



# KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

## Tree Board

**AGENDA**

**April 4, 2018, 12:00 p.m.**

***Assembly Chambers, White Cliff Building***

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Comments**
- 3. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Trail Signage**
  - b. City Park tree replacement**
  - c. Arbor Day**
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Reports of Officers or Staff**
- 6. Discussion of Topics for Future Meetings**
- 7. Committee Member Comments**
- 8. Adjourn**

*The requirements of the Borough Tree City USA designation and the Alaska Division of Natural Resources Division of Forestry grant are incorporated herein for reference:*

Requirements of Tree City USA Designation

Certification as a Tree City USA carries with it four standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation:

1. A Tree Board or Department (Tree Board established by Ord 1527)
2. A Community Tree Ordinance (KGB Code 2.50)
3. A Community Tree Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation (May)

Requirement of Alaska DNR Community Forestry Grant

The services provided by the Division of Forestry were:

1. Tree Inventory and software (completed July 15, 2009, with update in 2014)
2. Development of Tree Management Plan (Presented by Division of Forestry to Borough March 8, 2010)
3. Training (provided July 2009 and March 2014)

Borough Responsibilities

Services performed by the Borough:

1. Provide cash or in-kind services match towards danger tree removal, tree maintenance, or planting in the amount required by the Arbor Day Foundation
2. Participation in Tree Board meetings and training
3. Commitment to implement and maintain Tree Management Plan
4. Commitment to maintain tree inventory
5. Inventory data within Borough GIS database (completed July 2009, March 2014, and ongoing)
6. Staff and hardware participation in training and inventory (completed July 2009 and March 2014)
7. Other duties as required per KGB Code 2.50.



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**MORGAN K. BARRY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

**DATE: April 2, 2018**

**TO: Tree Board**

**SUBJECT: Arbor Day Celebrations**

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Dates of Arbor Day Celebration throughout Alaska:

National, 2017: April 28

State of Alaska, 2017: May 15 – third Monday of May

Sitka, 2017: May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wasilla, 2017: May 15 (declared May 8)

For Wainwright, 2014: May 13

JBER, 2017: May 17

According to Juneau Empire, “While Arbor Day has been recognized in different states since 1872, it wasn’t officially a holiday in Alaska until 1966. Alaska can thank a class of fourth-graders from Kodiak Elementary School for giving the push for the state to observe Arbor Day. They wrote Sen. Al Owen, D-Uganik Bay, asking him what could be done about Alaska not recognizing Arbor Day. He responded by sponsoring Senate Bill 207 during the fourth Alaska Legislature, which passed, finally giving Alaska its first Arbor Day. (In 1973, the law was amended to change the date of the first Arbor Day to be held on the third Monday in May *for a better planting season in Alaska*).”

Washington State: April 12, 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of April

Oregon State: first full week of April

Canada: In Canada, Maple Leaf Day falls on the last Wednesday in September during National Forest Week. Ontario celebrates Arbor Week from the last Friday in April to the first Sunday in May. And Nova Scotia celebrates Arbor Day on the Thursday of National Forest Week.