



News Release

Port to Celebrate Greenbelt Beautification

Harbor Arbor community event set Saturday at 51st and Deforest

April 23, 2008

What: Community Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration sponsored by the Port of Long Beach to commemorate the beautification of the 51st Street and Deforest Avenue Greenbelt in north Long Beach, featuring live entertainment, free refreshments and tree saplings. A ceremonial tree planting will also take place.

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

Where: 51st Street Greenbelt, corner of Deforest Avenue and West 51st Street, in north Long Beach. Access 51st Street off Long Beach Boulevard, just north of Del Amo Boulevard.

Background: Residents, students and Port of Long Beach officials will commemorate the planting of 27 trees at the 51st Street Greenbelt, near the Los Angeles River and Long Beach Freeway, as part of the Port's Harbor Arbor program. With the Harbor Arbor program, the Port is improving the environment and quality of life in Long Beach communities by planting dozens of trees. The Port and its partners also planted 22 trees next to the neighboring Perry Lindsey International Studies Magnet Middle School.

At the event on Saturday, the community will enjoy food, refreshments, music, children's activities and informational booths. The Port is encouraging residents and others to take trees home for planting as well.