EXPAND THE FOREST BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Since incorporation in December 1991, the City Council of Lake Forest has supported an on-going landscape improvement program called “Expand the Forest”. This program encourages citizen participation in tree planting and provides an opportunity for a beautification program while reducing the financial responsibility of the City. We hope you agree this program is helping to make the City of Lake Forest increasingly attractive.

There are several ways to participate in this program, as follows:

City website at www.lakeforestca.gov and open Services, Expand the Forest. You can view the Information Sheet, Application and Park Guide on the right.

or Telephone the City of Lake Forest, Public Works Department 949-461-3493 to request an Information Sheet, Application and Park Guide be emailed to you.

or City Hall and request an Application Packet.

The application includes a selected tree palette of approved trees and available parks. Note that each park is pre-planned to accommodate specific tree types and locations, so not all types of trees will be available for all parks (parks not listed are not available at this time).

Submit an application indicating your tree and park preference, along with a check for $90.00 made out to “The City of Lake Forest”.

The $90.00 purchase cost includes a 15 gallon tree, location study, planting, staking and fertilization, as needed. All future tree maintenance deemed necessary will be performed by the Public Works Department Maintenance Contractor.

Citizen sponsors will receive a formal Certificate of Dedication signed by the City Council. Names of sponsors, trees selected, planting locations and any pertinent dedication information will be published in the City’s “Leaflet” magazine for the next quarter.

Planting of the Expand the Forest Beautification Program trees occur October 1 through April 1. Please note: Planting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. No weekend plantings are available. The type of tree and park will be agreed upon with our program coordinator by email or phone. Each participant is restricted to two trees.

If you would like the tree planted without your attendance, we can take a photograph and send it to you via email or mailed to you with the certificate.

We would appreciate compliance in providing us with three dates to plant your tree. If we cannot arrange a planting date with you and we have made three attempts to contact you, we will plant the tree for you and mail the picture and certificate to you.

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