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**MEDIA ADVISORY: City of Canton to Celebrate Arbor Day on April 28, 2017,
Sponsors Photography Contest – “Celebrating Trees”**

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor Thomas M. Bernabei, the Canton Parks Commission, and the Canton Tree Commission are excited to announce the 4th Annual Arbor Day Celebration to be held on April 28, 2017. In concert with the event, the Canton Tree Commission will be sponsoring a photography contest open to all citizens of Stark County. The theme of the contest is “Celebrating Trees”.

The contest hopes to raise awareness of the trees and their beauty in all seasons. Participants are encouraged to explore the artistry of trees and submit their photography entries to the Tree Commission. Entries will be exhibited and judged during the Arbor Day Celebration on April 28, 2017 at the Canton Garden Center at Stadium Park from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Entries will also be featured during the May 5, 2017 First Friday event at the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography in Downtown Canton from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Entry details and a submission form are attached to this release. Entries must be received by mail or dropped off to the City of Canton Engineering Department, located at 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705 no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Sponsors to the event include Canton Parks and Recreation, the Canton Tree Commission, the City of Canton, the Canton Garden Center, and ArtsinStark.

Residents are encouraged to start taking photos now!

- WHO:** Canton Tree Commission
- WHAT:** Canton City’s Fourth Annual Arbor Day Celebration & “Celebrating Trees” Photo Contest
- WHEN:** Photography Deadline: March 31, 2017 at 4:00 PM
Arbor Day Celebration: Friday, April 28, 2017
- WHY:** To promote parks, trees and their care as well as to highlight the beauty and artistry of trees in the City of Canton, and to bring the community together in celebration of Arbor Day and to establish an annual event within the city.