

Trees to Trails program helps Radnor Lake

Hundreds of hikers and nature lovers will enjoy your holiday tree all year long thanks to the Trees to Trails program.



Walkways at Radnor Lake benefit from your holiday tree.

Bring your holiday tree to Hillsboro High School on Saturday, January 3 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Volunteers will chip them for spreading on walking trails at Radnor Lake State Natural Area.

Nashville Tree Foundation is one of the supporters of Holiday Trees to Trails, a project established and sponsored by the Green Hills Rotary Club.

Drop off your tree in the high school's parking lot in front of Hessey Gymnasium at 3812 Hillsboro Pike. Rotary members will be on hand to remove trees from vehicles and take them to the on-site chipper, provided by Dwight Beard Landscaping.

Tree sellers in the area have agreed to distribute flyers to their customers to increase participation. Last year's project collected hundreds of trees for wood chips. 🍃



Trails are prepared for spreading mulch.

Trees to Trails sponsors

- Dwight Beard Landscaping
- Green Hills Rotary Club
- Nashville Tree Foundation
- Davidson County Sheriff's Office
- Metro Beautification and Environment Commission
- Metro Board of Education/Hillsboro High School
- Metro Tree Advisory Committee
- Recycle!Nashville
- Radnor Lake State Natural Area

ReLeafing Day boosts the urban forest

More than 100 volunteers are needed to plant trees November 22 as the Nashville Tree Foundation celebrates its second annual ReLeafing Day.

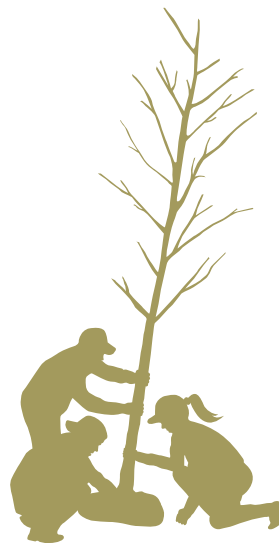
Teams will plant nearly one hundred large trees during the citywide effort held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Foundation president Betty Brown said sites include:

- Preston Taylor Homes, 40th Avenue North and Clifton Avenue area, in partnership with Metropolitan Development and Housing Authority.
- Rosebank Elementary School and playground, 1012 Preston Avenue, in collaboration with Nashville Electric Service.

Habitat for Humanity homes in Rainwood Subdivision in north Nashville.

In addition, the Foundation is providing eight neighborhoods with free trees to plant in public places. (See story on page 3.)



RELEAFING DAY

Partnerships aid plantings

Brown said the Tree Foundation is donating the trees for new Habitat for Humanity homes in south Nashville's Providence Park. Habitat volunteers will plant those trees on ReLeafing Day.

NES is supplying fifty trees and shrubs, plus volunteers, to plant at Rosebank Elementary. NES urban forester Glenn Springer and Metro Parks

landscaping superintendent Randall Lantz have chosen a variety of species to be planted inside and outside the playground fence for screening and shade.

A matching Urban Forestry grant will help buy the 95 trees that volunteers will plant in historic Preston Taylor Homes, an area left bare when the original homes were razed for MDHA to rebuild the homes.

The Tree Foundation's partners in securing the matching grant are Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, Metro Parks, and the Metro Tree Advisory Committee. The USDA Forest Service-funded program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. 🍃

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Even mighty oaks must fall one day

We've lost an old friend, and we are the lesser for it.

In late September, tree lovers bid farewell to an

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Brown



awesome red oak that had stood since before Tennessee became a state. After more than two hundred seasons, its mighty heart gave out. (See photos below.)

I bought my home

for the oak, said owner Michael Shea. "It took me about five minutes to buy it. I didn't even go inside."

Shea and his wife Nita have spent the past few years nursing the aging giant, but the property it shaded was in danger and they had to take it down.

Over a hundred feet tall and 25 feet in circumference, the oak was a winner of the Tree Foundation's first Big Old Tree Contest. We celebrated beneath its massive crown in 1988.

Though a relative youngster (some oaks live up to six hundred years), the tree reigned as generations of people came

and went. All too often we take our majestic trees for granted—they're here when we're born, and they're here when we leave this Earth.

But even the biggest trees die.

And that's why the mission of the Tree Foundation is so vital. Trees we plant today could be alive for two, four, even six hundred years—providing shade, shelter, and oxygen, asking little in return.

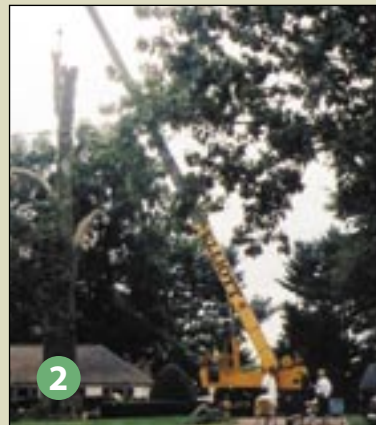
You can be a part of this legacy: Make a donation, volunteer to help, plant a tree today. And a few hundred years from now, a tree lover will thank you. 🍁

Goodbye, old friend



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1. The red oak on Wilsonia Blvd. stood more than one hundred feet tall.



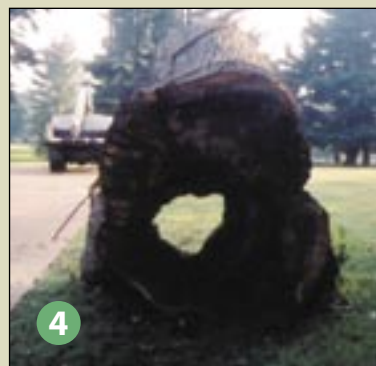
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2. Taking the giant tree down took two days and required the use of a crane.



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3. The huge trunk was more than 25 feet around.



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4. The last piece reveals the tree's hidden weakness.

Use cooler days to plant new trees

Now that the heat of summer has broken, think about planting trees during the fall—any time before the ground freezes.

The cooler days of fall give newly planted trees a better chance at surviving than the blistering heat of summer. Still, be sure to give them plenty of water at least once a week for the first year after they've been planted.

Choosing the right tree for a particular location and preparing the hole before you plant contribute to a tree's long-term success. As you walk around to pick a planting spot, be aware of how well the site drains, how much sun it gets, and how close it is to buildings and overhead wires. Then (and only then) pick a tree compatible with the conditions.

In making your selection, look down a list of trees native to Middle Tennessee.

Among the benefits of going native:

- The species has a proven track record of thriving in this area.
- Native species help protect the biodiversity of the region.
- Non-native species may become invasive—that is, choke out or take over natives growing nearby.

When you're ready to plant, dig a hole as deep as the root-ball of the new tree and twice as wide as the crown of the tree. This gives roots room to spread and take adequate nutrition back to the tree.

Go to Nashville Tree Foundation's website nashvilletreefoundation.org for a list of native trees and more information about planting and caring for new trees. 🍃



Neighborhood groups schedule tree plantings

Eight groups will continue or initiate annual plantings on ReLeafing Day November 22.

"We are pleased that on this day trees will be planted in neighborhoods from one corner of the county to the other," Tree

Foundation president Betty Brown said. "Eight neighborhoods are participating in a pilot program that we hope to grow countywide."

To encourage participation in the annual planting, the Foundation is providing neighborhoods with three

free trees to plant in public places. Groups are eligible if they plant at least five other trees.

Neighborhoods with established programs are mentoring first-timers like Rolling Hills and Woodland-in-Waverly. 🍃

Participating neighborhoods

- Germantown
- Greenwood
- Hillsboro-West End
- Merry Oaks
- Richland West End
- Rolling Hills
- Skyline
- Woodland-in-Waverly

Planters needed

To volunteer for ReLeafing Day, call 292-5175, fax the form below to 269-4857, or email nashvilletrees@earthlink.net.

Registration is 9 a.m. to noon at two sites:

- Preston Taylor Homes, under the sycamore tree near the Dr. Calvin O. Atchison Community Center, 3900 Clifton Avenue.
- Rosebank School, 1012 Preston Avenue.

YES! I want to plant trees on ReLeafing Day November 22.

I prefer

- Preston Taylor Homes, 40th Ave. North and Clifton Ave. area
- Rosebank Elementary School neighborhood park, 1012 Preston Ave.

NAME		
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Please list on a separate sheet number in group, name, address, phone, and email for each volunteer.



How NOT to top a tree

To nominate a bad top job, send a photograph to the Tree Foundation at 3322 West End Avenue, Suite 407, Nashville TN 37203, or call 615/292-5175 and we'll take the picture.





The best time to plant
a tree was 20 years ago.
The next best time is now.
Join the Tree Foundation today!

Nashville Tree Foundation works to preserve and enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the public, planting trees in urban areas, identifying the oldest and largest trees in Davidson County, and designating arboretums.

YES! I want to help Nashville Tree Foundation recreate the city's urban forest. I'm sending payment for membership.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 supporting |
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MAIL TO: Nashville Tree Foundation, 3322 West End Avenue Suite 407, Nashville TN 37203-6811.

Your membership helps the urban forest

Plantings by Nashville Tree Foundation and MDHA:

- 2003** Hope VI Homes: 2 red maples, 2 red oaks, 3 ash, 3 crabapples, and 3 redbuds
- 2001** Main Street: Planted 50 trees for the Streetscape Project
- 2000** Madison Towers: 4 red maples, 4 sugar maples, 4 purple white ash
- 1999** Vine Hill Homes: 3 southern magnolias, 6 red maples, 2 golden raintrees, 3 sugar maples
- 1998** Edgefield Manor: 8 2.5-inch red maples, 5 three-inch red oaks, 3 crabapples
- 1997** Sam Levy Homes: 10 three-inch red maples, 2 three-inch sweet gums
- 1996** Edgefield Manor: 5 red oaks, 5 red maples, 3 white dogwoods
- 1995** Edgehill Homes: 6 autumn purple ashes, 6 sycamores (London plane tree)
Terrance Murray Memorial Garden: 6 crabapples
- 1994** Vine Hill Homes: 8 three-inch kwanzan cherries, 8 three-inch calloway crab apples
- 1993** Andrew Jackson Courts: 4 Japanese black pines, 4 three-inch zelkova, 4 Yoshino cherries
- 1992** Tony Sudekum, J.C. Napier homes: 8 three-inch tulip poplars, 7 three-inch pin oaks
- 1991** Sam Levy Homes: 7 sweet gums, 7 pin oaks
- 1990** J.C. Napier Homes: 6 pin oaks, 3 tulip poplars, 3 sweet gums

- 1989** Parkway Terrace: 5 three-inch green ashes and red maples
- 1989** Cumberland View: 8 three-inch tulip poplars and sweet gums
- 1988** Edgehill Homes: 3 golden rain, 3 two-inch Zuma crabapples, 9 three-inch water oaks and baldcypress
- 1987** Vine Hill Homes: 15 two-inch crab apples, 6 two-inch shade trees
- 1986** Parkway Terrace: 12 three-inch red maples

Other Foundation projects:

- 2003** Used Urban Forestry grant to conduct anti-topping and proper pruning campaign.
- 2001** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to replace 200 ReLeaf trees that did not survive.
- 2000** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to plant 2,000 trees, completing in three years the commitment to replace 6,500 shade trees.
- 1999** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to plant 2,450 trees in Nashville. Contributed 500 trees to The Hermitage. Contributed 50 trees to Clarksville and 50 trees to Jackson, Tenn., after tornadoes damaged trees there.
- 1998** Established ReLeaf Nashville with Metro Parks/ Beautification and Environment following April tornadoes, with a five-year plan to replace 6,500 shade trees. Planted 1,457 trees in November.
- 1996** Distributed refrigerator magnets to 15,000 homeowners with phone numbers of whom to call

about trees, developed informational advertisements for newspapers, prepared public service announcements on radio, and placed newspaper articles. The campaign was funded by a matching Urban Forestry Grant.

- 1995** Launched a "Don't Top Trees" awareness campaign targeted to the general public and tree trimming companies, funded by a matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1994** Held demonstration plantings at three locations with Dream House playhouses built by volunteers and developed a packet of educational materials on trees distributed to teachers and individuals funded by a matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1993** Educated the public on importance of urban trees through advertisements, news articles, and water bill inserts funded by a matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1991** Planted an 18-foot pin oak in Centennial Park to replace a tree damaged by age and weather.
- 1989** Transplanted two mature hemlocks and two mature dogwoods from Airport Estates to median on Magnolia Blvd.
- 1988** Paid to transplant a 15-foot evergreen from Ensworth School to Music Square Park.
- 1986** Planted a large red maple in the median of 8th Avenue North. Replaced crab apple trees on Shelby Avenue so that nearby residents could continue to make their apple jelly.

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