

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item Title:

Consider Approving a Proclamation for Arbor Day 2016.

Date of Meeting 12/13/16

Ward # if applicable N/A

Department Parks & Recreation

Person Submitting Item: Thurman C. Hardison

Call for Public Hearing Yes No

Date of Public Hearing

Explanation of Item:

Celebration of Arbor Day and associated local tree care relative to its recognition.

Actions Needed by Board:

Approve Proclamation

Is item time sensitive? Yes No

Will there be advocates/opponents at the meeting? Yes No

Backup Attached:

Memo
Arbor Day 2016 Proclamation

Cost of Agenda Item: NA

If this item requires an expenditure, has it been budgeted and are funds available and certified by the Finance Director : Yes No

Additional notes:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen
FROM: Thurman C. Hardison, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: December 6, 2016
RE: Consider Approving a Proclamation for Arbor Day 2016

Background Information:

Arbor Day is a national celebration of community tree growing, planting, and care, dating back to 1872. As the City of New Bern enters this year's tree planting season (November-April), we request that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen recognize, through proclamation, the importance and value of trees in our many neighborhoods, communities, and City as a whole.

Recommendation:

Director of Parks and Recreation recommends approval of a proclamation by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen proclaiming December 13th, 2016 as the City of New Bern's "Arbor Day".

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Attachment: Arbor Day 2016 Proclamation



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a national celebration of community tree growing, planting and care dating back to 1872; and

WHEREAS, recognition of this important historical tradition and the practical as well as aesthetic value of trees is a year-long effort in New Bern; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day serves to acknowledge the good work of City employees, resident volunteers, local garden clubs, corporate participants and the many service groups involved in the preservation and expansion of our urban forest; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day reminds us all of the basic need for trees, such as they help clean the air, protect wildlife, save heating and cooling costs, conserve energy production, block pollution of rivers and streams, reduce soil erosion and provide a sense of comfort, shelter and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and comprise a visual record of New Bern's past as well as a plan for the future appearance of its streetscapes and landscapes,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dana E. Outlaw, Mayor of the City of New Bern do hereby proclaim December 13, 2016 as

"ARBOR DAY"

in the City of New Bern and urge all citizens to celebrate its meaning by planting, replacing or protecting their trees and woodlands and learn more about the proper selection, care and maintenance of trees to make them last longer for the benefit of this' and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of New Bern this the 13th day of December in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dana E. Outlaw
Mayor

