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BURT ROGERS EARNS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Champaign, IL - Burt Rogers, City of Dillon Street Superintendent recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the CERTIFIED ARBORIST examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the local Southern Chapter of the ISA.

Rogers graduated from Francis Marion University with a degree in Business Administration and had been with the City since April of 1999. Along with the responsibilities of Street Superintendent, as the City formed a Tree Committee and adopted a Public Tree Ordinance, Rogers began his urban forestry education. Each year Rogers attends various workshops and has become a Clemson Master Gardener. Becoming a Certified Arborist strengthens the City's urban forestry program. The City has recently been awarded it's 4th Tree City USA classification.

Rogers obtained this certification through an Urban Forestry grant sponsored by the SC Forestry Commission.

Rogers is married to Johnnie Lynn and they have two children, Johnna and Lexie. Rogers is also a member of the Lions Club.

The purpose of the ISA Certification Program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices. All certified Arborists carry a wallet identification card for verification.

Certification is valid for three years.

In order to recertify, an arborist must maintain membership in ISA and the local chapter and meet the ISA continuing education and proficiency requirements.

The ISA program tests and certifies an individual's knowledge in the field of Arboriculture.

The International Society of Arboriculture is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

ISA's Certification Program is designed to promote the professional development of those involved in the field of arboriculture or tree care. When contracting for your tree care needs, contact individuals who are certified through this voluntary program.