



Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee

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Urban Forest Committee releases tree planting guide **First ever guide helps to facilitate Dallas tree plantings**

Dallas, TX – As cooler temperatures and shorter days usher in autumn’s full arrival, it also marks the beginning of Dallas’ tree planting season. This year however, the city is encouraging community groups to take charge and plant trees around the city. To facilitate tree plantings, the city released its first tree planting guide that provides community groups and residents with simple information on how to plant and maintain north Texas trees.

The guide, entitled, “ABCs to Planting Trees in Dallas”, offers basic yet professional tree planting advice detailing ideal tree planting conditions, best watering methods, and practical tree placement guidance to reduce energy costs. The guide also offers guidance on identifying funding sources to plant trees and highlights the many benefits that trees offer.

“Many Dallas community groups and individuals want to plant trees, but may not be aware of the specifics, the benefits, the recommended shade trees for North Texas and the maintenance. This free tree guide will help.” said Kurt Kretsinger, author of the guide and member of Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee. The guide is free to all local groups and city residents and is available at several Parks Department offices and on line:

<http://www.dallastrees.org/>

This project is one of many that the Advisory committee has embarked on in order to preserve Dallas trees and re-beautify the city. Since being established by city council in 2005, it supported the hiring of the city’s first urban forester position, planted nearly 1500 trees, and in 2008, hopes to implement the city’s first tree inventory program to catalog the city’s trees. The committee’s plans provide the basic building blocks to reach its long-term goal of a tree-lined Dallas.

Steve Houser, chairman of the Advisory Committee, adds, “The tree guide provides residents basic yet professional level tree-planting guidance that empowers them to beautify and shade their neighborhoods. “These are building blocks toward good urban forest management that greatly benefit the livability and sustainability of Dallas.”

The free tree guides are available to residents at City Hall’s 6th Floor Park Department office and at the following Park Recreation Centers:

South Dallas

Beckley-Saner Park
114 W. Hobson
214 670 7595

Central/East Dallas

Reverchon Park
3505 Maple
214 670 7720

North Dallas

Campbell Green Park
16699 Park Hill Drive
214 670 6314

West Dallas

Kidd Springs Park
711 W. Canty
214 670 7535

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