



Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

Village Commission Meeting Date: March 1, 2016

Subject: Discussion Item – Earth Day/Arbor Day event

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Earth Day is April 22, 2016 and National Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday of April (April 29, 2016). In the past, the Village has found ways to celebrate both holidays. Most recently, for Earth Day there was a community mulching project and tree planting at the Tot Lot.

The Village has special events scheduled April 9th (Relay for Life) and April 23rd (Community Yard Sale and Home Improvement Expo).

Staff is wishing to engage in a discussion with the Commission regarding the scheduling of an Earth Day/Arbor Day event and ideas for such event. This event will also be used to support the Village's Tree City USA application.

Donations from the Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service project (approximately \$1,200.00) and Village landscaping funds are available for this event.

Attachments:

- Arbor Day Foundation Celebration Ideas



Celebration Ideas



It has been over 135 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day, and his simple idea of setting aside a special day for tree planting is now more important than ever. If you're looking for inspiration for your own celebration—whether for a classroom or an entire community—here are a few suggestions.

- ▶ Hold an Arbor Day ceremony and honor the good stewards in your community.
- ▶ Organize a “Big Tree” or “Oldest Tree” search within your community.
- ▶ Plant a tree.
- ▶ Host a reception to honor the Tree Board members in your community.

- ▶ Write a story, produce a play, or present a skit about trees.
- ▶ Choose a public park or downtown area to clean up.
- ▶ Read a book about trees.
- ▶ Hold an Arbor Day Birthday Party for the community.
- ▶ Sponsor a craft show featuring exhibitors who engage in crafts with natural materials.
- ▶ Schedule classes on tree pruning, tree selection, tree identification and tree planting.
- ▶ Hold a Read-In at the library.
- ▶ Host a concert.
- ▶ Sponsor a poster contest, poetry contest or tree trivia contest.
- ▶ Organize a tree identification hike.
- ▶ Volunteer with a local tree-planting organization.
- ▶ Encourage neighborhood organizations to hold Arbor Day block parties.

We inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

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