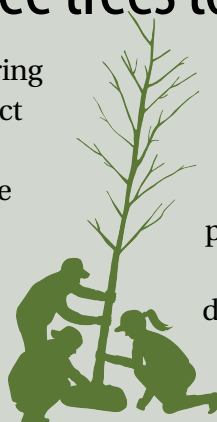


Foundation offers free trees to every Council district

Nashville Tree Foundation is offering two free trees to every Council district to be planted on ReLeafing Day.

The annual planting is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Tree Foundation is working to get neighborhood groups across the county to coordinate their fall plantings.

Every Council representative



RELEAFING DAY

received an email with details on how to sign up for trees to be planted in their district's public areas. To qualify, the district must have neighborhood groups or individuals plant five trees.

Call your councilperson to make sure your district gets its free trees. Neighborhood groups can contact nashvilletree@earthlink.net or call 292-5175. You'll find information and a request form at nashvilletrees.org

November 20 is ReLeafing Day in Nashville

Volunteers will plant 120 trees on ReLeafing Day in Nashville, November 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The third annual ReLeafing Day, held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, returns to Phase II of the Historic Preston Taylor Homes in the 40th Avenue North and Clifton Avenue area. The planting is sponsored by the Nashville Tree Foundation.

"The area has practically no trees other than the 108 the Tree Foundation planted last year," Foundation president Betty Brown said. "These extra trees will create a wonderful green space."

Twelve trees will be planted in Taylor-Merritt Court, 17 homes in an affordable housing development just off 40th Avenue north. Six are shade trees and six are smaller maturing trees.

Shade trees of 1.5- to two-inch caliper to be planted include ash, bur and red oak, London plain, and red and sugar maple. Smaller maturing trees include redbud, Yoshino cherry, foster holly, and crape myrtle.

Both sites are properties of Metro Development and Housing Agency. Carl Pitchford, MDHA grounds superintendent, will supervise the planting, along with members of the Metro Tree Advisory Committee.

Tree planting demonstrations on correct planting

techniques are at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

A matching \$4,990 Urban Forestry grant will help buy the 120 trees. The USDA Forest Service-funded program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry.

In addition to MDHA, the Tree Foundation's partners in securing the matching grant include Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, Metro Parks, and the Metro Tree Advisory Committee.

"We noted in the grant application that more and more studies are being released about the importance of green space in hostile urban environments to reduce stress and crime," Brown said.

"As subsidized housing located in a high-crime, urban area, Preston Taylor Homes will benefit greatly from the planting of more trees," she continued.

Groups, families, and individuals interested in planting are encouraged to register early by e-mail at

nashvilletree@earthlink.net

Brown said a number of neighborhood groups will also hold their annual planting days on November 20, including Woodland in Waverly and Belle Meade Links.



Volunteers needed

The Foundation needs tree planters for ReLeafing Day. If you can help plant trees on November 20 from 9 a.m. til noon, call 292-5175 or email nashvilletree@earthlink.net

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We're fighting to protect Tree Ordinance

Nashville's Tree Ordinance is under assault both from developers and Metro Council, but we're fighting back.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Betty Brown



Chancery Court judge Carol McCoy dealt the Metro Tree Ordinance a setback when she found in favor of Western Express. (See accompanying story.)

Urban forester Stephan Kivett had required Western Express to plant a certain number of trees as specified by the Tree Ordinance. The court said since Western Express had not removed any trees, it did not have to meet the tree density requirements.

The ordinance does require developers who remove trees to replace them. The Tree Foundation thinks the ordinance also requires developers to maintain a certain density of trees on commercial property—planting trees

Western Express v. Board of Zoning Appeals

Western Express paved over nearly 30 acres in Cockrill Bend Industrial Park for staging, loading, and parking tractor-trailers. Urban forester Stephan Kivett found that Western Express had not complied with a tree density provision of the Tree Ordinance:

MCL Section 17.24.100 B. Each property shall attain a tree density factor of at least fourteen units per acre using protected or replacement trees, or a combination of both.

Western Express sought a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals because of the hardship of planting trees in the property's rocky soil.

But the Tree Ordinance offers an alternative if developers can't plant trees:

MCL Section 17.40.480. Off-site plantings. In the event that the urban forester determines that . . . the unique soil types, topography and/or unusual nature of the site would not assure growth of trees, the applicant may contribute to the tree bank an amount of money equal to the costs of providing the required density. . . .

The BZA rejected Western Express's claim of hardship, pointing out that the company could pay into the tree bank if it could not physically plant trees.

At this point, Western Express sued in Chancery Court, and Judge McCoy rejected the BZA's argument.

balances the effects of added heat from concrete and paving, and increased run-off from stormwater.

Developers who physically can't plant trees can pay into Metro's Tree Bank; funds are used to plant trees across the county.

Councilperson Jamie Isabel thinks the tree bank fees are too high. Although the costs were set by tree experts, Isabel has requested a Metro task force to examine the fees.

The Foundation thinks the rates could be higher. Political pressure in the past forced compromises that set our fees at less than half of other cities our size.

We're working to keep the Ordinance from being weakened: We've urged Metro Legal to consider appealing the Western Electric decision, and we're working to see a Tree Bank task force that supports our interests.

But both of these situations demonstrate that Nashville's Tree Ordinance has problems. We're making plans to strengthen the law so our city gets greener.

Meanwhile, contact your council representatives and let them know you want a Tree Ordinance with teeth, one that will protect the environment and not developers. 🌿

Three join Nashville Tree Foundation board

The Tree Foundation has three new faces: Melinda Judd, Hollis Malone, and Steve Manning.

"These new board members bring energy and vision to our mission of protecting the urban forest," said president Betty Brown. "They'll help the Foundation expand its reach and increase its impact," she said.

Melinda Judd is assistant vice president of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. She developed her love of trees at an early age, she said. "The environment has always been an important part of my life. My first tree planting project was as a Girl Scout Brownie when I was eight years old," she said.

"I want to bring my knowledge of

neighborhoods gained through my work with the chamber to help the Foundation solidify its relationship with these groups for tree planting and other projects," she said.

Hollis Malone is manager of the horticultural department at Opryland Hotel. Trees have special meaning for him, he said. "Trees are a wonderful part of my life. I continue to learn daily from our garden environments at Opryland and from nature about the wonderful benefits trees are to the landscape as well as our health and spiritual well being," he said.

He offers significant expertise to the board. "My strengths are my education and experience in tree biology and as a professional horticulturist

for thirty-four years planting and caring for trees and educating others about their benefits and value," he said.

Steve Manning is president of Invasive Plant Control. He brings a land management perspective to the board, he said. "I like to think that my experience in the invasive species management field will bring a diverse perspective concerning management of greenspace," Manning said.

"Much of the land we work on is under attack from the pressures of urban growth. It is therefore of great importance to manage these lands and protect the existing natural resources," he said. 🌿



Steve Manning



Hollis Malone



This oak on Green Hills Drive was scheduled to be drastically trimmed.

Tree Contest spares giant oak from NES chainsaw

One of the winners of the 2003 Big Old Tree Contest got special handling from NES tree trimmers.

The black oak on Green Hills Drive, which stands 130 feet high, faced drastic trimming because of nearby power lines.

“NES has made the determination that we will try to protect designated Landmark Trees and winners of the Big Old Tree Contest,” said NES forester Glenn Springer. Senior NES personnel inspected the tree and directed trimming that minimized damage.

Metro urban forester Stephan Kivett says he

will assign Landmark Tree status to any Big Old Tree Contest winner. Owners can go to nashvilletrees.org/landmark.html to submit their request.

Start looking for BOTC winners

Fall's a great time to search for trees to nominate for the 2005 Big Old Tree Contest. While you're enjoying the crisp fall weather, keep an eye out for Davidson County's biggest trees. You'll find an entry form plus instructions for measuring your at nashvilletrees.org/botc.html.

Deadline is April 1. 🍁



Judicious pruning allows the tree and wires to co-exist.

Brown receives leadership award

Nashville Tree Foundation president Betty Brown was honored by the YW and its Academy for Women of Achievement October 5.

Brown was recognized as a role model for women and young girls and praised for her ability to inspire, assist, and empower the accomplishments of others.

“Betty Brown combines her love of the environment with her love of the community to improve the quality of both for generations to come,” said organizers.

Brown is one of the founders and the first and only president of Nashville Tree Foundation. She's also on the board of the Metro Nashville Public Education Foundation. Her previous board positions include Metro Historical Commission, Nashville Opera, Alive Hospice, and American Council for the Arts, among others. 🍁

New and renewed members since June 1, 2004

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Allen
Tara D. Armistead
George Bretz
Berdelle and Ernest Campbell
Virginia Clark
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Mrs. Irwin B. Eskind
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Frank and Cindy Holt
Sarah M. Howell
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Lebanon Road Garden Club
Ellen Hobbs Lyle
Kathy MacLachlan
Ben Page Jr.
Eleanor L. Rath
Patricia W. Wallace
Heather and Jamie Walsh

Board members speaking out

Tree Foundation president Betty Brown spoke to the Lealand Plantation Garden Club November 1 on the importance of the urban forest.

And board member Joan Armour appeared in a panel discussion of “Neighborhoods: Partnerships for Tree Planting” at the Tennessee Urban Forestry Conference October 22.

Speaker Bureau

If you would like a tree expert to address your group or meeting, call the Tree Foundation at 292-5175. 🍁

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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MAIL TO: Nashville Tree Foundation, 3322 West End Avenue Suite 407, Nashville TN 37203-6811.

Your membership helps the urban forest

Nashville Tree Foundation projects:

- 2003** Used Urban Forestry grant to conduct anti-topping and proper pruning campaign. Used Urban Forestry grant and collaborations with Nashville Electric Service and seven neighborhoods to plant 367 trees.
- 2002** Established annual ReLeafing Day on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Planted 29 trees in Nashville Housing Fund-financed Hope Gardens and in Habitat for Humanity's Rainwood subdivision.
- 2001** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to replace 200 ReLeaf trees that did not survive.
- 2000** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to plant 2,000 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 after April tornadoes, with a five-year plan to replace 6,500 shade trees. Planted 1,457 trees in November.
- 1996** Distributed whom-to-call magnets to 15,000 home-owners, developed anti-topping ads and articles for newspapers, and created public service announcements for radio, using matching Urban Forestry Grant.

- 1995** Launched a "Don't Top Trees" awareness campaign targeted to the general public and tree-trimming companies, using matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1994** Held demonstration plantings at three locations with Dream House playhouses built by volunteers and developed educational materials on trees for teachers and individuals using a matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1993** Educated the public on importance of urban trees through ads, news articles, and water bill inserts with matching Urban Forestry Grant.
- 1991** Planted an 18-foot pin oak in Centennial Park to replace a damaged tree.
- 1989** Transplanted 2 hemlocks and 2 dogwoods from Airport Estates to Magnolia Blvd..
- 1988 to present** Conducted annual Big Old Tree Contest to identify Davidson County's largest and oldest trees.
- 1988** Transplanted 15-foot evergreen from Ensworth School to Music Square Park.
- 1986** Planted a large red maple in the median of 8th Avenue North. Replaced crabapple trees on Shelby Avenue so residents could continue to make apple jelly.

Plantings by the Foundation and MDHA:

- 2003** Hope VI Homes in Preston Taylor: 2 red maples, 2 red oaks, 3 ash, 3 crab apples, and 3 redbuds
- 2001** Main Street: 50 trees for 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 red maples, 5 red oaks, 3 crabapples
- 1997** Sam Levy Homes: 10 red maples, 2 sweet gums
- 1996** Edgefield Manor: 5 red oaks, 5 red maples, 3 white dogwoods
- 1995** Edgehill Homes: 6 autumn purple ashes, 6 sycamores
Terrance Murray Memorial Garden: 6 crab apples
- 1994** Vine Hill Homes: 8 kwanzan cherries, 8 callo-way crab apples
- 1993** Andrew Jackson Courts: 4 Japanese black pines, 4 zelkova, 4 Yoshino cherries
- 1992** Tony Sudekum, J.C. Napier homes: 8 tulip poplars, 7 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 green ashes and red maples
- 1989** Cumberland View: 8 tulip poplars, sweet gums
- 1988** Edgehill Homes: 3 golden rain, 3 Zuma crab apples, 9 water oaks and baldcypress
- 1987** Vine Hill Homes: 15 crab apples, 6 shade trees
- 1986** Parkway Terrace: 12 red maples

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