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COMMUNITY ARBOUR DAY TAKES ROOT IN NOEL BOOTH PARK

A chance to climb, plant, dig, explore, and learn all about trees and the many benefits they provide to us will be presented during the Township of Langley's annual celebration of our urban forests.

Community Arbour Day will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 1 – 3pm. Each year, the free, family-oriented event is held in a different community to spotlight various parks and greenspaces. This year, it will take place in Brookwood at Noel Booth Park, located at 36 Avenue and 202 Street.

The 14th annual event will feature interactive displays and activities, face painting, and a chance for kids to climb a tree. Guests can take home a seedling and a bag of compost, and those attending can make a contribution to the park and the environment by planting shrubs and plants.

“Community Arbour Day has become a very popular tradition that celebrates Earth Day and highlights the importance of trees and the natural world around us,” said Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. “We encourage everyone to come out to enjoy some hands-on opportunities to learn and have fun.”

“When it comes to protecting our environment, every action makes a difference,” he added. “This is a chance for kids and members of the public to learn to be environmental stewards and care for our valuable trees and greenspaces.”

Each Arbour Day, several trees are planted by members of Township Council to honour members of the public who have passed away, but left lasting legacies. This year, commemorative trees will be planted for:

- Dale Ball – Brookwood businessman and community volunteer
- Harry Hunt – Aldergrove Star photographer
- David and Pat Esworthy – Avid equestrians
- Glenn Ryder – Renowned environmentalist
- Judy Benson – Langley pioneer
- Drew Waska – Community volunteer
- Diane Pona – Former Langley School District Trustee
- Bea Jackman – Aldergrove historian
- Freda Lynch – Langley pioneer
- Larry Hope – Established Hope Redwoods Natural Area

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