



# *North Port Beautification And Tree/Scenic Highway Committee*

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# *2016 Accomplishments*



- Continued Arbor Day Celebrations
- Continued Tree and Bench Memorial Program
- Continued Greenest Citizen Award
- Petitioned Facilities Maint. to Clean up Welcome Sign on Sumter



## *Goals for 2017*



- Send letter suggesting/requesting change of date for Florida's Arbor Day
- Plant a tree with plaque for annual "Greenest Citizen Award" recipient
- Implement a "Landscape Beautification Program"
- Extend irrigation to the medians at Biscayne and US 41 intersection



# *Arbor Day Letter*



**Lou Shepherd**

Florida Forest Service

3125 Conner Blvd., C-25

Tallahassee, FL, 32399-1650

Dear Mr. Shepherd;

We are writing you to ask for information regarding a potential date change for Florida's official Arbor Day date.

Currently Florida's Arbor Day falls on the third Friday in January when the weather can be cold and many trees are bare. This makes tree plantings and celebrations at schools and other community events difficult at times and a little underwhelming.

We, The North Port Beautification and Tree/Scenic Highway Committee here in North Port Florida, feel that a better date for Florida's Arbor Day might be sometime before Earth Day and National Arbor day. Early April promises beautiful weather and leaves on trees in all parts of Florida. This would also be before school testing begins making it a good time for Arbor Day events at our schools.

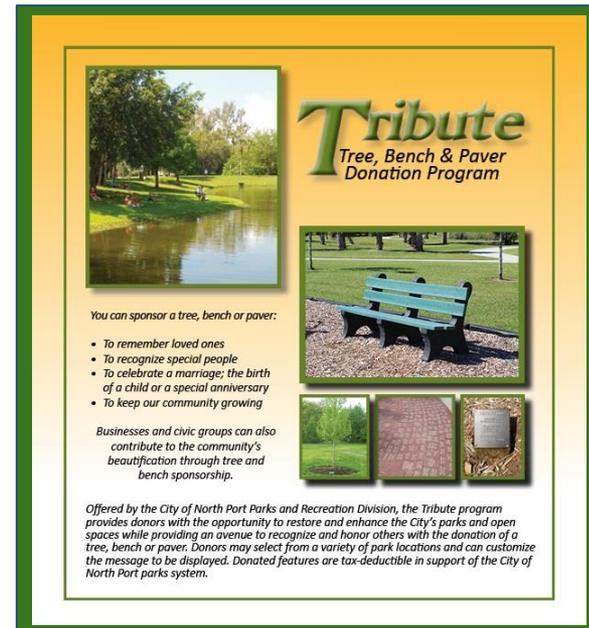
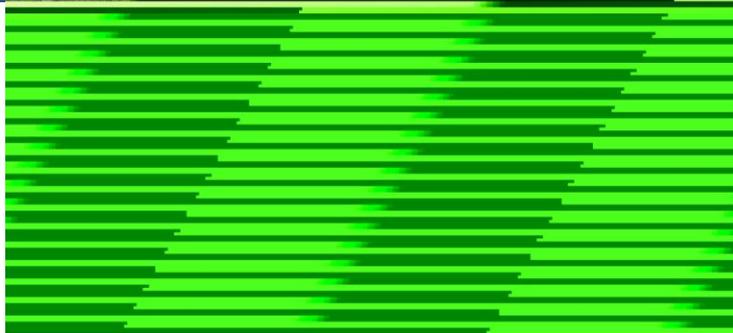
We appreciate your consideration on this matter and look forward to your timely response and recommendations.

Sincerely,

The North Port Beautification and Tree/Scenic Highway Committee  
North Port, Florida



# Greenest Citizen Award Memorial Tree



**Tribute**  
Tree, Bench & Paver  
Donation Program

You can sponsor a tree, bench or paver:

- To remember loved ones
- To recognize special people
- To celebrate a marriage, the birth of a child or a special anniversary
- To keep our community growing

Businesses and civic groups can also contribute to the community's beautification through tree and bench sponsorship.

Offered by the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Division, the Tribute program provides donors with the opportunity to restore and enhance the City's parks and open spaces while providing an avenue to recognize and honor others with the donation of a tree, bench or paver. Donors may select from a variety of park locations and can customize the message to be displayed. Donated features are tax-deductible in support of the City of North Port parks system.



# *Beautification Program*



- Incentivize business / property owners to update older landscaping to fit the modern code.
- Model after existing Facade Improvement Program.



# *Landscape Beautification Program*

## **Program Description**

The North Port Beautification/ Tree and Scenic Highway Committee is proposing a Landscape Beautification Program to provide financial assistance to businesses serving residents in the City of North Port. The financial assistance for this program could be provided via Tree Fund monies. This Program would be a matching collaborative effort to make businesses more attractive and to increase the property values along US Hwy 41.

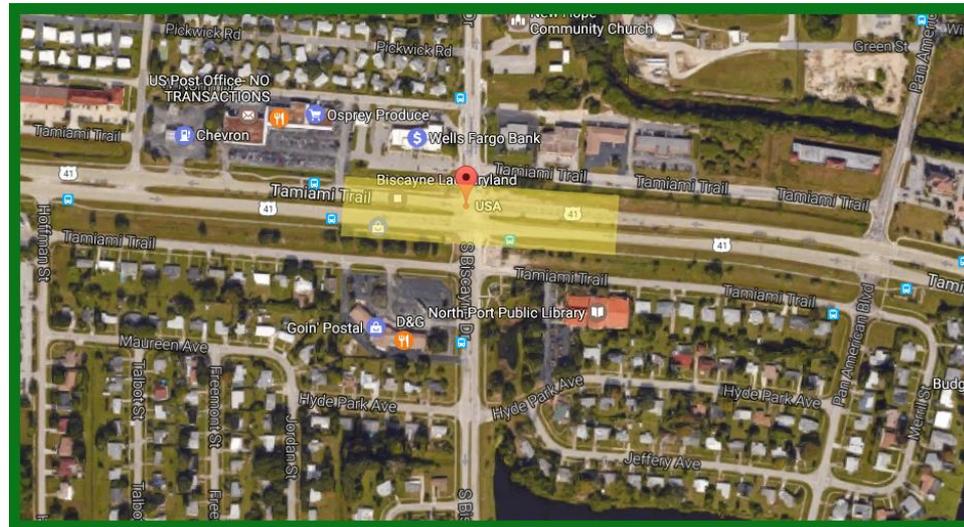
Applicants would be encouraged to discuss their proposed Landscape Beautification Program plans and materials with the City of North Port staff. Staff would then assist the businesses to ensure that those plans and materials conform to North Port Codes, Urban Design Standards and Program Guidelines.

The intent of the program would be to beautify the frontage of properties and businesses along US Hwy 41 by:

- Incentivizing businesses to bring landscaping up to current code requirements
- Increasing the tax base of Sarasota County and City of North Port
- Increasing economic development opportunities in the North Port area
- Creating an attractive streetscape theme



# *Extend irrigation to the medians at US 41 and Biscayne intersection*





*Thank you for your continued  
support and encouragement!*