

Proclamation

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY – APRIL 24, 2026

WHEREAS, National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday of April each year by many states across the country for the community planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, trees greatly benefit the health of our community and health of our planet, support our wildlife and local ecosystems and pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, which mitigates global warming; and

WHEREAS, the special importance of trees in urban areas must be maintained to improve air quality, provide shade, prevent erosion of topsoil and sedimentation in waterways, maintain climatic balance and decrease wind velocities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park was historically forested by stands of oak, bay and other trees; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and planting of trees is necessary to preserve the scenic beauty and historical value of trees, and to promote the continued health and welfare of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park is well known for its numerous and beautiful trees which truly enhance the desirability of Menlo Park as a place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the City's urban canopy is expertly and professionally maintained by the Public Works tree team; and

WHEREAS, this is the twenty-seventh anniversary of City of Menlo Park being recognized as a member of the Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree City USA" group; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
April 14, 2026