



Port, Partners Dig In For 'Harbor Arbor' Day Celebration for 51st Street Greenbelt Beautification set for April 26

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The Port of Long Beach invites the community to celebrate the beautification of the 51st Street Greenbelt in north Long Beach with live entertainment, refreshments and children's activities on Saturday, April 26.

Local officials, residents and students will join for a ceremonial tree planting to commemorate Earth Day and the planting of 40 trees on the site beside the Los Angeles River.

The festivities will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 51st Street and DeForest Avenue and will include educational displays, free food and tree seedling giveaways for residents.

The Port, which has also teamed with the nearby Perry Lindsey Academy to plant 20 trees on campus, is co-sponsoring the beautification of these sites near the Long Beach (710) Freeway as part of its Harbor Arbor Tree Planting Project.

"We encourage the community to come out, celebrate and take a tree seedling to be planted at home," said Mario Cordero, President of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. "We hope people attend and learn about this and other projects we've undertaken to improve the environment in Long Beach."

For the 51st Street Greenbelt project, the Port partnered with the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach Public Works Department, Long Beach Development Services Department, Long Beach Redevelopment Bureau, and Long Beach City Council 8th District.

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