



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Arbor Day Proclamation
MEETING DATE: March 19, 2014
PREPARED BY: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor Katzakian present a proclamation proclaiming Arbor Day in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff would like to invite the Mayor, the City Council, the City Manager, Lodi Unified School District Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Board of Trustees to this year's Arbor Day celebration. This year's event will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Lakewood School, 1100 N. Ham Lane. Lakewood School students, their parents and staff will participate in a planned program including a poster contest, tree education and tree planting on their campus. This year's celebration is being facilitated by Lodi Unified School District and City of Lodi staff and with partnerships involving Tree Lodi, Lodi Arts Commission and Waste Management.

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.

At the April 2 event, City staff will announce the results of this year's Tree City USA application with the National Arbor Day Foundation. Lodi has been designated as Tree City USA for 11 consecutive years. 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 for its trees. The celebration of Arbor Day gives an opportunity to learn about trees and take positive action to make our schools, our city and the work we live in a better place.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.



 Jeff Hood
 Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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Cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: 

 Stephen Schwabauer, Interim City Manager

Arbor Day 2014



Wednesday, April 2nd

Lakewood Elementary School

1100 N Ham Lane



9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

*Come Help
& Celebrate
The Natural
Beauty of
Lodi!*

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

Educating Students for Success

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Unified School District

