

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed the establishment of a special day dedicated to the planting of trees in Nebraska, resulting in the planting of over a million trees during the inaugural Arbor Day; and
- WHEREAS,** trees significantly enhance the lives of community members by providing cleaner air, shaded streets, and the aesthetic beauty associated with healthy, well-managed urban forests; and
- WHEREAS,** the City established the Poulsbo Tree Board in 1997 and has earned Tree City USA status for 29 consecutive years in recognition of its urban forestry efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the City's Public Works team continues to enhance public green spaces, including a new picnic area at Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park featuring a beautiful maple tree art piece for residents and visitors to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS,** Poulsbo Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Poulsbo Tree Board and the newly created Poulsbo Pollinator Project, has advised on the planting of new trees and complemented them with adjacent pollinator-friendly vegetation to support healthy and resilient local ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS,** Poulsbo is located on the ancestral lands of the indigenous Suquamish People, for whom this place was known as Tcu Tcu Lats, or the 'Land of the Vine Maples' and the Poulsbo Tree Board will plant a vine maple tree and provide a guided educational walk in celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as:

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage our citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and enjoy the beauty of our community. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Dated this 25th day of March, 2026.


Edward R. Stern, Mayor