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PARMA HEIGHTS ANNOUNCES ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Parma Heights – It’s official. Two students have been selected as winners in the City’s Arbor Day Poster Contest especially for students in grades 3-5. Theme of the poster contest was “Why is a Tree Important to Me?”

Both winners are students at Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights. **Cooper Hughes** is in Grade 4, while **Neeharika Suvvari** is in Grade 5. Hughes is a student of teacher **Robert Reszler**, while Suvvari is a pupil of **Theresa Hovanec-Davey**. There were no submissions in the contest by students in Grade 3.

The Arbor Day Poster Contest winning entries are currently on display in the main lobby of Parma Heights City Hall, and will remain their through May 24, 2017. The winning students were officially recognized by Parma Heights City Council Members and Mayor Michael P. Byrne at the Monday, May 8 Council meeting. The contest follows the City’s 27th consecutive designation as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation, earlier this spring. Started in 1976, the Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

“We are proud of Cooper Hughes and Neeharika Suvvari, who were selected as our poster contest winners by a select panel of Parma Heights City Hall judges, including myself,” said Mayor Michael P. Byrne. “It was a tough contest to judge. The children showed tremendous creativity and innovation in their extremely colorful poster designs.” The objectives of the poster contest were to have students consider the many ways in which trees impact our lives on multiple levels: environmentally, socially, and personally to foster an appreciation for the environment.

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