

News Release - Oriental Tree Board

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Free Pruning Workshop and Arbor Day Tree Planting Demonstration

The Oriental Tree Board is holding a free Tree Pruning Workshop and Arbor Day Tree Planting Demonstration at the Lupton Park, the corner of Mildred St. and Third Ave. on Saturday, March 18. The pruning workshop will start at 9:30 AM be followed by the planting of a tree at 11:00 AM in the park. This tree is being planted to replace a large and unsafe pecan that was over the children's playground.

The public is invited to learn how to train young trees through pruning to be structurally sound hurricane resistant shade trees in your landscape. The tree planting demonstration will provide information on how to properly select and plant a tree to insure survival and a long life.

Your workshop instructor will be Bob Miller of the Oriental Tree Board. Bob taught tree maintenance and urban forestry at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point for 29 years prior to moving to Oriental.

At their February meeting the Oriental Town Commissioners proclaimed March 18 to be Arbor Day in Oriental. The Arbor Day tree planting demonstration and celebration will include the Oriental Tree Board, and the North Carolina Forest Service. The NC Forest Service and the National Arbor Day Foundation have designated Oriental as a TreeCity USA for the 23th year and will present a flag and certificate at the tree planting.

You do not have to be a resident of Oriental to attend this free workshop.

Bob Miller
Oriental Tree Board