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## **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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### **2019 Arbor Day Celebration**

Kearney was recently named a 2017 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Kearney achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use," Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Kearney is stepping up to do its part. As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you are helping to provide a solution to these challenges."

In celebration of Arbor Day, the public is invited to join the City of Kearney in celebrating Arbor Day 2019 on Friday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. The celebration will be conducted at Pioneer Park, 700 W. 21st Street. City Park employees will be planting a Hackberry tree, and will present some instruction on how to properly plant and care for a tree. Pioneer Park is currently being renovated with a new shelter, playground swings, and a splash pad. Please contact the Park and Recreation Department at 308-237-4644 for more information.

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