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Arbor Day Celebration

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks in collaboration with the Tree Foundation of Kern will be planting 20 trees at Lowell Park.

Built in 1930, Lowell Park is one of the city's oldest parks. The existing trees in this park are very old and the City is anticipating their decline in the near future. Planting new trees to supplement the older ones, will ensure future shade for the residents to enjoy. The variety of trees selected to be planted are Sycamores, Valley Oaks, Live Oaks, and Chinese Pistache.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the planting of the 15 gallon trees. The tree planting will start at 9 a.m. and will conclude by 11 a.m.

"The Tree Foundation of Kern is proud to partner with the City of Bakersfield in this longstanding tradition of celebrating trees, not only here in Kern County but all over the nation," stated Melissa Iger, Executive Director of the Tree Foundation of Kern.

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location: Lowell Park
800 4th Street**

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