

April 2016 – Arbor Day Seedling Descriptions / Newsletter

On April 29, 2016 the City of Dexter will be hosting its annual Arbor Day Celebration. Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our communities.

Free tree seedlings (Black Hills Spruce, Tulip Tree and Sugar Maple) will be given away on Friday, April 29, 2016, to take home and plant, while supplies last. You can also pick up free seedlings at the following locations:

- Dexter District Library from 10:00 am – noon
- Downtown at the Clock from 11:00 am – noon (depending on weather)
- Dexter Mill from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The following information is from www.arborday.org. The following trees will be given away at the celebration sites.

Black Hills Spruce (*Picea glauca var. densata*) – A large tree, very dense and pyramidal when young. Long stout branches from ground up form a broad pyramidal to conical crown with compact ascending branches. Fairly drought resistant and good windbreak. Crown height 30-60 feet. Crown width 15-25 feet.



Tulip Tree (*Liriodendrom tulipifera*) – This ornamental shade tree is fast growing with bright green leaves that resemble tulip flowers in profile and turn golden yellow in the fall. Greenish-yellow flowers are carried high in the tree. Stems are aromatic. Likes full sun. Grows 70-90 feet with a 40 foot crown width.



Sugar Maple (*Acer rubrum*) – The sugar maple is commercially planted for its delicious syrup and value as lumber, the sugar maple makes a great addition to any park or yard. One of its most prominent features is its amazing fall color. It is considered both a shade tree and an ornamental tree. It features a spreading canopy capable of blocking sunlight and adds visual interest and beauty to landscaping. Prefers a minimum of 4 hours of direct, unfiltered sunlight each day. Grows anywhere from approximately 12 inches to 24 inches per year, with a maximum height of 60-70 feet and a spread of 40-50 feet.

