

EXPAND THE FOREST BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Since incorporation in December 1991, the City Council of Lake Forest has supported an ongoing 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.

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.

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

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 \$125.00 made out to "The City of Lake Forest".

The \$125.00 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 which is generated twice a year.

Planting of the Expand the Forest Beautification Program trees will occur October 1 through December 1 and March 1 through June 1. Please note: Planting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through 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 five trees.

If you would like the tree planted without your attendance, we can take a photo and mail to you with the certificate.

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 photo and certificate to you.