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TOWN TO GIVE AWAY TREE SEEDLINGS AT CLIFTON COMMON TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

The town of Clifton Park will be giving away free tree seedlings at the Clifton Common on Saturday, April 25 as part of expanded Arbor Day 2009 activities. The seedlings, which are a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, will be available in front of the ice arena from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Town officials have decided to make a total of 2009 seedlings available to residents in an effort to both celebrate Arbor Day 2009 and help those who lost trees in the December 2008 ice storm.

“Trees improve our clean air, provide natural beauty and enhance our green spaces,” Councilwoman Lynda Walowit said. “Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to encourage residents to plant trees throughout the community, and I’m pleased to be a part of this year’s Arbor Day celebration.”

Seedlings will include two- and three-year old blue, white and Norway spruce, black walnut, red oak, sugar maple and other trees. The seedlings will be individually wrapped and planting instructions will be provided with each tree.

Town Environmental Specialist Michael Montague will be on hand to answer any questions that residents have.

This year’s tree giveaway is a one-time event due to the devastation caused by the ice storm. In addition to this year’s special event, the town holds annual giveaways of seedlings to parents of newborn babies and also has an annual Arbor Day poster contest.

“Trees are a vital part of our environment and community,” said Councilman Scott Hughes, who is also a member of the town’s G.R.E.E.N. Committee. “It’s always great to hear that our residents are planting new trees, and it’s especially important this season following the extensive damage caused by last year’s ice storm.”

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