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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR TREE PLANTING EVENT

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 17, 2009 – The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Advisory Board is inviting area residents to participate in a special tree planting event on Saturday, March 21.

The UFAB and area volunteers will plant nearly 400 tree seedlings from 8 am until noon at the Smith Creek Soccer Center, located just off Heritage Lake Road. Following Saturday's event, any remaining seedlings will be given to the participating volunteers.

Participants should bring shovels, work gloves, sturdy shoes, a hat, sunscreen and water.

The tree seedlings that will be planted Saturday were left over from the Feb. 28 Tree Seedling Giveaway at town hall. On that day, UFAB members and area cub scouts distributed over 1,700 Bald Cypress, River Birch, Chestnut Oak, and Black Walnut free of charge to more than 575 Wake Forest-area residents.

The UFAB sponsors the annual tree seedling giveaway in honor of Arbor Day, a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. Saturday's tree planting event is a new addition to the Town's slate of Arbor Day festivities, which also includes the annual Arbor Day program at the Wake Forest Community House.

The UFAB is a citizen group appointed by the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners. The UFAB advises the Town of Wake Forest on proper tree maintenance in public areas and is committed to the growth and preservation of the urban forest. Wake Forest has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 30 consecutive years.

For more information about Saturday's tree seedling planting, call (919) 554-3158.

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