

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM V**



**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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*City Council Meeting of October, 2016*

**Subject: A Proclamation relating to Arbor Day in Franklin, NH.**

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**CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*"The Three Rivers City"*

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**PROCLAMATION**

**In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen,**

A Proclamation relating to Arbor Day in Franklin, New Hampshire, in keeping with our City's continuing efforts towards recognizing the importance of trees; their upkeep; maintenance, replacement, removal and their surrounding habitat.

**WHEREAS,** The City of Franklin, New Hampshire typically tends to celebrate Arbor Day in the Fall Season, thereby avoiding the heat of the summer and recognizing that Fall is the most suitable time of the year to plant trees, and

**WHEREAS,** In 1872 a gentleman named J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS,** The concept of dedicating a day called Arbor Day was first observed in the State of Nebraska with the planting of more than one million trees throughout this State over the year of 1872, and

**WHEREAS,** Trees should be planted in their appropriate Natural Environment as many species are only adaptable to certain climate zones, soils, sunlight, precipitation, air quality and other conditions most suitable to their origin throughout the world, and

**WHEREAS,** in order for trees to be healthy they should be planted allowing for no conflicts with underground or overhead utilities, space to develop a canopy and mature to their natural shape and beauty through proper pruning and maintenance to avoid potential safety hazards.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I Kenneth Merrifield, Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, a City with more Trees than People, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 3, 2016 as:

**"ARBOR DAY in FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE"**

and invite all Citizens to participate in the preparation and the planting of four trees in Daniell Park located off of Liberty Avenue, beginning at 11 A.M.

**PROCLAIMED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor, Kenneth Merrifield, on this day, October 3, 2016.

**A true copy, attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Katie Gargano, City Clerk



**Arbor Day Foundation®**

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*We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.*

September 1, 2016

Brian Sullivan  
43 W Bow St  
Franklin, NH 03235-1123

Dear Brian,

Congratulations! Franklin is a proud participant of the Tree City USA® program. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to providing a sound community forestry program. Last year, more than 140 million American citizens were able to call their city a Tree City USA community, a feat we all can take pride in.

It is time to begin the renewal process for your 2016 Tree City USA recognition. We encourage you to utilize the online application system and are happy to help with any questions you might have. Beginning September 1, please visit [arborday.org/treecity](http://arborday.org/treecity) to start your online application.

You will be happy to know that the contact, tree board, and ordinance information you entered is saved each year and is automatically entered into the current year's application. You will be able to edit this information as needed. This time saver is one of the many benefits of submitting your application online.

If you need a paper application, you may print one at [arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/apply.cfm](http://arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/apply.cfm).

Please submit your application in advance of the **January 1, 2017**, deadline (unless your state has instituted an earlier deadline). This allows applications to be processed efficiently so that materials reach you in time for your Arbor Day celebrations.

As a reminder, the Growth Award eligibility requirement of exceeding the previous year's expenditures has been removed. More information on the eligibility and application process of the Tree City USA Growth Award can be found at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa/eligibility.cfm>. Please contact your state coordinator for more information.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your community is a greener, healthier environment for all your citizens. If you have any questions, please contact us at [treecity@arborday.org](mailto:treecity@arborday.org) or 888-448-7337.

Sincerely,

Dan Lambe  
President

Please direct any questions you may have to your state coordinator or:

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