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Mayor Bob Eschbach has announced that the City of Ottawa has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 10th consecutive year.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The program honors communities that demonstrate a commitment to their urban forests.

The Ottawa Tree Board annually conducts an Arbor Day Celebration at a local school. This year the 2009 Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. at McKinley School. The celebration includes a tree planting on the school grounds and distribution of tree saplings to third and fourth grade students for individual planting.

The annual Suds for Saplings Beer Tasting fund raiser, sponsored by the Ottawa Tree Board and Herman's, is also scheduled for Friday, April 24 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ottawa. Tickets for the event are \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. All proceeds from the event are used to plant trees in the City of Ottawa.

"On behalf of the City Council and citizens of Ottawa, I would like to express our gratitude to the members of the Ottawa Tree Board for their continued efforts to ensure a greener Ottawa," stated Eschbach.