

DATE: April 16, 2018

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377
Parks & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Arbor Day-Earth Day 2018: 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 16, 2018: Tree City USA Award & Growth Award Presentation to the City of Bellevue

At the April 16 Council meeting, Mayor Chelminiak will declare April 21, 2018 Arbor Day-Earth Day in Bellevue. This year, Bellevue will receive its 27th Tree City USA Award and 25th Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

April 21, 2018: Arbor Day-Earth Day 2018 at Lewis Creek Park

On Saturday April 21, the City will host its annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event at Lewis Creek Park. Volunteer projects commence at 9:00am, where over 300 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects including native planting, noxious weed removal, and trail improvements.

From 11am-1:30pm, a variety of eco-stations will be set up at the Lewis Creek Visitors Center where visitors can learn about how they can help protect the environment.

At 11:30am, the Arbor Day-Earth Day Recognition Ceremony will begin, and volunteer groups and partnering organizations will be recognized for their hard work and commitment. The ceremony will culminate at noon 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