

This is the fifth time that the Village of Cayuga Heights is celebrating Arbor Day on the grounds of Cayuga Heights Elementary School. In the United States Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska City, Nebraska, by J. Sterling Morton on April 10, 1872. That year some one million trees were planted in Nebraska. In 1907 on April 15, Theodore Roosevelt declare an "Arbor Day Proclamation to the children of the United States" on the significance of trees. On that occasion he stated: "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a storehouse full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens."