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## The scoop of the day

### March 21 is the International Day of Forests

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests (IDF) in 2012. The Day celebrates and raises awareness of the importance of all types of forests. On each International Day of Forests, countries are encouraged to undertake local, national and international efforts to organize activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns



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Sure – there’s no Easter Bunny – and there’s no Santa Clause – BUT...

Still certain myth busting is shocking! For example, did you know that:

George Washington didn’t chop down any cherry tree. The legend goes, young George got a hatchet for a gift on his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Anxious to try out the hatchet, he copped down his father’s cherry tree. When Washington Senior asked, “who cut down my cherry tree?” Young George told his father the trust and instead of being reprimanded, his father said (didn’t really say), “Glad am I, George, that you killed my tree; for you have paid me for it a thousand-fold. Such an act of heroism in my son, is more worth than a thousand trees.” I like the moral of the store. Except, it’s ironic. The moral of the story is to tell the truth, at any cost – and the story is a lie!

Thomas Edison didn’t invent the lightbulb. What’s a more iconic symbol for an inventor than the light bulb? With 1,093 patents to his name, it’s easy to picture Thomas Edison with a cartoon bulb above his head at all times – especially since he’s sometimes credited with inventing the incandescent bulb. He didn’t invent it. It took a series of inventors to create a light bulb that was practical for everyday use, and although Edison was responsible multiple links on that chain, he didn’t do the work alone.

Marie Antoinette did say, “Let them eat cake.” Actually, as reported by her biographer, Antonia Fraser, it was far more likely that she had a genuine sense of responsibility toward her subjects. “It is quite certain that in seeing the people who treat us so well despite their own misfortune, we are more obliged than ever to work hard for their happiness,” Antoinette wrote in a letter to her mother.

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Here's something that's not a myth. Join your neighbors helping to keep our community clean, our storm drains clear, and our sidewalks safe. See Jane Kish, our Green Your Routine representative. She has several activities "truly" good for body & soul.

Please attend one of our planned Green Your Routine events this month.



- 3/02 **Air Potato Roundup**, Gore Betz Park 9:00-10:00
- 3/09 **Water Matters Day**, 3900 SW 100<sup>th</sup> Ave, Davie  
\*\*\* FREE Tree Giveaway \*\*\*
- 3/16 **Adopt A Street**, Esterre Davis Wright Park 9:00-10:00

## **BENEFITS OF FORESTS**

Forests nurture our soils, act as carbon sinks, provide healthy food to millions, are natural aqueducts, and host 80% of biodiversity on earth.

We need to protect our trees. If you see someone cutting down a tree, ask to see their permit. If you don't feel comfortable confronting the person, contact our Civic Association President, Ted Inserra. Ted is passionate about saving our trees and will make sure the person cutting a tree has a permit.



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Remember to come to our next meeting. Always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Church of the Nazarene.

Come early and share a meal with us – generously donated by our sponsors – and meet your neighbors.

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