

Jefferson Heritage Tree Council



PRESS RELEASE

JEFFERSON ARBOR DAY EVENT TO HONOR WWII VETERANS

Jefferson, Ga. (February 18, 2015) -- The Jefferson Heritage Tree Council is set to hold the city's annual Arbor Day recognition on Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to join in the tree-planting event on Kinney Hill at the Jefferson City Park. The ceremony begins first with an Arbor Day proclamation read by Jefferson Mayor Roy Plott.

The event activity will then move to the end of Memorial Drive at Highway 11 where five newly planted cherry trees will be dedicated to the five Jefferson Mill workers who died in WWII. These soldiers were PFC Willard H. F. Doster, PFC Lammoth Joe Hanson, PFC Francis Marion Hollis, PFC Ostell Franklin Jarrett, and Lt. Bassford Redd.

The original cherry trees were planted by Morris Bryan, Jr., to honor the WWII veterans and his mother, Mildred Bryan, was an enthusiastic supporter of this effort, helping establish a monument at the Jefferson Memorial Stadium honoring the five mill workers who lost their lives in that conflict.

The American Legion Albert Gordon Post 56 Color Guard will participate in this dedication and will follow with the playing of "*Taps*."

This dedication will mark the beginning of the Jefferson Heritage Tree Council's two-year project to replace the cherry trees that have died or are in declining health along Memorial Drive and circling Kinney Hill. The Tree Council will be pursuing grants and commemorative donations in completing this project, honoring local servicemen and women of all wars.

For additional information about Arbor Day or the cherry tree project, contact City Arborist Susan Russell at 706-201-7893 or e-mail cityarborist@cityofjeffersonga.com.

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