



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council
FROM: City Manager
SUBJECT: Earth Day 2026 Celebration at Bristow Park - Funding Request
MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the allocation of funds to cover the costs associated with the Earth Day 2026 event at Bristow Park.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Department will host the City's annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bristow Park. This annual event promotes environmental awareness, community engagement, and neighborhood beautification through hands-on participation.

The Earth Day Celebration provides residents with opportunities to participate in community cleanup efforts, tree planting, environmental education activities, and proper waste disposal practices.

ANALYSIS

Earth Day 2026 will be a family-friendly community event centered on the theme: **"Love Our Earth • Grow Our Future!"**

Planned event components include:

Community Cleanup & Waste Disposal

Volunteers will be organized into groups to clean Bristow Park and surrounding neighborhood areas. Waste bins will be strategically placed at the following locations:

- Sydney Drive / Dunham Street
- Sydney Drive / Noakes Street

- Bristow Park Parking Lot
- Randolph Street (between Eastern Avenue and Scott Way)

Tree Planting & Environmental Education

Participants will assist in planting trees throughout the Bristow Park neighborhood and take part in educational activities focused on sustainability, conservation, and environmental stewardship.

Volunteer Participation

Volunteers are encouraged to register in advance; however, walk-in participation will be welcomed. Participants will support both cleanup and tree planting efforts.

Event Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. – Volunteer Check-in
- 8:15 a.m. – Welcome & Opening Remarks
- 8:45 a.m. – Cleanup Activities Begin

Additional Amenities

- Music and DJ entertainment
- Light morning refreshments for participants
- Lunch truck service for youth volunteers participating in cleanup efforts

Waste Disposal Guidelines

Acceptable items include general refuse, bulky items and e-waste. The following items will not be accepted: automotive parts, construction or demolition materials, hazardous waste, liquid waste, medical waste, and tires.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost of the Earth Day 2026 event is \$9,500, as summarized below.

Funding for the event is available within the Parks and Recreation’s General Fund budget. No additional appropriation is required at this time.

Item	Estimated Cost
Decorations & Event Supplies	\$1,000
Tree & Plant Education Materials	\$1,200
Purchase of 8 Trees	\$2,400
Music / DJ Services	\$800
Light Refreshments (Morning)	\$1,000
Lunch Truck (Youth Volunteers)	\$2,500
Cleanup Supplies	\$600
Total Estimated Cost	\$9,500

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The agenda item relates to the 2016 Strategic Plan, Community Quality of Life

Guiding Principle 4:

Support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality of lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.

Respectfully submitted: Ernie Hernandez, City Manager
Recommended by: Adolfo Marquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Fiscal Impact reviewed by: Alvaro Castellon, Finance Director
Approved as to form by: Noel Tapia, City Attorney