

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**ARBOR DAY**  
**APRIL 26, 2024**

- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Scott A. Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as

**ARBOR DAY**  
**in the City of Naperville**

and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program; further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville, this 16th day of April 2024.



Scott A. Wehrli  
Mayor