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49th Annual Arbor Day Celebration Honors Columbus' Tree City Legacy and Rare Florida Torreyia Planting

[Columbus, Georgia] – Keep Columbus Beautiful invites the community to celebrate National Arbor Day during its 49th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Chattahoochee Promenade located at 685 Front Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901 (Next to Coca-Cola Space Science Center).

As the longest-running Tree City in Georgia, Columbus continues its proud legacy of environmental stewardship, tree preservation, and community education. This free, family-friendly event will bring together residents of all ages to celebrate the vital role trees play in enhancing quality of life, protecting the environment, and strengthening our community. A major highlight of this year's celebration will be the planting of the Florida Torreyia, one of the rarest and most endangered tree species in the United States. This significant planting represents a strong commitment to conservation and biodiversity, underscoring Columbus's leadership in forward-thinking environmental initiatives.

In addition to the ceremonial tree plantings led by Eric Gansauer with Columbus Public Works, attendees can enjoy a variety of activities and attractions, including:

- Free food
- Educational demonstrations
- Free tree seedlings (while supplies last) provided by Trees Columbus
- Community vendors, giveaways, and face painting

Arbor Day highlights the importance of planting and preserving trees for future generations. Columbus' continued designation as a Tree City reflects decades of dedication to environmental responsibility.

Join us as we Go Green Together and celebrate trees, conservation, and community. For more information, call 706-225-4008 or email kcbc1987@columbusga.org

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