

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

April 20, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Daniel Campos, Environmental Affairs Committee

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Gary Dyson, Environmental Specialist  
 Erica Shingara, Environmental Services Director

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

	Presentation
<b>X</b>	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
<b>Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating April 17 – 27 as "Gaithersburg Green Week" and April 21, 2009, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Gaithersburg</b>

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
Throughout Green Week, Gaithersburg hosts a series of activities to celebrate and improve the environment, including environmental awards, cleanups, planting projects, and family events.
<b>Accepting the proclamation will be Daniel Campos of the City's Environmental Affairs Committee, who will announce the week's planned activities:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children of all ages enjoyed a fun puppet show made from recycled materials at <b>Family Fun Night</b> on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ The City hosted a free rain barrel workshop on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> as part of our new Rain Barrel Rebate Program.</li> <li>▪ Gaithersburg's <b>Arbor Day Celebration</b> will be held at Diamond Elementary School on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, where Gaithersburg will receive its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Tree City USA award.</li> <li>▪ On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, volunteers from the City's Youth Centers will plant the City's first green street at Rabbitt Road.</li> <li>▪ During <b>Lug-A-Mug Day</b> on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, residents are encouraged to prevent waste associated with disposable cups by lugging a mug.</li> <li>▪ Pledge to <b>Change A Light</b> on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. By changing at least one light in your home with an ENERGY STAR qualified light bulb today, you will save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li> <li>▪ <b>Community Green Up Day</b> will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. until noon. Community members are encouraged to join the City at clean-ups and planting projects at Brown Station Elementary School, Little Quarry Park, Brighton West Condos, Hidden Creek, Lakelands, Lakelands Ridge, Quince Orchard Park, Woods at Muddy Branch, DeSillum House, Central Avenue, and Malcolm King Park.</li> <li>▪ The annual <b>Environmental Awards Ceremony</b> will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, at City Hall. The Mayor and City Council and the Environmental Affairs Committee will present awards to businesses, schools, and homeowners associations that are working to improve our environment.</li> </ul>
For a complete list of activities during Green Week, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov">www.gaithersburgmd.gov</a> .

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
<b>Present Proclamation.</b>