




MEETING DATE: 4/18/05

ITEM NO. 7

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: APRIL 6, 2005

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) for National Arbor Day proclamation and annual observance.

BACKGROUND:

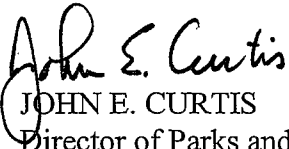
The Town annually observes National Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony. Recognition of National Arbor Day is also a requirement for the "Tree City U.S.A." award. The Town has received the "Tree City U.S.A." award twenty-five (25) years in a row from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The "Tree City U.S.A." Program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the Department of Forestry. The Town was notified of receiving this national recognition in February, 2005. (Attachment 2).

DISCUSSION:

The Town's commitment to preserve and enhance our urban forest is evidenced by the Town's continued support of the following specific standards: Adoption and enforcement of a tree ordinance; a comprehensive Urban Forestry Program; annual observance of Arbor Day; and, have a legal tree governing body, the Parks Commission.

Los Gatos has a strong commitment to preserving and expanding its urban forest. The community recognizes and supports the functional and aesthetic value of trees.

PREPARED BY:


JOHN E. CURTIS

Director of Parks and Public Works

Reviewed by: JS Assistant Town Manager DL Town Attorney _____ Clerk Administrator
SV Finance _____ Community Development

Revised: 4/6/05 12:00 pm

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MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND
ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

APRIL 6, 2005

Arbor Day will be observed in Town this year on Friday, April 29, 2005, on National Arbor Day. Tree planting ceremonies will take place at Oak Meadow Park at 12:00 Noon with musical entertainment performed by the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Pipe and Drum Band. Employees, Town Council Members, and residents are invited to attend the ceremonies.

This year, the tree planting ceremony will be dedicated to honor and remember two extraordinary Town volunteers, Shirley Henderson and Graham Burrows, who both recently passed away. Shirley Henderson was active in the Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee, enriching the beautification of Los Gatos and Graham Burrows was very active planting trees in streets and parks during the past few years.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact for the Tree City U.S.A. award. Indirect fiscal impact for Arbor Day activities includes approximately ten hours of Parks Program staff time (absorbed by Parks program) and approximately \$520 for four (4) 24"-box trees for the Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies (Account # 5020-44031).

Attachment:

1. Resolution for "National Arbor Day Proclamation and Annual Observance"
2. Tree City U.S.A. Award Notification letter, dated 2-25-05

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PROCLAIMING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE**

WHEREAS, The Town of Los Gatos recognizes National Arbor Day, Friday April 29, 2005;

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos observes this national tree recognition day;

WHEREAS, The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service establish community forestry standards;

WHEREAS, the Town has established and observes the four National Arbor Day Foundation standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Los Gatos demonstrates a commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program. The Town of Los Gatos renews its commitment to urban forestry efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos held on the day of , 2005 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA



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February 25, 2005

The Honorable Mike Wasserman
Mayor of the City of Los Gatos
P.O. Box 949
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Mayor Wasserman,

Congratulations to Los Gatos on being named as a 2004 Tree City USA!

The trees we plant and care for today will cool and beautify our communities, increase property values, help clean the air and water, and conserve energy for years to come.

An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement—a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years. The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement.

Tree City USA is sponsored in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. State foresters are responsible for the presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other materials. We will forward your awards to Herb Bunt in your state forester's office. They will be coordinating the presentation with you. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, congratulations on receiving this national recognition for your tree-care program.

Best regards,

John Rosenow
President

cc: John E. Curtis