



# CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE

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## **University Place receives fifth consecutive Tree City USA Growth Award**

For the fifth year in a row University Place has earned the honor of being named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. The award was given to the city for its commitment to its community forest and for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program through education and public relations, continuing education for tree workers, planning and management and tree inventory and analysis. The Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in University Place. The city met the criteria for the award by having a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, an Arbor Day observance and a Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council committed to preserving open spaces.

“It is great news to see once again that the city is being honored!” Mayor Ken Grassi said on hearing the news. “It's great that we don't just grow in population but that we are growing by continuing to add greenery to our scenery.”

“This symbolizes and underscores the commitment of this community not just to the beautification of the city, but to protecting and preserving our environment for the people now and for the generations to come,” City Council member Stan Flemming said of the award.

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