



Press Release

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St. George Celebrates Arbor Day

Do you know the top 5 Reasons to a plant a tree?

1. Trees help clear the air. Trees produce the oxygen we breathe and reduce air pollution by lowering air temperature.
2. Trees bring songbirds and other wildlife close by. Trees provide nesting sites, food and shelter for countless species of animals.
3. Trees help clean our rivers and streams. Trees hold the soil in place and reduce polluted runoff into the waterways.
4. Trees make your home, your neighborhood and your parks more beautiful. Trees add grace and color to the landscape. It's easy and it's fun! Join the Shade Tree Board, Star Nursery and the St. George Leisure Services for a morning of community stewardship.

Spring is knocking on St. George's door so come and celebrate Arbor Day with the City of St. George's Leisure Services Department, the Shade Tree Board and Star Nursery on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Tonaquint Nature Center.

Everyone is invited to select a free tree and participate in the day's planned activities. The main highlight of the day will be the beautification project around the Tonaquint Nature Center. Grab your work gloves and help plant new trees in order to improve the animal habitat and aesthetics this wonderful unique park in St. George. Lunch will be served to those who assist in the beautification project.

The Shade Tree Board will also have valuable information on proper planting and pruning techniques for FREE to all those interested. Professionals will be on hand to answer any other gardening questions you may have. Star Nursery will be giving away trees to each family that attends the celebration.

The staff at the Tonaquint Nature Center will have FREE crafts for the kids to create inside their facility from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. There will also be display items for the kids and adults to look at, including the Washington County School District's 5th grade participant winners of the 2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest.

For more information about the day's planned activities you may call Doug Wulfenstein at 634-5869 or Dawn Albrecht at 627-4560 or visit St George City's web site at www.sgcityrec.org. The Tonaquint Nature Center is located at 1851 South Dixie Drive in St George.