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Community Invited to 2017 Arbor Day/Recognition Grove Ceremony
Recognition Grove program put on by the Lompoc Beautification and Appearance Commission, and the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Commission

LOMPOC, CA, February 23, 2017 – The community is invited to attend Lompoc’s 2017 Arbor Day/Recognition Grove Ceremony, which honors Lompoc Valley residents who have made significant contributions to the community.

The Recognition Grove program is run by the Lompoc Beautification and Appearance Commission in conjunction with the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Commission. The names of honorees selected each year are engraved on a bronze plaque that is displayed in Recognition Grove at Beattie Park. The engraved names of the new recipients are unveiled as part of the annual ceremony.

This year’s Arbor Day/Recognition Grove ceremony will be held at **10 a.m.** on **Sat. March 18** in Beattie Park at Olive Avenue and Fifth Street. The 2017 recipients are:

Chuck & Barbara Arnold
Ronald K. Fairbanks
Carol Ann Johnson

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

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City of Lompoc

The City of Lompoc, known as “The City of Arts and Flowers”, was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City’s establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/>