



Arbor Day Celebration Saturday April 20

SeaTac, WA (April 19, 2019) - The City of SeaTac invites all community and business members to the 2019 Arbor Day Celebration. The tree planting event will take place Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 10 AM to Noon at the Riverton Heights Park located at 3011 S. 148th Street, SeaTac.

In the past, the City has held the tree planting event during a weekday to coincide with the state celebration which is officially the second Wednesday in April. This year, the City moved the event to the weekend with hopes of increasing participation amongst our business and residential communities.

“Our tree-filled parks are a vital resource for our community,” says Lawrence Ellis Parks, Community Programs & Services Director. “Our trees canopy not only provides shade to park visitors but also helps improve the environment around our entire City.”

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. Also, one acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.

For the past 10 years, the City of SeaTac has been designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. SeaTac is among more than 3,400 communities that have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. SeaTac has achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management.

Arbor Day dates back to 1872 when it was first formally observed as a holiday in the state of Nebraska. Since then, the holiday has expanded to all fifty states, Puerto Rico, and some U.S. territories.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 29,130. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately three-square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.*

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