



# It's easy being green in Clifton Park

*Town celebrates Arbor Day 2009 with free tree seedling giveaway*

The Town of Clifton Park gave away 2009 tree seedlings to local residents to both celebrate Arbor Day 2009 and help those who lost trees in the December 2008 ice storm.

Officials said that the event, held on Saturday, April 25 at the Clifton Common, was a huge success.

"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 was pleased to be a part of this year's Arbor Day celebration."

Seedlings were a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees, including two- and three-year old blue, white and Norway spruce, black walnut, red oak, sugar maple and other trees.

Planting instructions were provided with seedlings, and town staff was on hand to answer any questions that residents had.

Officials thanked Scoutmaster Bob Lumpkins and his Boy Scout Troop 246, who individually wrapped each tree in plastic bags for distribution to residents.

"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.



Above: Councilwoman Lynda Walowit, left, gives planting instructions to a local resident and her son. Walowit and the rest of the Town Board decided to hold the tree giveaway to celebrate Arbor Day and to help residents replace trees destroyed in the December 2008 ice storm.



Above: Boy Scouts separate and bag tree seedlings. (L-R): Jacob O'Shea, Jacob Bianconi, Steven Bianconi, Matthew Lewis and Alex Hedley.



Above: Environmental Specialist Michael Montague, right, helps a group of residents pick from a selection of trees.

