

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

— *Nelson Henderson*

Where do we plant? Plant a large-growing shade tree directly in your front yard. Street trees along the roads would be our first-choice location. Studies show that this would create natural traffic calming and reduce speeding, among other benefits to our city. (Find where utilities are along streets so tree roots do not create issues)

What do we plant? We want to plant large-growing, native shade trees because they provide far greater benefits than small ornamentals. (Create a list of Native Trees good for along streets) <https://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/viewalltrees.aspx>

When do we plant? Fall. This allows young trees to become better established because of the cooler weather and the possible Winter rains.

How would we go about this? (ask the Tree Board to come up with a plan) We could encourage residents to plant specific trees in their front yards along our streets, and then offer reimbursement up to a specific amount. Or the Tree Board could create a Tree Planting event, where specific trees are offered to citizens to plant in their yards. (There might be opportunities to gain free or cheap access to tree stock). The event could also offer a tree planting and care guide.