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33rd Annual Raytown Arbor Day Celebration *Raytown Parks plants Gingko tree in honor of Annual Celebration*

(Raytown, Mo.) On Wednesday, April 12, at 9 a.m., Raytown Parks and Recreation in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will plant a Gingko tree at Krister Park, 11707 E 75th St, in celebration of Arbor Day and the City's 20 years as a Tree City USA designation, which is a national movement that allows the Parks Department to expand its public trees.

"Our partnership with the MDC allows the City to plant and replace trees in our parks that need them most," said Dave Turner, Parks and Recreation Director. "Together we can restore native biodiversity, foster healthy communities and revitalize and protect land to keep it thriving now and well into the future."

This year's tree planted at Kritser Park is a Gingko tree. It is hailed as one of the most distinct and beautiful of all deciduous trees. It was chosen for its shade, stunning yellow color in the fall and its hardiness – it can tolerate many urban conditions and establishes easily. When full grown, this Gingko tree will stand about 50 feet tall and 35 feet wide and can live as long as 3,000 years.

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