

Wildwood Crest celebrates Arbor Day



WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest, in conjunction with Crest Memorial Elementary School, celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, April 28, by highlighting the importance of trees, especially to barrier island communities.

Employees from the borough’s Department of Public Works planted two magnolia trees at its headquarters in honor of Arbor Day, while Deputy Mayor Joseph Franco and members of the borough’s Green Team met with second and third-grade students at Crest Memorial to discuss how trees provide value to the community and wildlife. The Green Team provided bookmarks to the students and explained that the entire community has a responsibility to care for trees through sustainable practices. Many of the students participated in a question-and-answer

session and demonstrated their knowledge of Arbor Day and its 19th-century beginnings as part of a community action to plant trees.

The borough is presently engaged in its own tree stewardship action, along with tree experts at The Lomax Consulting Group, to conduct a street tree inventory of the community forestry resources. The inventory includes the mapping of all trees within the streetscape and collection of size, health and condition data for each specimen. Once the inventory exercise is completed, the borough will be able to commence tree-planting projects with the benefit of selecting proper planting locations, species composition, and planting conditions information that will foster urban tree growth. The inventory project is a part of the borough’s ongoing Community Forestry Management Plan, which is overseen by the Green Team and provides management standards and goals in caring for, maintaining and planting trees in the community.



Founded in 1872, Arbor Day is a day of observance on which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees, as well as provide public information about the value and importance of trees.

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