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Pasco County Celebrates Arbor Day *~~Tree seedling giveaways on Jan. 19 & 23!~~*

NEW PORT RICHEY, FL ---- Pasco County invites the community to an **Arbor Day Celebration** on **January 19, 2018** at Frances Avenue Park, located at 5580 Frances Avenue in New Port Richey. The event begins at **11:00 a.m.** As part of this celebration of trees, free seedlings will be available, while supplies last!

The following seedling species will be available (includes the wildlife they benefit):

- ✓ Pawpaw (Zebra swallowtail)
- ✓ Redbud Maple (Spicebush swallowtail)
- ✓ Sycamore
- ✓ Wild Black Cherry (Tiger swallowtail)
- ✓ Hoptree (Giant swallowtail)
- ✓ Sassafras (Spicebush swallowtail)

Free seedlings will also be available at the Tasty Tuesdays event on January 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the New Port Richey City Library on Main Street. Approximately 600 seedlings will be handed out in our community during the week of Arbor Day.

“It is wonderful to see the community come together for the greater good,” said Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator Kristen King. “Trees play a crucial role in sustaining a healthy environment.”

The seedling giveaways are made possible through a partnership with Pasco County, Keep Pasco Beautiful, the City of New Port Richey Environmental Committee, Covanta Pasco and the Rotary Club of New Port Richey. Every Rotarian around the world is being challenged this year to plant a tree.

Trees remove CO2 and pollutants, helping keep metropolitan areas cooler. Trees also preserve soil by decreasing storm water run-off, and they provide shade and shelter for many animals

Florida celebrates Arbor Day on the third Friday in January – a tradition that began in 1886.

For more information about the tree seedling give away and Keep Pasco Beautiful, click here:
<http://keepascobeautiful.org>.