thank the Tree/Park Commission, Mike Furbush, our City Arborist, and his team for their hard work. This designation is a testament to their collective dedication to our community.”

The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Its network of more than a million supporters and partners has helped the organization plant more than 50 million trees in forests and communities across more than 60 countries since 1972. The Tree City USA program has recognized cities and towns that leverage urban forestry to enhance the livability and sustainability of their local area for over 40 years.

In cities and neighborhoods, trees are proven to help mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and boost mental and physical health. When the right trees are planted in the right places, they can also reduce traffic noise, increase property values, and lower energy costs for homeowners.

To earn a Tree City USA recognition, a city must uphold four core standards including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and participating in an Arbor Day celebration.

To learn more about the Arbor Day Foundations and the Tree City USA program, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



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*We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.*

Mayor L. Keith Brady  
25 LaGrange Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

Dear Mayor L. Keith Brady,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I'm happy to extend my warmest congratulations to Newnan on successfully achieving 2024 Tree City USA status. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your community's unwavering commitment to the planting, care, and celebration of trees.

In an era where cities and towns are facing increasing challenges related to air quality, public health, and climate resilience, nurturing urban forests has never been more important. By prioritizing tree stewardship, you've not only helped enhance Newnan's beauty and livability, but you've also invested in a healthier, more sustainable future for your residents.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program has a long legacy of supporting a nationwide network of passionate organizers and tireless tree planters. Since 1976, we've connected with more than 3,500 communities of all sizes to create and maintain green spaces. While we may all work in different corners of the country, we are all working in unison to create positive change through trees.

To be named a Tree City USA is to be part of something bigger.

Whether Newnan is newer to the Tree City USA recognition program, or you've been part of our network for decades, we hope you are as excited as we are to share this accomplishment with your local media and your residents. To that end, we've included a press release for you to distribute at your convenience. A digital copy of the press release and other materials can be found in the Tree City USA Resource Center online at [arborday.org/TreeCitytoolkit](http://arborday.org/TreeCitytoolkit).

Once again, congratulations on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your dedication to Newnan's tree canopy. We believe cities that take care of their trees, take care of their people.

Best Regards,

Dan Lambe  
Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation