

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	1C
Meeting Date	March 23, 2009
Prepared By	Todd M. Bolton City Arborist
Approved By	Barbara Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Designating Arbor Day 2009
Background	Every April, the City of Takoma Park has an Arbor Day celebration. This year the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Traditionally, the Council adopts a resolution to show support for the Arbor Day event.
Fiscal Impact	Covered in operating budget (approximately \$650).
Attachments	Proposed Resolution Designating Arbor Day 2009
Recommendation	Staff recommends that Council adopt the proposed resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2009-
SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY 2009 IN TAKOMA PARK**

WHEREAS, the environment is important to the residents of Takoma Park; and

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of the character of Takoma Park and provide many benefits to residents, such as improving air quality, reducing the need for air conditioning, serving as windbreaks, stabilizing soils, providing watershed protection, and providing wildlife cover and food; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forest Division of the City's Department of Public Works, in coordination with the Takoma Park Tree Commission and the Takoma Park Committee on the Environment, has organized an Arbor Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, cities play a vital role in promoting and encouraging the protection and planting of trees and other environmentally sound practices; and

WHEREAS, this event is designed for the local community to participate in Arbor Day activities; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day will be celebrated on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Takoma Park Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the activities will include educational opportunities and the distribution of free tree seedlings; and

WHEREAS, the City Arborist, the Committee on the Environment, Friends of Sligo Creek, Maryland Department of Forestry, PEPCO, and others will be on hand to answer questions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, in honor of Arbor Day 2009, supports the local environmental celebration of Arbor Day in Takoma Park on Saturday, April 11, 2009 and encourages residents to participate.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk