

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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**Council Meeting Date:** March 3, 2009

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**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager

**THROUGH:** Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager *SJD*

**FROM:** J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director *J.P.*

**PREPARED BY:** Erik Wilson, ROW (Right of Way) Supervisor *EW*

**SUBJECT:** Peoria's Arbor Day Celebration

**SUMMARY:**

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

On Saturday March 21, in front of the Desert Fusion Garden on City Hall Campus, the City of Peoria will have its first Arbor Day event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., celebrating Arizona's official Arbor Day, the third Friday in March. There will be short informal informational instructions followed by the planting of trees on the campus.

In addition several local nurseries, the Water Conservation Department and the Solid Waste Department will have promotional tables set up on the plaza. The Right of Way Contracted Maintenance Division will be distributing informational materials and tree seedlings to the public.

By celebrating Arbor Day, the City of Peoria will come one step closer to being designated a "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation.

**ATTACHMENT:** Event Flyer

The City of Peoria's  
AZ ARBOR  
DAY  
CELEBRATION  
"STAY  
CONNECTED  
THROUGH  
TREES"

**Public Educational Workshops**

**Selecting a tree that fits your needs**  
**The right tree in right place**  
**Planting a tree for life**

**Training a young tree**  
**Long term care of your trees**  
**Hands-on planting of trees**



**SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2009 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**  
**CITY HALL COMPLEX**  
**8401 W MONROE ST., PEORIA**

