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## NC Arbor Day Is March 19

By Charles Rocci

Arbor Day celebrations will look a little different this year because of COVID-19. Normally, the Community Appearance Commission (CAC) hosts an event when they dedicate a tree planting and bring the community together. Sadly, we will have to postpone that event until we have moved beyond COVID-19. We are planning a tree giveaway in April, and more details will come for that event in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Garden Club for their efforts to trim and mulch the crepe myrtles along Pine Knoll Boulevard, which will add a wonderful scenic view for the new sidewalk connecting the public safety building to town hall.

Below is a brief history of North Carolina's Arbor Day celebrations, provided by former Town Clerk Sarah Williams:

In 1967, the state legislature ratified a bill stating: ". . . it is desirable that the planting of seedlings and flowering shrubs be encouraged to promote the beautification and conservation of the vast and varied natural resources of North Carolina and . . . the designation of a particular week in each year as Arbor Week would encourage and draw public attention to a concerted effort by North Carolinians to beautify and conserve the State's resources by the planting of young trees and shrubs."

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, but in North Carolina it is designated as the first Friday following March 15. This year that will be March 19.

According to the NC Forest Service's website, the first Arbor Day was in Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton and his wife moved there from Detroit and went to

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## Smoke Detectors Save Lives

By Jason Baker, Pine Knoll Shores Fire Chief

Unquestionably, operational smoke detectors save lives, yet more times than not people only check them when they are having problems with them. Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that three out of five fatalities in house fires occur due to lack of operational smoke detectors. That is a sobering statistic that drives home the importance of *working* smoke detectors.

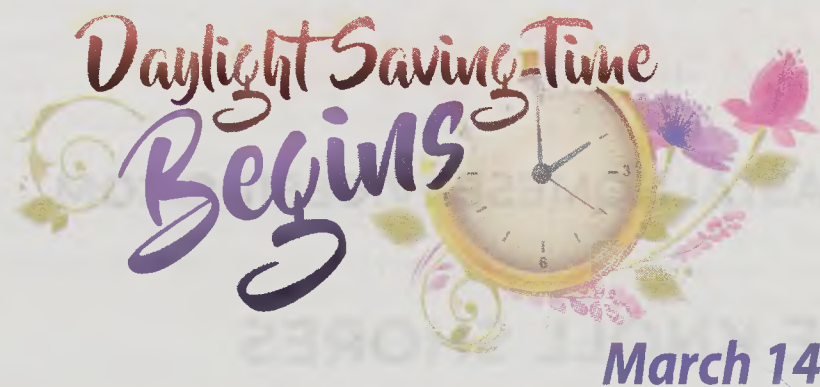
Correct placement is key. Smoke detectors should be placed on the ceiling at least four inches from the wall. One should be placed in each bedroom and also outside the bedroom. If your bedrooms are grouped together, you may be able to use a single detector outside the bedrooms. Keep in mind: this detector is in addition to the ones placed inside each bedroom. If your bedrooms are not grouped together in your home, you will need to place a smoke alarm inside and outside each bedroom.

It is important to place a smoke alarm in (or near) the kitchen area as well. If you choose to place an alarm in the kitchen, it should be a "rate of rise" heat detector, which will sound if the temperature in a room goes up too quickly (rising at the rate of 12 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit per minute). A traditional smoke alarm should be placed outside (but near) the kitchen, following the ceiling/wall placement guidelines given above in the bedroom discussion.

In addition to the locations discussed above, there should be a working smoke alarm on every level in your home, including the basement. On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room or family room and near the stairs to the upper level.

Maintenance is a must. I have written several articles about smoke detectors, their placement and maintenance—and I am glad to do it again to stress their value to your family. Statistics clearly bear out that the smoke detectors in your home should be tested monthly. A can of compressed air will make quick work of

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