

Citizen Forester 2008 Class

The Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee and the City of Dallas Parks and Recreation Department announce plans for the Dallas 2008 Citizen Forester class. The Citizen Forester program is a community volunteer opportunity for ordinary people who want to help restore, enhance and protect our urban forest.

The Citizen Forester class is a combination of classroom instruction and actual training in the field that will enable you to help spread the word about the importance of the urban forest in our community. The 2008 class will start in June and will meet once a month for six months. Topics include tree ID, benefits of trees, tree selection & maintenance, hazard assessment, insects and diseases of trees, basic pruning and planting skills, and other relevant urban forest topics. Classroom sessions will generally be 2-3 hours in length and field training 1-2 hours. Detailed information on training dates and location will be announced in the first quarter of 2008.

Upon completion of your Citizen Forester training, you will be asked to volunteer a minimum of 25 hours of community service on related projects that will allow you to apply your newly learned skills to help benefit our community and urban forest.

If this group of dedicated “tree people” is a group that you would like to join, please contact Eric Lerner, Dallas UFAC Citizen Forester Team Leader. citizenforester@tx.rr.com.