



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Arbor Day Proclamation
MEETING DATE: March 6, 2013
PREPARED BY: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Nakanishi 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 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Roget Park, 2229 Tienda Drive. The community will be invited to help plant a donated tree, adding the final tree to our newest urban forest. Participants will be provided tree, mistletoe and recycling information. Tree seedlings and refreshments will be available.

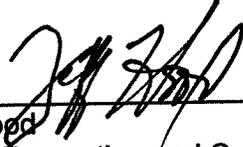
This year's celebration is being facilitated by Tree Lodi and funded through the Public Works Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. Staff will be on hand to field questions regarding recent site improvements and future neighboring property development. The Lodi Arts Commission and Tree Lodi will display entries of this year's Arbor Day poster contest. Boy Scout and Future Farmers of America groups will be on hand to share information regarding a recent installation of an owl box project.

The nation's first Arbor Day was in Nebraska on April 10, 1872 after Julius Sterling Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday at a meeting of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. 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.

On Arbor Day, the City of Lodi will receive results regarding its application to be designated as a Tree City USA for an 11th consecutive year. This designation, from the Arbor Day Foundation, 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.

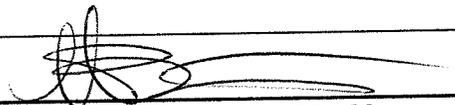
FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



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APPROVED: 

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