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SOUTH JORDAN NAMED “TREE CITY USA” FOR FIFTH TIME
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The City of South Jordan was named a “Tree City USA for 2013 on Monday, March 10, 2014 for the fifth year in a row. This recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forrester Service and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes those cities in the United States which have made commitments to four points of the Tree City USA program, including a tree care ordinance, an Arbor Day resolution and commemoration, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, and a tree board or department.

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like South Jordan make smart investment in urban forests” said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social, and health benefits.” In the past five years South Jordan City employees have planted 1,162 trees in addition to hundreds more planted by contractors for new parks and road projects or by property owners.

Annually 3,400 communities nationwide are honored for their commitments to effective urban forestry, representing the hometowns of over 140,000,000 people. A presentation from the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will be held at a future City Council meeting. “South Jordan City is very honored to be named a Tree City USA for the fifth time and we are grateful for the city employees, community volunteers and others who have helped with our commitment to effective urban forestry”, said South Jordan Mayor David Alvord.

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The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to 58,000 residents. In 2010 and 2012, South Jordan was named the #18 “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine.