

DATE: April 15, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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

SUBJECT: Arbor Day - Earth Day 2019: 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 20, 2019: Tree City USA Award & Growth Award Presentation to the City of Bellevue

At the April 15 Council meeting, Mayor Chelminiak will declare April 20, 2019 Arbor Day-Earth Day in Bellevue. This year, Bellevue will receive its 28th Tree City USA Award and 26th Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

April 20, 2019: Arbor Day-Earth Day 2019 at Lewis Creek Park

On Saturday April 20, the City will host its annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event at Lewis Creek Park. Volunteer projects commence at 9:00 a.m., when over 300 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects including native planting, noxious weed removal, and trail improvements.

From 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 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 11:30 a.m., 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