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## Chris MacDonald On the road in Surf City

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### HB Tree Society Celebrates Arbor Day at Central Park

The 129th California State Arbor Day was celebrated in style along the Shipley-to-Shore Trail, below Central Park's Urban Forest, by the incredible, non-profit, HB Tree Society, which has worked with the city to plant more than 7,000 trees all around town.

HB Mayor Kim Carr thanked the Tree Society & its volunteers, who have raised thou-

sand dollars, planted trees created trails & beautified local parks since 1998. "You're making such a positive difference in our city," the Mayor said. "People for generations will appreciate all you've done to make HB a more beautiful & healthy place." She presented Tree Society Founder & President Jean Nagy & the volunteers with an official HB Proclamation in recognition of their tireless efforts highlighted on Arbor Day. HB City Council Members Dan Kalmick and Barbara Delgleize, along with Planning Commission Chairman Alan Ray and HB City Historian Jerry Person also congratulated the local residents, who spend hundreds of hours helping make HB memorable.

Society Treasurer Shirley Knopf said she loves the trail location because you can watch hikers, bicyclists, horses, squirrels and birds all enjoy the blooming trees.

"Today's Arbor Day tree planting was a great kick-off for spring for all the tree-huggers on hand," said Society Volunteer Sheila K. Holliday. "For we volunteers, creating habitat for native wildlife, migratory birds and humans is a labor of love. We're grateful that Mayor Carr and members of the HB City Council and Planning Commission support what we're doing and our COVID-compliant festivities. Because of the Tree Society & City partnership, our parks have never looked better & the Shipley-to-Shore Trail forestation is really starting to flourish."

"It's so beautiful up on the hills. What a setting for a salute to Arbor Day," said Leslie Gilson, Volunteer Restoration Coordinator of Gibbs Butterfly Park. "The Tree Society is made up of such a great group of people, helping our community with the beauty of nature's trees. One hundred years from now, people will still be enjoying their efforts!" said HB City Historian Jerry Person. "It really shows you what a positive difference a group of caring individuals can make."

You can learn more and volunteer at: <http://www.hbtrees.org>. You can also call 714-564-1396.



Clockwise: Betty Kanne of HB, standing near a Memorial Tree to her late husband, Dan, who was a Shipley Nature Center Board Member; HB Mayor Kim Carr with HB Tree Society President Jean Nagy; President Nagy, HB City Council Member Barbara Delgleize, Volunteer Juana Mueller and Central Park Volunteer Bird Counter Lena Hayashi; City Historian Jerry Person discussing history with Planning Commission Chairman Alan Ray; Jean Nagy showing City Leaders part of Edwards Hill they are working to beautify; Vice President Ann Anderson reading an Arbor Day Poem by Val Kilmer.

"We owe the city a lot for putting in the irrigation that enables us to plant 42 trees on

ber Barbara Delgleize said, "It's wonderful to have so many caring people attending the event. Jean and the many members of her group just do this for the love of it and we get to be in their presence. It reminds us all that nature is important in our daily lives. How lucky for all of us and our visitors--Heaven right here in Central Park!"

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