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City of Owatonna Retiree Tree Planting Event
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OWATONNA, April 17, 2025 – The City will be conducting a Retiree Tree Planting Event at 12:00 p.m. April 18 at Morehouse Park. The meeting place will be near the path south west of the bike/skate park. The public is invited to attend. These retirees' service to the City of Owatonna will be commemorated through these new trees.

During the event, trees will be planted in honor of the City's 2024 retirees:

- Owatonna Public Library – Robin Spande & Lisa Boutelle

Since 1991, the City of Owatonna has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Over the years, the quality of Owatonna's urban forest has continually undergone beautification and enhancement. The City currently maintains approximately 4,900 boulevard trees that provide shade, aesthetics, storm water benefits and character to neighborhoods, streets and parks.

The national Tree City USA program provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. Participating communities have demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing their public trees. Together, the more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities serve as home to more than 135 million Americans. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management. The four standards that a community must meet to achieve the Tree City USA designation are:

- Maintain a tree board or department
- Commit at least \$2 per capita annually on urban forestry
- Celebrate Arbor Day
- Have a tree ordinance

Learn more about the Tree City USA Program by visiting: arborday.org/TreeCity. Owatonna is proud to have received this designation! For additional information about the City of Owatonna, please visit owatonna.gov or follow the City of Owatonna on Facebook.

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