

VHHOA Cost-Share Program to Replace Street Trees

Vintage Heights street-tree replacement program

With each new home built in Vintage Heights, the City requires the Developer, through a contract with local nurseries, to plant trees between the sidewalk and curb. Depending on the size of the lot, 1 to 4+ street trees were planted. If a street tree dies within a one-year guarantee period, the City requires the Developer and Nursery to replace it. In the past, The City has had monies to help homeowners replace street trees that die outside of the one-year guarantee. However, now due to current budget constraints, the City is only able to provide a \$50 voucher towards the replacement of the tree with the difference to be made up by the homeowner. The City requires street-tree plantings to be a “minimum” of 1-inch diameter for optimal survival. Campbell’s Nursery has planted the majority of the street trees in Vintage Heights using 1.5-inch diameter trees to ensure a uniformity of size for all lots, and a better chance of tree survival.

To enhance the overall appearance of the Vintage Heights (VH) development, the Vintage Heights Home Owners Association (VHHOA) has agreed to financially assist the VH homeowner with replacement of a dead street tree that falls outside the one-year guarantee using the following formula: (\$50 City voucher + \$75 homeowner contribution + \$75 VHHOA contribution = \$200). This will provide a 1.5-inch diameter replacement tree from Campbell’s Nursery. This pricing is for street trees only and includes planting, a 1-year guarantee, and all applicable sales taxes. This is a special price and a limited offer. We anticipate a spring and fall 2015 planting for this special program. This cost-share program is limited to only four trees and a one-time replacement per tree. If you wish to replace your dead street tree using the VHHOA contribution, please follow these steps:

- Call the Lincoln Park and Recreation at 441-7847. Then press "0" to reach City Forestry Department. Report your dead tree/trees and request a \$50 voucher to be used toward the purchase of each of your replacement parkway trees. The City Forester will inspect your dead tree and will advise replanting the same variety or will give you one or two other “specific” varieties you may choose for your replacement.
- When you receive your voucher(s), please contact a VHHOA board member; Marge Petersan (910-8308 or 261-4163) or Patricia Gilles (327-8761). You will then be required to mail or drop off your \$50 voucher and your \$75 contribution to the VHHOA before your tree can be replaced. The VHHOA will give your voucher, your contribution, and the Association’s contribution to Campbell’s Nursery for planting of the tree. We anticipate a spring and a fall planting. Timing of planting will depend on when your voucher is received by the VHHOA Board, availability of the variety you choose from Campbell’s, and the best time to plant for tree survival. If the City Forestry Department says your tree is beyond the time limit for a voucher, please contact Marge Petersan (cell 910-8308 or home 261-4163) for other possible arrangements.