COUNCIL MEMO

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026
STAFF: Adam Hanks, City Administrator

Arbor Day Celebration 2026

Tree Plantings & Community Collaboration

In 2025, the City of Coburg was recognized for Year 28 of Recognition as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Tree City USA began a movement to inspire communities to prioritize planting and caring for trees, strengthening the health and wellbeing of people and places.

Building upon the understanding of the value of trees and community partnerships, and the success of the RARE AmeriCorps member's native planting project last Arbor Day at Jacob Spores Park, the City will once again host tree planting activities in collaboration with the Coburg Community Charter School (CCCS), Countryside Christian Fellowship, Coburg Pizza and other partners.

This year, plantings are planned at two locations within the same northwest part of town. On Van Duyn St., five to six plantings are planned to replace the previous tree plantings that did not survive. Soil quality will be improved and irrigation added to increase viability of survival in the critical first two growing seasons. In the nearby Austin/Abby St. bioswale, three to four tree plantings are planned. These trees will have access to water through the function of the bioswale (stormwater) and will help enhance the natural ecosystem of the area in an efficient and aesthetically pleasing way.

City staff are excited to continue this partnership that holistically benefits the community's wellbeing and both the natural and built environment.