



## TREE PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING

**City of Indian Harbour Beach, Florida**

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Police Department Training Room | 1835 S Patrick Drive



## AGENDA

Tree Preservation Board

Adam Lucey, Chairman

Leigh McElroy, Vice-Chair

Anastasia Doshna, Voting Member

Paul Oliveri, Voting Member

Beth Mahoney, Voting Member

Jelena Salonina, Alternate Member

### Staff

Orrie Covert, Assistant to the City Manager

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silent meditation
3. Roll call
4. Excusal of Board Members
5. Additions or deletions to the Agenda
6. Planning for the City's 2026 Arbor Day Event
7. Board Member comments
8. Public comments
9. Adjournment

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Wednesday, December 10, 2025

### AGENDA ITEM

#### 2026 Arbor Day Planning

**Attachments:** Alternate Arbor Day Date Rankings (Separate)

**Staff Recommendation:**

Continue to develop a plan for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual IHB Arbor Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2026.

**Background Information:**

The Board identified key elements of the Arbor day event planning and delegated responsibilities to board members, volunteers, and staff. The board is looking into possibly changing the day of the event due to it being on Easter weekend.

The Board hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual IHB Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday April 5, 2025. On April 16, 2025, the Board conducted an after-action review with the following comments:

- Chairman Yorio was pleased with the effort the Board and staff put into the event. Special recognition goes to Public Works Grounds Supervisor Smith for his efforts.
- All the giveaway trees were handed out.
- Member Salonia suggested starting earlier, possibly at 9 am.
- Chairman Yorio suggested an hour shorter, also.
- 2 hours' prep time seemed to work well.
- Member McElroy suggested all members visit the location before and have a more detailed layout printed for everyone to reference.
- City Manager Coffey suggested having a group site visit as part of a future meeting.
- Chairman Yorio suggested inviting more plant vendors.
- Chairman Yorio suggested having someone do a short presentation about the importance of native plants and how to plant a tree correctly and volunteered to make this presentation next year.
- Chairman Yorio suggested using the Recreation Center as part of the event, such as the How to Plant a Tree presentation.
- Member Salonia liked the water dispenser.
- Members McElroy and Oliveri agreed that the ice cream truck was well-received by attendees.
- Member McElroy stated that including activities for kids was a strength of the event.

- Member McElroy suggested adding some food next year.
- Chairman Yorio suggested a coffee truck.
- Chairman Yorio stated the Board needs to consider the time of the event, as vendors will want a longer event.
- Vice-Chairman Lucey suggested expanding the educational component of the event and having Public Works Grounds Supervisor Smith provide a short series of educational presentations.
- Member Salomina suggested the scavenger hunt include identifying native trees.

On November 5, 2025 the board discussed:

- The Board review lessons learned from last year before the next meeting, as there are only four more meetings before the 2026 Arbor Day celebration.

On December 10, 2025 the board discussed:

- Vice Chair McElroy suggested possibly changing the Arbor Day date so as to not conflict with Easter weekend. The Board had consensus to have Assistant to the City Manager Orrie Covert look into alternate dates.
- The Board discussed when and how long to hold the event and came to the consensus to hold the event from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The Board agreed to continue with the same timeline 10:15 AM.
- The Board agreed to take a tour at 10:45 AM.
- The Board discussed included educational activity event(s).
- Discussed potential vendors, including lagoon loyal, butterfly society, garden club, native plant society, rose mallow farms, ice cream truck, and food truck
  - Food trucks require inspection by the Fire Marshall on the day of the event.
- Discussed possible activities including scavenger hunt (native tree related), face painting, and canvas painting.
- Consensus on having the tree giveaway again, Neil Yorio offered to handle it again.
- The board discussed the type of tree to plant. Requested getting City Councils input on the type of tree to plant.
- Discussed giving away magnets and/or stickers, purchasing tablecloths, include Water dispenser, directional signs, and a raffle for a nicer and bigger tree.
- Consensus to have ACM Covert reach out to Kristin Cusimano and send a survey to the Tree Board ranking the dates.