

Community News

Huntington Beach Tree Society Celebrates California Arbor Day

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Jean Nagy (R) with Tree Society member Shirley Knopf and Mr. Tree

HUNTINGTON BEACH...Jean Nagy and members of the Huntington Beach Tree Society celebrated California Arbor Day on Saturday, March 13, south of Dog Park in Central Park west with a tree planting event to focus on the new Shipley to the Shore trail.

"We are thankful for the work of our police in removing some of the homeless castoff belongings along the Shipley to the Shore trail," said one of the guests.



Many of the fifty plus visitor parked their vehicles in the parking area of dog park or along Inlet Drive and followed signs up the hill. Seniors climbed the steep hill to the top, huffing and puffing like on old steam engine.



Once they reach the top, signs directed the visitors around the hill (huffing and puffing) along the way. As visitors reached the very top of the hill, another huddle faced the senior visitors. They had to walk down the hill to the event (more huffing and puffing) to be heard.



But the trek was well worth the hike for the Arbor Day event. Many guests at the bottom were waiting for the ceremony to begin.



For this was also a time for Tree Society Jean Nagy to receive the Mayor's proclamation to Jean and the society on behalf of the City of Huntington Beach and presented to Nagy by Mayor Kim Carr. Two other council members attended this wonderful event, Barbara Delgleize and Dan Kalmick, who brought his child to the event and also thanked the Tree Society for all the good work they have done in the past.

"Without Jean we would not have this project," said Tree Society Leslie Gilson.



Huntington Beach Council Member Barbara Delgleize



Huntington Beach Council Member Dan Kalmick with his youngster

Arbor Day gives us a lesson that we need to care about trees and the pleasure they bring in both their beauty and to the environment.

"We have this open space thanks to the city," said Planning Commissioner Allen Ray.



During the event, guests got a glimpse of what Huntington Beach was like in its early history as horses with their riders rode by.

Joyce Kilmer's poem "Trees" was read by Society member Ann Anderson.

Before the program ended, each guest was given a green tag to write an inspirational message and hang it on a tree.

Now it was time for seniors to walk back up and down the steep hill (huff and puff) to their vehicles.

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