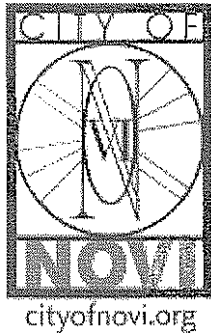


# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** RANDY AULER, DIRECTOR, NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

**FROM:** STEVE PRINTZ, PARKS & FORESTRY OPERATIONS MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARDS AND ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

**DATE:** APRIL 4, 2008

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The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Novi as a 2007 Tree City USA. It is the sixteenth year Novi has received this national recognition. Tree City USA recognizes communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Additionally, Novi is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for the eighth time. This prestigious award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities. Novi received this award for demonstrating progress in its community forest program in the following areas:

- Education and Public Relations
- Continuing Education for Staff
- Planning and Management
- Tree Inventory and Analysis
- Computerized Tree-Management System
- Management Plan
- Tree Planting and Maintenance

The annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Lakeshore Park (south side of South Lake Drive, west of Old Novi Road) on April 26, 2008 from 10am-12pm. Community members are encouraged to attend to assist in tree and shrub planting and mulching. Additionally, work will be done to remove invasive plants such as Garlic Mustard. Volunteers will receive a tree seedling with planting information to take home and snacks, beverages and equipment will be provided. The ceremonial tree planting and reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation will take place at 10am at the Lakeshore Park trailhead. Please see that attached flyer for more information.

# Arbor Day 2008

*Give Back to Your Community & The Environment!*



**Date:** Saturday, April 26

**Time:** 10am-12pm

**Location:** Lakeshore Park

601 South Lake Drive - south side of  
South Lake Drive, west of Old Novi Road

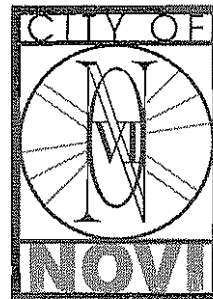


The annual Arbor Day celebration is an opportunity to give back to your community and the environment by planting and mulching trees and shrubs and removing invasive plants at Lakeshore Park. Volunteers receive a tree seedling to plant in your yard and valuable tree care information. Snacks, beverages, equipment and gloves will be provided.

The City of Novi has proudly been a National Arbor Day Foundation-Tree City USA designee for the last 16 years and has received a Tree City USA Growth Award for 2007. Novi is recognized annually because of demonstrated excellence in education and public relations, tree planting and tree management planning .



**TREE CITY USA.**



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## PROCLAMATION

*Arbor Day - April 26, 2008*

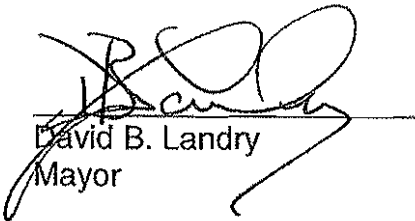
*WHEREAS*, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called **ARBOR DAY**, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

*WHEREAS*, Arbor Day has grown to become not only a national, but a world wide event which is observed throughout the last week in April; and

*WHEREAS*, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; they are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other products; and

*WHEREAS*, Trees within the city of Novi increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, David Landry, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, declare Saturday, April 26, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Novi, and call upon all community members to take full advantage of this special occasion by joining in the tree planting and festivities at Lakeshore Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Signed and sealed this twenty-sixth day of April, Two Thousand and eight.

  
David B. Landry  
Mayor