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MORRISTOWN SHADE TREE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES PLANTING EVENT WITH COLUMBIA BANK

(MORRISTOWN, NJ) – On April 26th the nation will celebrate its annual tree planting holiday, Arbor Day. Arbor Day has been celebrated since 1872, and this year, Columbia Bank will be donating an Oak tree to the town of Morristown.

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission and representatives from Columbia Bank will plant the Oak tree at the Lidgerwood Park playground on Friday, April 12th at 3:00pm. The tree will provide shade to those visiting the playground at Lidgerwood Park. The Oak tree is one of the most important trees to the North East as it hosts hundreds of species which help our native environment thrive.

“Columbia Bank is proud to partner with local towns in an effort to grow a greener tomorrow,” said Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia Bank. “This initiative is one of the many ways that we work to better the communities we serve. We are thrilled to continue our Arbor Day tradition this year.” As part of this initiative, local towns were able to select a complementary tree from a list of shade or flowering trees. All trees were paid for by Columbia Bank.

About The Morristown Shade Tree Commission

The Morristown Shade Tree Commission (STC) was established in 2013 to ensure the appropriate management of the Morristown community forest. It has the responsibility for the regulation, planting and care of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery located in the town of Morristown on public property. Since its inception, the commission has brought in over \$150,000 of grant money for tree plantings in Morristown from several community and corporate partners. The STC has been awarded the Green Communities Award for their tree well remediation work in the business district that added BioChar and Flexipave to protect street trees from soil compaction due to foot traffic.

About Columbia Bank

Columbia Bank’s Morristown branch is located at 43 S. Park Place. Founded in 1927 and headquartered in Fair Lawn, NJ, Columbia Bank has an expansive branch network with more than 60 locations, various regional lending centers and an asset base of approximately \$10.6 billion. Columbia Bank and its affiliates offer a full suite of consumer and commercial products,



flexible financing options, modern digital banking solutions, as well as title, investment, insurance and wealth management services.

Community impact and customer service continue to be a differentiator for the Bank. Columbia Bank is proud to have nearly 100% employee participation through its “Team Columbia” volunteering program and was nationally recognized by the Bank Customer Experience Summit for “Best Branch Experience.”

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