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Leesburg Will Give Away Trees

LEESBURG, Fla – The City of Leesburg will give away 50 trees next week to celebrate its 18th year as an active member of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program.

Crape Myrtle trees in three-gallon pots will be available at the Public Works Complex located at 550 South 14th Street. Give-away participants will receive one tree per person along with a planting information sheet. The giveaway will begin on Wednesday, November 8 at 10 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. or when all trees are distributed.

Crape Myrtles are attractive, informal or formal landscaping trees, with a beautiful exfoliating bark and striking flower colors. Experts recommend planting these trees in urban and suburban areas due their good drought-tolerance. All cultivars that are part of the giveaway are resistant to powdery mildew. The Natchez will produce pure white flowers and grow to be about 30 feet tall. The Tuscarora will produce dark coral pink blooms and will grow to be about 16 feet tall.



As a proud member of Tree City USA, Leesburg is dedicated to urban forestry and helping to promote tree preservation as an important component of our quality of life. The Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program has grown tremendously from only 42 communities throughout 16 states in 1976 to currently more than 3,400 communities represented in all states. Collectively, these communities spend more than \$1 billion annually on urban forestry management.



Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.

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