



# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 6, 2015  
**To:** Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Patrick Foran, Director  
**Phone:** 452-5377  
**Subject:** Arbor Day-Earth Day 2015; Tree City USA Award

This year, in celebration of Arbor Day-Earth Day, the City will host several activities to facilitate public awareness of and involvement with the environment.

April 6, 2015: Tree City USA Award and Growth Award Presentation to the City of Bellevue

At the April 6 Council meeting, Mayor Balducci will declare April 18 Arbor Day-Earth Day in Bellevue. This year, Bellevue will receive its 24<sup>th</sup> *Tree City USA Award* and 22<sup>nd</sup> *Growth Award* from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

April 18: Arbor Day-Earth Day 2015 at Lewis Creek Park

On Saturday April 18, the City will host its annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event at Lewis Creek Park. During the morning, over 300 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects including native planting, invasive plant removal, and trail improvements.

From 11am-1pm, a variety of eco-stations will be set up throughout the park where visitors can learn about how they can help protect the environment.

At 11am, the Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival will begin, and volunteer groups and partnering organizations will be recognized for their hard work and commitment. The event will culminate at 11:30am with a ceremonial Arbor Day Tree Planting.

We hope you can join us in celebration of this year's special events which highlight our commitment to environmental stewardship.

cc: Parks & Community Services Board  
Transportation Commission  
Planning Commission  
Environmental Services Commission