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## **The Delaware Center for Horticulture and the City of Wilmington Celebrate Arbor Day at Cool Spring Park**

*Tree climbing demonstrations, tree planting,  
and educational activities planned*

WILMINGTON, DE – The Delaware Center for Horticulture is teaming up with city, state and regional organizations to celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 23. Activities will take place at Cool Spring Park along Jackson St between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Place with educational activities and an official ceremony.

This year's event highlights the ongoing improvement of Wilmington's parks. Arborists from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter have been volunteering together with the DE Center for Horticulture, State Forestry, City Departments of Parks & Recreation & Public Works to replant trees affected by the construction at Cool Spring Reservoir.

An estimated 200 students from William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary School and St. Ann's Parochial School will participate in the celebration with educational activities on tree biology, tree planting and care, and tree climbing demonstrations. Lessons on pond safety at the new park under construction at Cool Spring Reservoir will also enable the children to enjoy safe visits to the park.

City, county and state dignitaries are invited to the official ceremony proclaiming Thursday, April 23 as Arbor Day in the City of Wilmington. The schedule of events is as follows:

9:30 a.m. – Educational Activities

10:30 a.m. – City of Wilmington Arbor Day Proclamation Ceremony

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Partners in this event include the City of Wilmington Department of Parks & Recreation and Public Works, Delaware State Forest Service, Penn-Del ISA arborists and the Delaware Center for Horticulture.

For more information on Arbor Day events, contact Patrice Sheehan, DCH Tree Program Manager, at (302) 658-6262, ext. 112 or [psheehan@dehort.org](mailto:psheehan@dehort.org).

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The **Delaware Center for Horticulture (DCH)** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center's site in Wilmington, Delaware includes a 1.5 acre educational demonstration garden, a 3,000 volume lending library, an art gallery, a lecture hall and a greenhouse. DCH supports 15 active community gardens throughout the city of Wilmington; beautifies Delaware's roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many urban gateways and streets; leads regional conservation projects to enhance Delaware's urban forest; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. For more information, visit [dehort.org](http://dehort.org)

