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NOTICE **JANUARY 29, 2010**

TO: **DORAVILLE RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES**

FROM: **DONNA PITTMAN**

RE: **ARBOR DAY CEREMONY**

Come celebrate Georgia's Arbor Day on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Pan-Asian Community Center on Park Avenue next to the Police Department. There's fun for the whole family including a ceremonial tree planting and more. This year, City officials will be planting an Okame Cherry and Japanese Stewardia. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m.

The best time to plant trees in Georgia is between the months of November and mid-March. Planting during this time allows trees a chance to become established before the hot, dry period of summer. This is why Arbor Day is celebrated every year in Georgia on the third Friday of February.

Last year, the City celebrated National Arbor Day (April 24) by planting more than a dozen trees around the town center. In November 2009, the City hired Steven Strickland – its first professional arborist. A month later, the City applied for Tree City USA status.

In order to obtain and maintain the status, local governments are required to celebrate Arbor Day every year with a proclamation and planting ceremony. As a third requirement, local governments must spend at least $2 per capita on tree maintenance or plantings.

Sincerely,

Donna Pittman

Mayor Pro Tem