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Township Named "Tree City USA" for Second Year in a Row; Wins Growth Award *Township to Host Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2011*

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – April 18, 2011 – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees is pleased to announce that the Township has been named a Tree City USA. This honor recognizes continuing Township efforts to plant and maintain trees on Township properties. In 2010 the Township made history as only the second Township ever in the entire State of Ohio to receive this award. Township residents should take pride in the fact that they live in a community where planting and nurturing trees is a priority.

The Township has also been named recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for 2010. The Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and encourages higher levels of tree care. This award is designed not only to recognize achievement, but also to communicate new ideas and help leaders plan for improving community tree care. Tree City USA communities qualify for the Growth Award by completing activities to strengthen their local tree care programs.

In conjunction with receiving its "Tree City USA" designation, the Board of Trustees will host an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2011 @ 12:00 noon @ Robertson Park (intersection of Twinsburg Road, Katz Road, Lynne Drive, and Timber Avenue). The public is invited to attend, with parking on Katz Road west of Lynne Drive. This event will include the planting of a Brandywine Red Maple tree by the Township's 2011 street tree program contractor, Northeast Tree & Stump Removal. Attendees will also be able to learn about the proper way to plant a tree, as well as take a "tree tour" of the Robertson Park, led by Township forester Jason Knowles.

About Tree City USA

The Tree City USA program, sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in more than 3,400 communities that more than 135 million Americans call home. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride. More information can be found at <u>www.arborday.org</u>.

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010, and will soon celebrate its bicentennial with great pride. The Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out <u>www.twinsburgtwp.com</u> to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at <u>rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com</u>.

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