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TEMPLE TERRACE TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (1/6/12) – Temple Terrace will celebrate *Florida Arbor Day* with a special program Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 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 have an update on new 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.

As part of the program, the City will be giving away potted native-tree seedlings and 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.

Gross also will unveil the City’s new *Adopt-a-Tree Program*. Under the program, the City will provide free trees for homeowners to plant in their yards. Species will include a variety of oaks, sabal palms, slash pines and bald cypress. Homeowners will receive assistance and friendly advice on the care and planting of the trees. Requirements and restrictions will apply. The trees will be offered during Code Compliance’s monthly neighborhood sweeps. For more information, call (813) 506-6680.

Trees are an important part of Temple Terrace’s heritage. In 2008, the community was named a *Tree City USA*, a designation sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

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

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