



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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AGENDA TITLE: Arbor Day Proclamation
MEETING DATE: March 21, 2012
PREPARED BY: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Interim Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Mounce present a proclamation proclaiming 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. This year's event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2012, at DeBenedetti Park, 2350 S. Lower Sacramento Road. The community will be invited to help plant 50 donated trees and help maintain the existing trees on the property. Participants will be provided tree, mistletoe and recycling information. Tree seedlings and refreshments will be available.

This year's celebration is being facilitated by Tree Lodi and funded through a community group effort. Public Works Department and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department staff will be on hand to field questions regarding recent site improvements and future planned park development. Scout groups will be on hand to share information regarding a planned Owl Box project at the park and display entries in an Arbor Day poster contest.

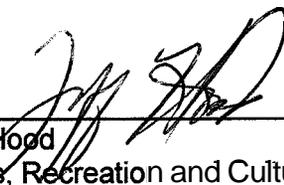
Arbor Day's Beginnings

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 has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world.

Lodi has been designated as a Tree City USA for a 10th 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. The celebration of Arbor Day gives an opportunity to learn about trees and take positive action to make the world a better place.

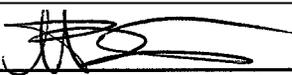
FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



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APPROVED: 

Konrad Bartlam, City Manager



ARBOR DAY

Saturday, April 7, 2012
DeBenedetti Park
2350 South Lower Sacramento Road

10 AM – 2 PM

- Tree City USA Designation
- Tree Pruning and Maintenance Clinic
 - Mistletoe Education
- Tree Planting Educational Material
 - Tree Planting Demonstration

**Come Help and Celebrate completing
Phase 1 of DeBenedetti Parks
Urban Forest**