Arbor Day planting planned in Atchison (KAIR)--Arbor Day will be commemorated in Atchison.

That will happen with a tree planting planned for later this week.

On April 15, Atchison Mayor Shawn Rizza, during the regular meeting of the Atchison City Commission, proclaimed April 26 as Arbor Day in the City of Atchison.

On Friday, April 26, an Autumn Flame Maple will be planted at Atchison's Jackson Park, located at 6th and College Street.

Friday afternoon's planting, scheduled to take place at 12:30, is being sponsored by the City of Atchison Park and Forestry Board.

The tree will be planted near the site of the new inclusive playground and picnic shelters.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation's website, Atchison is a Tree City USA, an honor the city has held for 36-years.

The first Arbor Day, spearheaded by J. Sterling Morton, was held in Nebraska City, Nebraska, on April 10, 1872.

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