

TREES FOR BOULEVARD OAKS

"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. Though the project has planted over 1450 trees as of December 2004, we typically lose between 15 and 30 trees annually due to age, sidewalk and sprinkler system installations that sever major tree roots, construction, auto accidents, vandalism, drought, and public improvement projects. It is our objective to plant enough trees each year to maintain a complete and healthy arbor of street trees.

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

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




1. Make your annual tax-deductible contribution.
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.
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, 713-867-0378. It's a criminal offense and you may be prosecuted.
5. 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 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, please call e-mail boca@airmail.net or call 713-528-BOCA.



**BEFORE REMOVING ANY
TREE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-
OF-WAY,**

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◆ Street Tree Master Plan ◆

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

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2007/2008 STREET TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

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

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Apply my contribution to:

General BOCA Tree Fund	Specific Planting Location
_____ \$150 (Tree Hugger)	
_____ \$100 (Patron)	_____ \$150 (15 gal.)
_____ \$ 50 (Sustaining)	
_____ \$ 25 (Regular)	_____ \$300 (30 gal.)
_____ \$ Other Amount	

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is \$ _____ payable to *Trees for Houston, Inc. / BOCA*

Send receipt for tax year _____2007 or _____2008

Does your employer have a matching funds program? Yes _____ No _____
(If yes, please include paperwork.)

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: _____

Address: _____

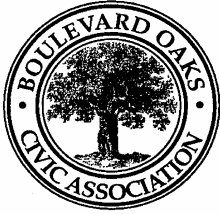
Tribute plaques may be purchased by calling 713-840-8733.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please list other instructions, if any, in the space below. Include your phone number or email address in case we have any questions for you.

Remember: Contributions are fully tax-deductible!

Return form and payment to Trees for BOCA, P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas 77254



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December 18, 2007

Dear BOCA Tree Lover:

Behold that magnificent tunnel of leafy shade, dappling the pavement as you stroll through our beautiful neighborhood! On hot summer days our streets are 10 to 15 degrees cooler than streets without trees. Indisputably, trees have increased the value our homes. But have you ever wondered how these trees came to be and how you can help ensure they are here for all to enjoy for years to come? The answer is: Trees for Boulevard Oaks.

Trees for Boulevard Oaks, in conjunction with Trees for Houston, Inc., has raised over \$160,000 and has planted over 1,500 street trees in our neighborhood over the past 24 years, thanks to the generous contributions from BOCA residents. Since reaching our initial goal of planting nearly 1,200 trees on every street in our neighborhood we have focused our efforts on maintaining and replacing our beautiful arbor with its historic pattern of evenly spaced street trees.

Sadly, we are losing more trees each year due to age and disease, and we also lose many more trees needlessly due to injury from trucks, sprinkler, driveway and sidewalk installations, and other root disturbances. These trees must be replaced if we are to preserve the special character of Boulevard Oaks. The average life of an oak tree planted along a street is 60 to 70 years. Because our original trees have now reached their expected lifespan, it is imperative that we actively continue to replace trees that are lost each year, and protect the trees we have. Please see the enclosed green sheet for ways you can help.

Please help us maintain our beautiful urban forest by making a tax-deductible contribution to *Trees for Boulevard Oaks* using the enclosed order form and reply envelope. Your contribution will allow us to plant new trees and to replace trees that have been lost over the past year. If you have a specific need for a street tree, please indicate this on the reply 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, Inc., our project's partner, will send a card notifying the honoree of your tribute.

If you have questions, please e-mail boca@airmail.net or call 713-528-BOCA (2622).

Sincerely,

Wallace Hooker, Chair
Trees for Boulevard Oaks