

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. Although we surpassed our goal 10 years ago, the program has made several hundred tree replacements and has also expanded the arbor to include Bissonnet to Kirby and the Southwest Freeway from Kirby to Hazard. In all, the project has now planted over 1550 trees in the neighborhood and on the surrounding thoroughfares as of February 2011, thanks to the care and generosity of neighbors.

Unfortunately, each year some 15 to 30 street trees are lost each due to construction, sidewalk and sprinkler system installations that sever major tree roots, age, auto accidents, vandalism, drought, public improvement projects, and hurricanes. But there is an even greater threat to our arbor: age. The average life expectancy of a one of our typical street tree is 60-70 years. Yet, most of our arbor was planted in the 1920s and 1930s. Now that half of our street trees are between 70 and 85 years old, we are beginning to lose even more trees each year. 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 or beyond. But when trees are lost, it is essential to our neighborhood's character, not to mention Houston's air quality and the environment, that we continually plant replacements.

It is our objective to plant enough trees annually to maintain a complete and healthy arbor. And despite the recent losses due to the drought and Hurricane Ike, 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 payable to our program's partner, *Trees for Houston*.

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

1. Make your annual tax-deductible contribution AND sign up for drought remediation for your street trees.
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 (311). 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 contact us at info@boulevardoaks.org or 713-528-BOCA (2622).

Before removing any tree in the public right-of-way, call the City Forester at 311 for a permit. Violators may be fined or prosecuted.

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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 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
🌳	Laurel 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 St.
🌳	Willow Oaks	Woodhead	South of Banks St.
🌳	Laurel Oaks	Wroxton Ct.	1700

TREES FOR HOUSTON/BOULEVARD OAKS

2013-2014 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*). Just fill out the form below and return in the envelope provided. Your contribution will allow us to replace trees that have been lost over the past year and to provide drought mitigation for at-risk trees. 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. Checks should be made payable to *Trees for Houston*. Please note "BOCA Fund" in the memo line and mail your check along with this form in the envelope provided to BOCA, PO Box 540331, Houston TX 77254. Contributions are 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)
_____ \$300 (30 gallon tree)
Planting Location:
 Location same as above
 Other location:

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to *Trees for Houston* and memo "BOCA"

Send 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:

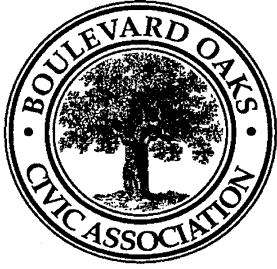
Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please list other instructions below or on a separate page. Be sure to include your phone number or email address in case we need to reach you about your order.



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December 6, 2013

Dear Boulevard Oaks Tree Lover:

Your participation in *Trees for Boulevard Oaks* is especially critical this year. As you may have heard recently, our city is again in an extreme drought. The losses to our neighborhood's tree canopy over the past few years of a larger drought cycle have been minimal thanks to the efforts of concerned residents and Tree Committee volunteers. Last year our focus was on watering and preventing further losses should the drought cycle continue. This year we plan to continue to monitor our trees and to water younger trees that are planted at non owner occupied properties and along our borders. We also hope to plant more 18 new trees where older trees have been lost and to pay for watering some of the recent plantings along our collector streets next summer.

Please help us maintain our beautiful urban forest by making a tax-deductible contribution to *Trees for Houston/BOCA*. 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 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 BOCA's street trees, please mail your form and contribution in the envelope provided to BOCA, P.O. Box 540331, Houston, TX 77254.

If you have questions, please contact Evalyn Krudy at 713-528-2622 or info@boulevardoaks.org.

Sincerely,

Wallace Hooker, Chairman

Trees for Boulevard Oaks Committee