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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TEMPLE TERRACE TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2011

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (1/4/11) – Temple Terrace will celebrate *Florida Arbor Day* with a special program Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 at Riverhills Park, 329 S. Riverhills Drive. The free event is 11 a.m. to noon.

Parks Planner Dana Carver of the Temple Terrace Parks and Recreation Division will talk about the proper care and planting of trees, as well as the importance of planting native trees. Temple Terrace Code Compliance Director Joe Gross will speak about City regulations related to trees. Both men are certified arborists and will be happy to answer your questions. You do not have to be a Temple Terrace resident to attend.

Additionally, the City will be giving away potted longleaf-pine seedlings and dogwood trees for homeowners to plant in their yards. The trees were donated by the Tampa Bay Reforestation and Environmental Effort (T.R.E.E., Inc.), which has partnered with Temple Terrace on several occasions to help preserve, protect and expand the City's tree population.

City officials also will be distributing the *Temple Terrace Tree Guide*. The full-color brochures provide a wealth of information on identifying, planting and caring for native trees, including tips for pruning and trimming, as well as advice for selecting the "right tree for the right place." The brochures are free.

In 2008, Temple Terrace was named a *Tree City USA*, a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Five reflective roadside signs acknowledging the honor are being erected around the City, generously funded and donated by the Temple Terrace Preservation Society and GFWC Temple Terrace Woman's Club.

Temple Terrace's *Florida Arbor Day* event is a great way to learn about native trees, how to plant them and how to help preserve the City's environmental heritage. Come out and join us at Riverhills Park, and pick up a free native seedling for your yard.

For more information, contact the Temple Terrace Parks and Recreation Division at (813) 506-6600.