

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: City Council

Agenda Item #: V. A.

From: Ann Kattreh
Parks and Recreation Director

Action

Discussion

Date: 4/2/13

Information

Subject: Arbor Day Proclamation, April 26, 2013

Action Requested:

Proclaim April 26, 2013 Arbor Day

Information / Background:

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton. The first Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872 and an estimated one million trees were planted that day. Many countries now observe a similar holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

City Forester Tom Horwath will recognize Arbor Day by planting trees at Garden Park. The tree planting will take place on Friday, April 26 from 10 – 11 A.M. This year staff will be planting 3 balled and burlapped size evergreens on the north side of the playground. With the weather conditions so far this spring, this planting will take place “weather permitting”. The frost must be out of the ground and evergreens available for planting.

PROCLAMATION

**ARBOR DAY
APRIL 26, 2013**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, 2013 is the 141st anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees are a most valuable resource, purifying our air, helping conserve our soil and energy, serving as a recreational setting, providing a habitat for wildlife of all kinds, and enriching our lives in other important ways, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, disease, insects and pollution have damaged and continue to threaten our trees, creating the need for tree care and tree planting programs and fostering greater public concern for the future of our urban forest, and

WHEREAS, Edina is proud of the beautiful shade trees which grace our homes and public places, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Hovland, Mayor of Edina, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2013, to be Arbor Day and call upon the spirited and foresighted citizens of Edina to plant trees now for our pleasure and that of future generations.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2013.

James B. Hovland
Mayor