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ARBOR DAY 2023

Pay it Forward,
Plant a Tree



Friday, May 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Sertoma Park
300 Riverside Park Rd
Bismarck ND

2023 Arbor Day Program

Introductions

Dawn Kopp, Forestry Advisory Board

Arbor Day Proclamation and Remarks

Mayor Mike Schmitz

Appleseed Awards and Partners In Planting Recognition

Erik Dietrich, Forestry Advisory Board

Eric Gabbert, City of Bismarck Forestry Division

Beautification Awards

Doug Wiles, City of Bismarck Forester

Tree City U. S. A. Award

Beth Peske, ND Forest Service

Arbor Day Presentation

The Innovation School Teal Band

Teacher—Ms. Alicia

The Innovation School Purple Band

Teacher—Ms. Kelsy

Arbor Day Address & Dedication to Randy Bina

Steve Neu

Director of Bismarck Parks and Recreation 1987-2011—Retired

Tree Planting

In Recognition of Randy Bina

Bur Oak

Apples & Tree Hand-out

Forrest Von Flickentale, Forestry Mascot

Forestry Advisory Board Members and Forestry Staff

Apples generously donated by AGL Landscape Architects

Randy Bina - Arbor Day Tree Dedication:

Randy Bina has been involved in the parks and recreation profession for over 43 years. He worked for Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD) from January 1988 until his retirement in October 2021, serving in multiple roles, including Executive Director of Parks and Recreation for his last 10 years. Previously, Randy was the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation in Devils Lake, ND, and a Recreation Supervisor in East Grand Forks, MN.

Randy is a 1979 graduate of the University of North Dakota where he earned his bachelor's degree in Health, Physical Education & Recreation with a major in Recreation Administration. In 1994, he received a master's degree in Management from the University of Mary. Randy was a Certified Parks & Recreation Executive (CPRE), Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) and Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

Randy was active in local, regional and national organizations, including service on the boards of the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA), ND Recreation & Park Association (NDRPA), NRPA Midwest Regional Council, Bismarck Sertoma Club, Bismarck-Mandan CVB, ND State Games, ND Human Resources Collaborative, ND Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, ND Insurance Reserve Fund, ND Outdoor Heritage Fund, Bismarck Forestry Advisory Board, and ND Urban & Community Forestry Advisory Council.

The BPRD team and community received numerous recognitions during Randy's tenure. Among the national recognitions were the NRPA/AAPRA Gold Medal Grand Plaque Award (1993, 2017), accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) (2008, 2013, 2018), and Sports Town of ND (2004) through Sports Illustrated/NRPA. State recognitions included the Main Street Livability for All Ages Award (2019), ND Association of Nonprofit Organizations Partnership Building Award (2017), and ND Forest Service Community of the Year (2010).

Randy received the NRPA National Distinguished Professional Award (2021), USA Softball of ND Service Award (2021), Dakota Zoo Bear Award (2021), Sertoma Club Sertoman of the Year Award (2019/2020), ND Forest Service Leadership Award (2012), NDRPA Hall of Fame (2011), Bismarck/Mandan CVB VIP Award (2006), UND Recreation & Leisure Services Program Outstanding Alumnus Award (2004), NRPA Midwest Region Outstanding Professional Award (1997), and NDRPA Distinguished Professional Award (1995).

During Randy's time with BPRD, 14 successful capital campaigns through the Bismarck Recreation Council (BRC) resulted in expanded recreation facilities for the community. Further, Bismarck hosted 26 world, national and regional sporting events with significant community-wide economic impact. The BPRD Matching Grant Program grew significantly during his tenure. Randy also helped establish the BRC Endowment Fund for the future of parks and recreation in Bismarck.

In 2013, the City of Bismarck's Neighborhood Park & Open Space Policy was approved by the City Commission in collaboration with the Bismarck Board of Park Commissioners. To date, 10 neighborhood parks have been developed, all of which included tree plantings as part of the overall park master plans. Pollinator gardens, tree plantings, community gardens, a community orchard, and an arboretum are vital Bismarck green spaces that expanded during Randy's time with BPRD.

Throughout his career, Randy lived his personal mantra, an African proverb stating "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Since retirement, Randy continues to be active, serving on the BRC Board of Directors, as co-chair of the BRC Stepping Into the Batter's Box capital campaign, as a judge with the National Gold Medal Awards Program, as a CAPRA Review Team Lead and member, as NDRPA Hall of Fame Council Chair, and on the USA Softball Hall of Fame Council.

Randy and his wife of 42 years, Elizabeth, have three children and five grandchildren and are enjoying retirement with family and friends.

Applesed Awards

For landscape beautification efforts on public property in 2022

- ◆ Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club
- ◆ Bismarck Downtowner's Association

Beautification Awards

For landscape beautification efforts on private property in 2022

- ◆ Elk Ridge

For their assistance with the Sesquicentennial Tree Planting Project in 2022

- ◆ Prairie View Landscaping & Nursery

Tree City USA

Bismarck celebrates **46 years** as a Tree City USA!

Forestry Staff:

Doug Wiles—City Forester

Christy Ames-Davis

Forestry Programs Coordinator

Jerry Henke - Lead Arborist

Mike Miller - Landscape Arborist

Eric Gabbert - Arborist

Carter Moran - Arborist

Katie Nagel - Arborist

John Arlien - Weed Control

Carol Miller - Forestry Technician

Rachel Jensen - Forestry Technician

Forrest Von Flickentale - Forestry's Mascot

Partners in Planting Sponsors

Sponsorship for the 2022 planting season

Maple Leaf: \$1,000 - \$2,499

- MDU: Environmental Community Opportunity Fund
- Starion Bank
- Marathon Petroleum Company - Mandan Refinery
- BNSF
- Plant Perfect
- Knutson Realty
- Elk Ridge



Cottonwood Leaf: \$500 - \$999

- Cashman Nursery & Landscaping
- Prairie View Landscaping & Nursery
- Wentz Landscape Co.

Honorable Mention: \$100 to \$499

- KLJ

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Mitch Becker • Brett Gurholt

Carolyn Godfread • Erik Dietrich

Doug Prchal • Amy Sakariassen

Stan Churchill • Dawn Kopp

Jennifer Odell, Park Commissioner

Anne Cleary, City Commissioner

Steve Salwei

(Director of Public Works - Service Operations)

Kevin Klipfel

(Parks & Recreation District Executive Director)