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NEWCASTLE NAMED "TREE CITY USA" FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

The City of Newcastle has once again been named a "Tree City USA" community by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the second year in a row that Newcastle has been honored for its commitment to community forestry.

Newcastle met the four standards to become a "Tree City" community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Aaron Milner is a member of the City's Public Works team and is certified as a Tree Risk Assessor by the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. Milner is also a certified arborist, and uses his knowledge to determine which trees in Newcastle pose a risk to people or property. He's been very instrumental in helping Newcastle achieve "Tree City" status the past two years.

"Newcastle is fortunate to be surrounded by such natural beauty," said Milner. "Trees are such a vital component to our city, and our Public Works department strives to nurture this great resource."