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PRESS RELEASE

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Celebrate Arbor Day in Alaska on May 16

(Anchorage, AK) -- Plant a tree. Take a walk in the woods. Start recycling paper products. Whatever you choose to do, the Alaska Division of Forestry encourages Alaskans to take time to celebrate Arbor Day on Monday, May 16.

Established in 1872, Arbor Day is the day set aside to plant trees, educate children and adults about the importance of trees, and recognize the important role that trees play in our lives. In Alaska, Arbor Day is celebrated on the third Monday in May.

Governor Mike Dunleavy signed a proclamation denoting May 16 as Arbor Day in Alaska, in which he invites Alaskans young and old to honor one of the state's greatest assets – its forests.

To learn more about planting and caring for trees, visit the Division's Community Forestry Program website at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community>. For ideas on how to celebrate Arbor Day, visit the national Arbor Day Foundation website at: <https://celebratearborday.com/>

A calendar list of events planned around Arbor Day is attached to this release.

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ALASKA ARBOR DAY CALENDAR

SOUTHCENTRAL

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Wednesday, May 16

9:30, Orion Elementary School, 5112 Arctic Warrior Drive, Elmendorf. Colonel Aguilar presiding and the participation of Mrs. Jara's 6th grade class (not open to the public). Contact Cayley Elsik, JBER Biologist, for more information (907) 384-3212 or cayley.elsik@us.af.mil

Friday, May 20

15:30, Army Troop Medical Clinic, Bldg 786 on D St and 6th St. Major General Eifler presiding with Girl Scout Troops 20051 and 210 (not open to the public). Contact Cayley Elsik, JBER Biologist, for more information (907) 384-3212 or cayley.elsik@us.af.mil

Anchorage

Wednesday, May 11

The Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department and SAVE High School will be planting trees along Campbell Creek at E. 56th Avenue.

Saturday, May 14

10:00 Girl Scout Troop 22001 and Paul's Tree Service will plant a half dozen trees donated by Paul as part of his "Spruce Up Anchorage" program. The trees will be planted to replace trees killed by spruce beetles at Campbell Park, Lake Otis Boulevard 2365 East 48th Avenue.

Monday, May 16

10:00 am Chanshtnu Muldoon Park, 1301 Muldoon Road. The official Municipality of Anchorage Arbor Day event will be conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department. Two spruce trees will be planted.

Palmer

Monday, May 16

2:00 The Matanuska Electric Association will prune and clean trees at the Babb Arboretum, 536 E. Cooper Loop, Palmer.

Wasilla

Monday, May 16

11:00 am City of Wasilla tree planting and replanting at Iditapark (behind the tennis courts). Mayor Glenda Ledford will read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

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Golden Valley Electric Association

Since 1991, GVEA has given away over 90,000 trees or shrubs to members to celebrate Arbor Day. 2022 is GVEA's 31st Annual Tree Giveaway!

The tree giveaway will take place on **Saturday May 14, 9am – noon (or until the trees are gone)**.

Locations are:

- **Delta:** GVEA Delta office parking lot, 1681 Richardson Hwy
- **Fairbanks:** GVEA Fairbanks campus parking lot, 758 Illinois St
- **Nenana:** Coghill's General Store, 807 A St, Nenana
- **Healy:** Denali Chamber of Commerce, Mile .4 Healy Spur Rd

Fairbanks

May 16, 2022

10:00 am Bluebell Park

Four classes from Denali School will plant 2 – 4 trees. The FNSB will provide the trees and determine proper placement and planting techniques.

12:00 noon The park strip between Golden Heart Plaza and Morris Thompson Center

A spruce tree that will become a part of the lighted Christmas walk will be planted by Home School children. Sprucewood Montessori students are also invited.

Program:

- Introductions by Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee
- Arbor Day Proclamation reading by Mayor Bryce Ward
- Dedication of the tree by the Peace Center to the People of Ukraine
- Choral presentation by Fairbanks Peace Choir
- Tree Planting
- Sinking the Fairbanks Arbor Day 2020 sign (2022?)
- Decorating the tree with blue and yellow garlands and ornaments with messages from Fairbanks children to the children of Ukraine

Fort Wainwright

Tuesday, May 24

10:00 – 2:00

Arbor Day seedling giveaway at the Fort Wainwright Environmental Office.

McGrath

Monday, May 16

McGrath School. Students will be removing invasive chokecherry trees and replanting native tree species.

INSIDE PASSAGE

Ketchikan

Monday, May 16

12:00 – 1:00 Ketchikan Public Library

Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA presentation and pruning demonstration

Juneau

Monday, May 16

12:00 Evergreen Cemetery

The USDA Forest Service Regional Forester and City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation Director George Schaff will give an Arbor Day presentation. An oak and an elm will be planted with participation from downtown elementary school students.