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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TEMPLE TERRACE TO CELEBRATE FLORIDA ARBOR DAY**

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (12/31/14)** – Temple Terrace will celebrate *Florida Arbor Day* with a special program Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015 at Riverhills Park, 329 S. Riverhills Drive. The free event is 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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 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.

Will Moriarty, president of T.R.E.E. Inc., also will be on hand, and as part of the program the City will be giving away native bare-root seedlings (courtesy of T.R.E.E. Inc.), including red maple, sweet gum, tulip poplar and more.

“This is the first year we’re concentrating on shade trees,” Carver said. “In the past, we’ve featured flowering trees and evergreens.”

Free copies of the *Temple Terrace Tree Guide* will be available. 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.”

Gross also will talk about the City’s popular *Adopt-a-Tree Program*. Under the program, the City provides free trees for homeowners to plant in their yards. Homeowners will receive assistance and friendly advice on the care and planting of the trees. Requirements and restrictions apply. The trees are 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. Since 2008, the community has been recognized as 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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