



Let's Plant 100 Trees!

What?

The Parks & Plants Committee of the McKenney Hills - Carroll Knolls Civic Association is leading an initiative to have 100 trees planted in our neighborhood. We got this idea from the Forest Estates neighborhood on the other side of Georgia Avenue. They are well on their way to reaching their goal of planting 100 trees.

Why?

Many of our neighborhood's trees are aging and many have been damaged by recent storms. We want to ensure that our neighborhood has healthy and beautiful trees for years to come. Trees decrease air pollution, reduce storm water run off, offer shade and beauty, provide homes for wild life, and increase property values.

How?

In McKenney Hills Park: Our committee will continue to coordinate with county officials to have trees planted in the park. Montgomery Parks' staff planted 10 trees for our April 30th Park Clean Up. So, we have 90 to go!

Street trees in the public right of way: We are preparing a list of residents who want trees planted in the public right of way in front of their yards. We will submit this list to the county to be added to their waiting list. Due to budget cuts, the waiting list is long but the county will eventually plant a tree *at no cost to you*. The county will decide on the exact location and type of tree based on their goals of maximizing the canopy and avoiding problems with power lines. Residents may request a specific type of tree but *the county will make the final decision*.

If you want to be added to the list, e-mail your name and address to Julie of the MHCK Parks & Plant Committee at jryansilva@yahoo.com. You may also contact the county directly to request a street tree. Call the Division of Highway Services at 240-777-6000. See this website for full information about street trees:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/tree.asp>

Once the county plants a tree, please e-mail Julie at jryansilva@yahoo.com so we can count it toward our goal.

In private yards: We encourage residents to plant trees in their private yards and we can provide useful resources. For the May Civic Association Meeting, we invited Herb White, an Urban Forester with Montgomery Parks to speak on the topic of "Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place". Herb recommended the Arbor Day Foundation's website to help residents with appropriate tree selection:

<http://www.arborday.org/shopping/trees/treewizard/intro.cfm>. Also, a wealth of information about tree planting is available from the county's Department of Environmental Protection:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/climatechange/treecare.asp>

This website includes details about **how to obtain \$25 coupons from the county and state to use when buying a tree**, how to select trees, how to plant trees and information about native species. If you plant a tree in your yard, please e-mail Julie at jryansilva@yahoo.com so we can count it toward our goal.

Questions? Want to help?

E-mail the MHCK Parks & Plants Committee at mhck_parks_plants@googlegroups.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, contact Julie at 301 592 0749 to request printed resources and/or to get involved with our effort.