



Legislation Text

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To: City Council
City Administrator

From: Mayor Rhonda Pownell
Tim Behrendt, Streets and Parks Manager

Mayoral Proclamation April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in Northfield.

Action Requested:
Informational.

Summary Report:

Mayor Pownell is currently reviewing the attached Mayoral Proclamation Declaring April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in Northfield.

The City of Northfield urban forest is a large asset of which the City can be proud. The trees throughout Northfield are beneficial in numerous ways including reducing erosion, decreasing cooling costs, and providing wildlife habitat as well as increasing property values of homes. Recognizing and protecting this asset can assure the residents of the continued existence of the urban forest.

To enhance the urban forest, the City of Northfield will once again be holding a Shade Tree Sale. The sale will run from April 3rd through April 28th, and the trees can be ordered by stopping by the Street and Park Maintenance Facility, 1710 Riverview Drive, Monday through Friday from 7:00AM - 4:00PM. The trees will be planted, weather permitting, Saturday, May 13, 2017. The planting will be done as a volunteer effort. The Men of Northfield, along with Cannon Valley Tree Service will be planting the trees.

This proclamation is one component necessary for the 2017 Tree City USA application. The City of Northfield has been recognized as a Tree City USA 15 times previously.

Alternative Options:
Not applicable.

Financial Impacts:
None, trees are sold at cost and result in no additional cost to the City of Northfield.

Tentative Timelines:
Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 28, 2017.

