



CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Arbor Day Proclamation
MEETING DATE: March 18, 2009
PREPARED BY Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Hansen present a proclamation proclaiming April 4, 2009, as Arbor Day in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff would like to invite the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Manager, to this year's Arbor Day Celebration and Community Event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009, at Henry Graves Park, 2206 Oxford Way. Participants will be provided tree, mistletoe and recycling education. Tree seedlings, spring cleanup materials and refreshments will be available. Additionally, the community will be invited to help plant seven new donated trees, along with helping with young tree maintenance on the existing Centennial Cork Oak park trees.

This year's celebration is being organized and funded through a group effort from the Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Electric Utility Departments; Tree Lodi; Lodi Improvement Committee; Waste Management; Lodi Unified School District; Wal-Mart; Lodi Arts Commission; and Boston Market Corp

Arbor Day's Beginnings

On January 4, 1872, Julius Sterling Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday, to be called "Arbor Day," at a meeting of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. It was estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

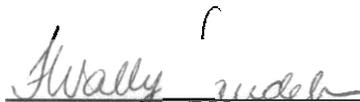
Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by Nebraska Governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska, and April 22nd, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance. During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882 Arbor Day is now observed in many other countries.

Lodi has been designated as a Tree City USA for a seventh consecutive year. This designation affords us preference over other communities for grant money for trees or forestry programs and gives us an enhanced public image as a city that cares about its trees.

In the City of Lodi, trees are very important. The celebration of Arbor Day gives an opportunity to learn about trees and take positive action to make the world a better place.

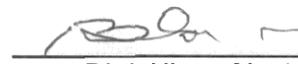
FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.


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Keep Lodi Beautiful Arbor Day 2009

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Henry Graves Park

2206 Oxford Way

10 AM - 1 PM

- Free Seedling Giveaway
- Mistletoe Education
- Tree City USA Dedication
- Spring **Cleanup** Materials Available
- Tree & Recycling Educational Material Giveaway
- Arbor Day Dedication with A Tree Planting
- Arbor Day Trees **Donated** by Tree **Lodi**

*Come Celebrate With Our
Children*

Come and Celebrate Lodi