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### **CITY TO HOST ARBOR DAY PLANTING CEREMONY AT BROADMOOR SENIOR CENTER**

The City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Reliant Energy and Beautify Corpus Christi to plant dozens of trees at Corpus Christi parks, senior centers and the Antonio E. Garcia Art Center as well as giveaway more than 500 seedlings to Corpus Christi residents to commemorate Arbor Day this week.

**The plantings will kick off with a ceremony at Broadmoor Senior Center, located at Broadmoor Park, 1651 Tarlton, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2011.** During the event, 20 trees will be planted around the newly constructed walking trail behind the senior center. In addition to planting trees, Reliant Energy will giveaway bur oak, chinkapin oak and oriental arborvitae seedlings to participants of this and other events.

Officials say it's a very welcome gift to the community. "Trees can help our community by increasing property values, reducing energy costs, enhancing the vitality of our business and visitor districts and beautifying our parks and neighborhoods," said Michael Morris, Director of Parks and Recreation. "The Parks and Recreation Department, along with our advisory committee and community partners, is committed to increasing the number of trees we have in our parks in an effort to enhance the spaces in which we live, learn and play," Morris said.

Reliant Energy will also plant trees and giveaway tree seedlings during the Parks and Recreation Department's "Play in the Park" event at Lindale Park, located at 3133 Swantner, from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

"We're pleased to join Beautify Corpus Christi and the Parks and Recreation Department to beautify the city's public spaces making Corpus Christi a better place for future generations," said Reliant Energy Director Ruben De Los Santos of Corpus Christi. "Trees not only beautify the landscape, they help reduce our carbon footprint by absorbing carbon dioxide. They also provide much needed shade which can help keep buildings cool, reducing everyone's energy cost. If we each do little things, like planting these trees, together we can make a big impact."

Additional trees will be planted at Acushnet, Lamar and Antonio E. Garcia parks. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at 826-3464.

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