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## **Deltona Arbor Day Celebration includes huge plant giveaway**

**April 28, 2009**—The City of Deltona celebrated Arbor Day, encouraging residents to go green by planting plants and trees. The City, through the sponsorship of several area nurseries, was able to give away over 1,500 free bushes and trees.

The Celebration at City Hall also featured exhibits and displays from the Deltona Fire Department, Progress Energy and the Florida Division of Forestry. Steve Lloyd from the Florida Division of Forestry spoke to guests on the value of trees and Trisha Johnson from Progress Energy spoke about the importance of selecting the proper trees for an area. Rosemary Warner also shared information from Native Southeastern Trees.

A proclamation commemorating the event was read by Deltona City Commissioner District 5 Janet Deyette. City staff assisted guests with “plant-and-take” project and served popcorn and lemonade. Children from area day cares Sand Castle and Alpha Omega were the special guests of the day.

Special thanks to the City of Deltona Beautification Advisory Board, Deltona Garden Club, the Florida Division of Forestry and Smokey the Bear, Progress Energy, Florida Native Landscapes and City Departments for all their hard work.

### **Cutlines:**

**Arbor Day 7-** *Trisha Johnson from Progress Energy presented a “Know Where You Grow,” program to the many Deltona residents present at the City’s Annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 24.*

**Arbor Day 17-** *Residents listen to a presentation from Trisha Johnson from Progress Energy, eagerly waiting on the plant giveaway. Due to the support of several local nurseries including Robinsons’ Tree*



*Farm Inc., Pierson; Native Southeastern Trees, Osteen; Osteen Garden Nursery, Osteen; Beeman's Nursery, New Smyrna Beach; Pell's Nursery, Osteen and Full Moon Natives, Port Orange.*

**Arbor Day 95-** *Karl Grebosz, Facility Coordinator for Deltona Parks & Recreation, hands a tree sapling to a young Deltona resident.*

"It Starts in Parks"