



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** trees are an important part of our community, contributing greatly to the beauty, health and livability of Olathe; and
- WHEREAS,** trees help clean the air, conserve water, reduce soil erosion, provide shade, support wildlife, and enhance the quality of life for all our residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the planting and proper care of trees beautify neighborhoods, increase property values, promote civic pride, and create a more sustainable community for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe, including our residents, business owners and property owners, have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to urban forestry and environmental stewardship through the planting, preservation, and maintenance of community trees; and
- WHEREAS,** Olathe is proud to celebrate its 43rd year of recognition as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and its 33rd year of receiving the Growth Award for continued excellence in community forestry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026 as

ARBOR WEEK

in Olathe, urging all residents to celebrate by planting trees, caring for existing trees, and supporting efforts to preserve and expand our urban forest for the benefit of present and future generations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this 21st day of April, 2026.

John W. Bacon, Mayor

Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk