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## Bridgewater Mayor Dan Hayes Announces "Tree 4 All" Autumn Festival

## Shade Tree Board Partners with the Assam Foundation of North America to Offer Fall Tree Dedication and Cultural Arts Performances

The Bridgewater Township Shade Tree Board (Team Arbor) and the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA) are pleased to announce a tree dedication celebration in recognition of October as Urban and Community Forestry Month. The "Tree 4 All", a free community event, will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Bridgewater Library. The library is located at 1 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater. The event will include a memorial tree dedication, live music and a host of cultural arts performances. The Consulate General of India, New York, will be available to offer and process an expedited India Tourist Visa application. To apply, please bring your current passport, appropriate paperwork and associated fees. The event is sponsored through the support of the Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA).

The celebration also marks Bridgewater's achievement as a recognized Tree City USA community from the U.S. Forestry Service for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year and honors the community for its commitment to effective urban forest management. The event will transform a portion of the library parking lot into an "arts courtyard" that will feature music, dance and visual performances by various groups and organizations that are the cultural mosaic of the community. Various community exhibits will be offered as part of the event. Local business exhibits will also be available for review. Food will be provided for purchase from Masala Art. Additional hot food items, ice cream, Italian ice and snacks will be available for purchase from local vendors.

For more information about the Tree 4 All celebration please feel free to contact Chris O. Poulsen, Township Director of Human Services, by telephone at (908) 725-5750 or by email at <u>cpoulsen@bridgewaternj.gov</u>. For further information on the expedited India Tourist Visa process please see the Consulate General of India, New York, website at <u>https://www.indiacgny.org</u>.