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## **NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL AND THE JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON DC PLANT CHERRY TREES AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Washington, DC** (Nov. 5, 2015) --The National Cherry Blossom Festival and The Japan-America Society of Washington DC planted three Yoshino cherry trees at Capitol Heights Elementary School as part of the annual Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. One of the cherry trees is a legacy tree, grown from cuttings taken from the second generation of cherry trees that line the Tidal Basin.

**The trees were planted at the Capitol Heights Elementary School (601 Suffolk Ave, Capitol Heights, MD 20743) during a dedication ceremony on Friday, November 20 at 11:00 am.**

The National Cherry Blossom Festival Neighborhood Tree Planting Program is an effort to celebrate and share the gift of cherry blossom trees throughout the DC-metro region. The program is a cornerstone of the Festival's community outreach efforts, and helps create new National Cherry Blossom Festival traditions beyond the Tidal Basin.

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC promotes greater understanding of Japan and Japanese culture and produces the Sakura Matsuri – Japanese Street Festival, one of the signature events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. For more information, visit [www.jaswdc.org](http://www.jaswdc.org).

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2016 Festival, March 20 – April 17, includes three spectacular weeks and four weekends of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information and find us on [Facebook](#) (CherryBlossomFestival), [Twitter](#) (@CherryBlossFest), and [Instagram](#) (@CherryBlossFest).

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