



Trees for Old Braeswood 2019-2020 Street Tree Planting Campaign

November 5, 2019

Dear Old Braeswood Neighbor,

TREES FOR OLD BRAESWOOD is a project to perfect the allees and groves of trees which line our streets. Such plantings not only enhance property values, but also strengthen bonds of neighborhood identity and unity. The attractiveness of our neighborhood depends not only upon the efforts of individual homeowners, but also upon the beauty imparted to our streets by well-planned street tree plantings.

The overall plan comprises some 1,800 trees, of which over half were in place before the current project began. In 2008, we kicked off our campaign to plant the remaining 900 trees needed. Through our program's efforts approximately 700 trees have been planted throughout the neighborhood, and along our borders. It is remarkable how Kirby has been transformed by these trees, in the decade since they were planted, signaling the leafy character of our neighborhood. This effect will continue to grow on our perimeter and interior neighborhood streets. In the past few years, our program planted over 200 trees on Morningside, Underwood, Blue Bonnet and Glen Haven; and in early 2017 we planted 70 trees on Maroneal, Bellefontaine and Gramercy. This season we will continue plantings on Dorrington and we will make another pass through the entire neighborhood to try to fill in missing trees. Your continued support and participation are essential to our project. Although we will complete the initial planting in the next year or two, there will be ongoing maintenance and older street trees will need to be replaced in the future; replacement of street trees that have died includes extra costs of stump grinding and site preparation.

The greening of Old Braeswood has taken place through the generosity of neighbors like you. If a street tree is needed in front of your home and you do not wish to wait until our program returns to your street, you may request that trees be planted this year using the order form above. Also, the tree committee is in need of additional members to help with planning, fundraising, and light pruning of newly planted trees. To volunteer, contact us at info@OldBraeswood.com or 713-807-1787. The next committee meeting will be held in mid-January, at which time some of the young trees planted by our program will be lightly pruned.

Contributions to our neighborhood planting and maintenance program are fully tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "Trees for Houston" with a notation of "OBPOA fund" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your support of this important neighborhood project!

Sincerely yours,

Carroll Shaddock and Paul Sanders

Trees for Old Braeswood, Co-Chairmen

TREES FOR OLD BRAESWOOD

“Green Sheet”

Old Braeswood is one of the most gracious neighborhoods in Houston, thanks to its historic homes, spacious lawns and beautiful mature trees. However, many of our street trees have died or are in decline or in some cases were never planted. While almost 1200 street trees are now in place (more than 650 planted since 2006), approximately 250 are currently needed to complete the plan.

"Street trees" are the trees of a coordinated species which line the streets in the area between the sidewalk and the curb, also known as the "parkway" or "tree lawn." Volunteers have mapped existing street trees and identified the locations where street trees are needed. Street trees are lost every year due to age and damage from sidewalk and sprinkler system installations, construction, auto accidents, vandalism, drought, and public improvement projects. It is our objective to plant enough trees each year to complete and maintain a healthy arbor of street trees.

Please help us achieve our goal by responding with a generous annual tax-deductible contribution made payable to our partner, *Trees for Houston*.

Six things you can do to help expand and preserve our beautiful urban forest:

1. Make your annual tax-deductible contribution.
2. Ensure that your trees receive adequate water during the drought. We are told that trees are exempt from the watering restrictions. However, overwatering is just as dangerous as under watering, so please be sure to adjust your system or consult with a tree expert to ensure your trees receive the optimal amount of water.
3. If the specified street trees are not in place in front of your home, contact us to have them planted.
4. Keep other plant material out of the parkway. Shrubs and plantings rob street trees of the water and nutrients they need and diminish the visual effect of the street trees.
5. Don't cut down a street tree without written permission from the City Forester (311). It's a criminal offense and you may be prosecuted.
6. Consult a reputable forester before beginning construction of sidewalks, driveways, new homes or additions, and before installing irrigation systems and decorative lighting. Almost any type of construction within the drip line of a mature tree presents a risk to the life and health of the tree.
7. If you have any questions, need advice before embarking on a project, or if you have a dead or sick tree, please contact the Old Braeswood office at 713-807-1787, info@oldbraeswood.com.



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STREET TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN 2019-20

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution payable to
Trees for Houston / Old Braeswood Fund as indicated below:

Contributor Name(s): _____
(as you would like to be listed in the Old Braeswood Newsletter)

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ *(required for specific planting requests)*

DEDICATION (IF DESIRED): "In (honor) of / In (memory) of..."

1. GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD TREES PLANTING & WATERING

____ \$ 50 **Friend**

____ \$450 & Up **Giant Oak**

____ \$100 **Forester**

____ \$500 & Up **Johnny Acorn**

____ \$160 **Tree Hugger**

____ \$250 **Tree Lover** (Amount needed to plant at 15-gal tree + watering for 1 year)

____ \$375 **Patron**

2. ALTERNATIVE TWO: SPECIFIED TREE LOCATION

[Please enclose \$160 per 15-gallon tree, and \$300 per 30-gallon tree to be planted at the address specified below]

LOCATION: _____

Please make your check payable to *Trees for Houston/Old Braeswood Fund*. All contributions are fully tax deductible. A receipt will be mailed to you by Trees for Houston and you will also be thanked in the Old Braeswood Newsletter. Please contact OBPOA at 713-807-1787 or info@OldBraeswood.com with any questions about this season's tree planting. Mail your contribution and completed form in the envelope provided c/o OBPOA, P.O. Box 541346, Houston, TX 77254-1346.

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Contributions are fully tax-deductible.*

Thank you for making our neighborhood beautiful, green and sustainable!

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