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City Hires Arborist to Manage Tree Resources

As a Tyler 21 early action item and to maintain Tyler's identity as a green city, the City of Tyler has hired an arborist to manage the City's tree resources.

Mark Tietz was hired recently by the City to fill the newly created arborist position. Tietz holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Texas A&M University.

"When we asked people during the Tyler 21 process what they love most about Tyler, many said our trees and how green our city is," Mayor Joey Seeber said. "Creating this position is just one step toward preserving what citizens love best about our City."

Tietz's duties will include the completion and future maintenance of the Tree City USA designation, management of the median maintenance crews, along with the updating of tree inventories and making recommendations for tree maintenance or removal on City-owned property. This position will work closely with the Parks Board, the Trees Committee, and the Keep Tyler Beautiful Board on future tree plantings and will make recommendations on the City of Tyler Tree Ordinance and its future development and implementation.

Tietz began working at the City on Monday, April 9.

Media: for interviews about this press release, please contact Parks Manager John Webb at 903-531-1375.

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