



Lebanon Named a Tree City for 20th Consecutive Year

Lebanon is fortunate to have a great number and variety of trees in the community. The City has been named a *Tree City* by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the past 20 years, which exemplifies the quality urban tree system that exists here. The City completed several major tree projects during 2010 that contributed to the award.

A total of 110 trees were planted throughout the community. The trees selected for planting will thrive in the tree lawn area, and will provide increased diversity of the city's urban tree canopy. In addition, 14 trees that were in poor condition were removed from the public right of way to prevent a potential safety hazard.

To ensure Lebanon continues to maintain its excellent tree inventory in the future, it is important to use good tree care practices. Here are a few guidelines you can follow to ensure your trees remain healthy and vibrant:



Don't Top Trees

This harmful practice often removes 50 to 100 percent of the leaf-bearing crown of a tree, which is how the tree provides food for itself. Tree topping will inevitably stress a tree, making it more vulnerable to insect and disease infestations, and tree deterioration.

Mulch Properly

Mulch can reduce water loss from the soil, minimize weed competition, and improve soil structure. It is recommended that 2-4 inches of mulch be applied around the tree.

Interested in becoming a Community Gardener

Leighy Ministries has organized a community garden located in Colonial Park South (behind Lebanon Post Office). Interested gardeners may receive information regarding participation by calling 800-689-5775 or email info@leighy.org.

City's Beautification Program Begins This Month

A Great Way to Recognize Outstanding Efforts in Your Neighborhood!

The Lebanon Beautification Program recognizes residential, business and rental property owners who have enhanced the beauty of Lebanon by either planting flowers, shrubs, trees and other landscape improvements on their property. Properties will be evaluated during May - October by members of the City's Shade Tree Commission, the Garden Clubs of Lebanon and a Master Gardener. Judges will use the following criteria:

1. **General Appearance and Compatibility**
2. **Design**
3. **Maintenance**

For more information regarding program details and nomination forms call the Service Department at 933-7200, or download an application from the City's website at www.lebanonohio.gov in the *Forms and Publications* section under *Parks Programs*.



2011 Farmer's Market

The market is held from 3 - 7 p.m. every Thursday in the City parking lot at the corner of Main and Sycamore Streets. This year's market will run May 19 through October 20, 2011. Visitors can select from a wide variety of locally grown produce, baked goods, flowers, honey, jams, meat, and other items.

Market Days Schedule of Events:

May 19 **Grand Opening Ceremony - 4 p.m.**
June 2 **Market Bag Day - While supplies last**
Pick up your free "market bag" during the farmer's market and use it for special discounts at participating downtown merchants.

Downtown Walking Tours Offered

A free downtown Lebanon walking tour will be offered on May 21 and June 11, 2011. John Zimkus, historian of the Warren County Historical Society and author of Historical Footnotes of Lebanon, Ohio, will be guiding the tour. This 1 1/2 -hour tour will focus on historical buildings of Lebanon and the interesting businesses that have occupied them over the years.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo Park, next to the Golden Lamb. Pre-registration is appreciated for this free tour. For more information and to register, please call Connie Baugher at 228-3156.

ADOPT-A-PARK

Lebanon's Adopt-A-Park program encourages community involvement in keeping the City's park system clean and visually appealing. Organizations are encouraged to put together a work plan that could entail scheduled clean-up days, landscaping projects, or other improvement projects in our parks. This plan can be tailored to the organization's resources and could range from projects scheduled for 1-2 days a year, or on a continual basis.

The City is eager to discuss any opportunities there may be for an organization to get involved, and will provide a project liaison from the Park Board to assist in the process. For all approved projects, the City will place a sign in the project area recognizing the volunteer efforts of the organization.

Please contact the Deputy City Manager at 228-3103 for information about this program.

Emergency alert system requires registration for some users

Did you know the City of Lebanon uses CodeRED alert system that relays information to residents by phone?

In the event of an emergency or other important event, the high-speed messaging system can deliver customized emergency notification and instructions at a rate of 60,000 calls per hour. Residential land line telephones automatically receive CodeRED messages, however you must register if you wish to receive the emergency notifications.

Please register if:

- You want to be notified on your cell phone
- You have an unlisted phone number
- You have recently moved and need to update your phone number
- You use TDD/TTY
- You want to use your work phone as a back up to your home phone

To register visit www.lebanonohio.gov and go to the About Lebanon page. Click the CodeRED icon in the lower left hand corner of the page to sign up.

Summer Tennis Lessons

Instructors from The Club at Harper's Point will provide tennis lessons for the City at Harmon Park. Participants will be grouped based on age and skill level. Minimum enrollment is 6, and the maximum class size is 20. Participants are only required to bring a tennis racquet.

Registration: Open
Fees: \$30.00/session
Location: Harmon Park
Days: Tues. & Thurs.

| Session 1 | | |
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| Ages | Dates | Time |
| 6-9 | 6/14-6/30 | 10-11 am |
| 10-14 | 6/14-6/30 | 9-10 am |
| Session 2 | | |
| Ages | Dates | Time |
| 6-9 | 7/12-7/28 | 10-11 am |
| 10-14 | 7/12-7/28 | 9-10 am |

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