

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Arbor Day Proclamation and Tree City USA Designation		
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	City Council		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

INTRODUCTION

In 1872, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in the State of Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. The City of Shoreline has long recognized the benefit of improving the natural environment for present and future generations. Natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide not only community beautification but also economic and environmental benefits. To that end, the City of Shoreline is engaged in the creation of an Urban Forest Strategic Plan that will guide the City in the future management and maintenance of our valuable community forest.

This proclamation recognizes Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline and encourages Shoreline citizens to participate in appropriate activities and to enjoy the parks and other natural areas in our community. April 30 will be Arbor Day in Shoreline for 2014. Matthew Loper, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Shoreline Community College and long-time volunteer in Boeing Creek and Shoreview Parks will receive the Proclamation.

In addition, the City of Shoreline has received official notification that the City has been recognized for the second year in a row as a Tree City USA community. Ben Thompson, Urban Forestry Specialist from the Department of Natural Resources, will be in attendance to formally present our award.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council declare April 30, 2014 as a day to recognize Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **IS**



P R O C L A M A T I O N

- 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 Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; 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, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- Whereas, the City of Shoreline has been recognized for the second year in a row as a Tree City USA Community by Washington State Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry;
- Now, Therefore, I Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and urban forest, and do hereby proclaim April 30, 2014 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Shari Winstead, Mayor of Shoreline