



TREES FOR BOULEVARD OAKS

(Please make checks payable to Trees for Houston)

November 21, 2017

Dear Boulevard Oaks Tree Lover:

It's tree planting season and we urge you to invest in your neighborhood streetscape and our beautiful arbor of street trees by making a tax-deductible donation to the Trees for Boulevard Oaks program. Every day our street trees are at risk of damage and stress due to construction of all types. It is imperative that we continue to replant trees as they are lost if we are to retain the lovely character of our neighborhood.

Your contribution will allow us to water at-risk trees, replace trees that have been lost over the past year, and plant new trees in locations where redevelopment has created new planting opportunities. If you have a specific need for a street tree, please indicate this on the enclosed form and your contribution will be used accordingly. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a tree planted to honor a friend or family member with a beautiful and lasting tribute. Trees for Houston, our project's partner, will send a card notifying the honoree of your tribute.

Contributions to our neighborhood street tree planting and maintenance program are fully tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to "Trees for Houston" with a notation of "BOCA fund" in the memo line. To ensure your contribution is used to protect and enhance street trees in Boulevard Oaks, please complete and return the enclosed form along with your contribution in the envelope provided and mail it to BOCA at P.O. Box 540331, Houston, TX 77254.

If you have questions, please contact us at info@BoulevardOaks.org or 713-528-BOCA(2622).

Sincerely,

Wallace Hooker & Hank Segelke.

Co-Chairmen
Trees for Boulevard Oaks

PS Make checks payable to TREES FOR HOUSTON and return to the Boulevard Oaks office in the enclosed envelope to ensure your donation is correctly allocated to the Boulevard Oaks tree program.

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2017-2018 STREET TREE CAMPAIGN

Please help us maintain our beautiful urban forest by making a tax-deductible contribution to our neighborhood tree fund (administered through *Trees for Houston*). Complete the information below and return this form in the envelope provided. Your contribution allow us to plant new trees and to replace trees that have been lost over the past year. Funds are also used for watering where watering by residents is not an option. If you have a specific need for a street tree, please indicate this below and your contribution will be used accordingly. This is a wonderful opportunity honor a friend or family member with a beautiful and lasting tribute. *Trees for Houston*, our project's partner, will send a card notifying the honoree of your tribute. For more information please contact us at 713-528-BOCA (2622) or send a message to info@BoulevardOaks.org. **Make checks payable to *Trees for Houston***. Please note "BOCA fund" in the memo line and mail to: BOCA, PO Box 540331, Houston, TX 77254.

Your contributions is fully tax-deductible!

Name: _____
(As you would like to be listed in the BOCA newsletter)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Apply my contribution to:

BOCA's General Tree Fund

_____ \$150 (Tree Hugger)
_____ \$100 (Patron)
_____ \$ 50 (Sustaining)
_____ \$ 25 (Regular)
_____ \$ Other Amount

Specific Planting Location

_____ \$160 (15 gallon tree)
_____ \$315 (30 gallon tree)

Planting Location: _____
if different from above

Total Enclosed \$ _____ **(Make check payable to *Trees for Houston*)**

Send tax receipt Yes _____ No _____

Does your employer have a matching funds program? Yes _____ No _____

TRIBUTES

If this is a gift, tribute or memorial and you wish Trees for Houston to notify the beneficiary, please write in the beneficiary's name and address below:

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

If ordering a tree, please be sure to include your phone number or email address in case we need to reach you. List any other instructions below or on a separate page or contact us at info@BoulevardOaks.org.

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“Green Sheet”

Boulevard Oaks is considered by some to be one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in North America. In 1987, the *New York Times* described South Boulevard as the "most magnificent residential street in America." The most important factor in this beauty, as the *Times* article suggests, is the neighborhood's most prized possession: its street trees. The very fabric of this urban neighborhood results from the street trees which form geometric architectural patterns, yielding a feeling which is always urban, but giving a mood of calm, civility, grace, and quietness.

"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." In 1983, *Trees for Boulevard Oaks* began as a project of our civic association. Residents mapped existing street trees and identified the locations where additional street trees were needed. It was determined that a total of 2,300 street trees were required to create a perfect pattern, of which 1,200 were in place and 1,100 needed to be planted. Although we achieved and surpassed our goal 11 years ago, the program has made several hundred tree replacements and has also extended the arbor to include Bissonnet to Kirby and the Southwest Freeway from Kirby to Hazard. In all, the project has now planted over 1600 trees in the neighborhood and on the surrounding thoroughfares thanks to the care and generosity of neighbors.

Unfortunately, in recent years, some 10-20 trees are lost annually due to construction, sidewalk and sprinkler system installations that sever major tree roots, auto accidents, vandalism, drought, public improvement projects, and storms and hurricanes. But there is an even greater threat to our arbor, and that is age. The average life expectancy of a one of our typical street tree is 60-70 years. Trees that receive adequate water, are well cared for, and which do not suffer any of the insults enumerated above, should thrive well into their 70s and 80s and beyond. Most of our street trees were planted in the 1920s and 1930s and we are beginning to see more trees decline. As street trees are lost, it is essential to our neighborhood's character, not to mention Houston's air quality and health of our environment, that we continually plant replacements.

It is our objective to plant enough street trees annually to maintain a complete and healthy arbor. And despite the recent losses due to the drought and hurricanes in the last decade, we think you'll agree that Boulevard Oaks possesses one of the most outstanding arboretums of street trees on the North American continent. Protecting and maintaining it is our duty and our honor. Please help us by responding with your generous tax-deductible contribution payable **Trees for Houston**, our program's partner.

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

1. Make your annual tax-deductible contribution to Trees for Houston (memo: "Boulevard Oaks Fund").
2. If the specified street trees are not in place in the parkway in front of your home, plant them by way of a tax-deductible contribution to our program in conjunction with Trees for Houston.
3. 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.
4. Don't cut down a street tree without written permission from the City Forester (311). Removing a street tree without a permit is a criminal offense. Please call the **Houston Urban Forestry Rangers at 832-395-7100** if you see a tree being illegally removed or damaged.
5. Consult a reputable forester before beginning construction of homes, sidewalks, driveways, or additions, and before installing irrigation systems and decorative lighting. Almost any type of construction within the drip-line of a mature tree is guaranteed to be fatal.
6. If you have any questions, need advice before embarking on a project, or if you have a dead or sick tree and require assistance, contact info@BoulevardOaks.org or 713-528-BOCA (2622).

**Before removing any tree in the public right-of-way,
call the City Forestry Division at 311 for a permit.**

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◆ Street Tree Master Plan ◆

Our program plants trees of a coordinated species on each block according to the street tree master plan. The masterplan has been fully implemented throughout Boulevard Oaks, and as trees are lost, our program replaces them according to this plan. The plan strives to respect and maintain the original street tree plan from the 1920s-1940s, while it adds diversity in areas of the neighborhood where formal tree plantings had never been implemented.

	Species	Street	Block / Location
	Water Oak	Albans Ct.	1700
	Water Oak	Ashby	East side only
	Overcup Oak	Banks	1600 - 2100
	Any Deciduous Oak	Banks	1300-1500
	Water Oak	Bartlett	All blocks
	Live Oak	Bissonnet	All blocks
	Laurel Oak	Bolsover Ct.	1700
	Live Oak	Cherokee	5300
	Live Oak	Dunlavy	All blocks
	Live Oak	Greenbriar	All blocks
	Water Oak	Hazard	4800 - 5100 (east side)
	Live Oak	Hazard	4800 - 5100 (west side)
	Live Oak	Hazard	5200
	Live Oak	Mandell	All blocks
	Live Oak	Milford	1600
	Sycamore	Milford	2200
	Any Deciduous Oak	Milford	1300 - 1500
	Water Oak	Milford	1700 - 2100
	Live Oak	North Blvd.	1300 - 2000
	Shumard Oak	North Blvd.	2100 - 2300
	Live Oak	Rice Blvd.	All blocks
	Live Oak	Shepherd	All blocks
	Live Oak	South Blvd.	1300 - 2100
	White Oak	South Blvd.	2200 - 2300
	Live Oak	Vassar	All blocks
	Live Oak	West Blvd.	All blocks
	Live Oak	Wilton	All blocks
	Live Oak	Woodhead	North of Banks St.
	Willow Oak	Woodhead	South of Banks St.
	Laurel Oak	Wroxton Ct.	1700 block

