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CITY OF CHICO CELEBRATES NATIONAL ARBOR DAY AND TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION

The City of Chico has been awarded Tree City USA designation for the 39th consecutive year by the Arbor Day Foundation.

To celebrate National Arbor Day and the City of Chico's Tree City designation, the Public Works Tree Division, along with community stakeholders, have three upcoming tree planting events.

Seventeen trees are scheduled to be planted in a series of events at local schools.

Schedule of Events:

- Wednesday April 26th. Notre Dame School. 435 Hazel Street, Chico. Three graduation trees will be planted by the 8th grade students: Tree type: "Columbia" London plane trees. Event start from 9:30 A.M. at 5th and Hazel St.
- Thursday April 27th. Parkview elementary school. 1770 E 8th St, Chico. Three graduation trees will be planted by the 5th grade classes. A fruit tree will be planted by a 1st grade class. Event start at 10:00 A.M. at the school. Tree type: Pistache, apple, kumquat.
- Friday April 28th. Little Chico Creek Elementary School. 2090 Amanda Way, Chico. Ten trees will be planted. Tree type: Zelkova and fruit trees. Event start at 10:00 A.M. at the school.

School tree planting events are not open to the public.

Media please check-in with on-site school administration on the day of the event.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 530-896-7800

- Funding for this project is provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the The City of Chico Urban Forest “Seed to Shade” Program.
- Funding is also provided by the ReLeaf “Treecovery” program in conjunction with The Butte Environmental Council.
- The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America. Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management, maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us

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