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TreesCharlotte Planting for McIntyre Community, other Fall Events

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Six community tree planting events will be conducted by TreesCharlotte this fall, with the first this Saturday, Oct. 19, in the McIntyre Community.



TreesCharlotte is the civic/private collaborative that supports and leverages Council's goal of "50% Tree Canopy by 2050." Using Council's tree planting budget and the work of dedicated volunteers who have coalesced under the Foundation For The Carolinas umbrella, TreesCharlotte is raising private dollars to plant trees, educate and energize the community.

The planting events for this fall are:

- Saturday, Oct. 19: McIntyre Community. Volunteers from Girls Scouts, Tamil Sangum community, Keep Charlotte Beautiful; more needed.
 - 9120 Corey Common Ave., 8:30 am-noon
 - 600 trees will be planted.
- Friday, Oct. 25: Bette Rae Thomas Recreation Center, Stewart Creek Greenway. Volunteers from Foundation For The Carolinas.
 - 2921 Tuckaseegee Rd., 8:30 am-noon
 - 36 trees will be planted
- Friday, Nov. 1: Waddell Language Academy Tree Day. Volunteers from Carolinas Healthcare System.
 - 7030 Nations Ford Rd., 12:30-4 pm
 - 570 trees will be planted
- Saturday, Nov. 9: West Charlotte High School Tree Day. Volunteers from NASCAR, Roush/Fenway Racing, UPS, Wells Fargo; more needed.
 - 2219 Senior Dr., 8:30 am-noon
 - 650 trees will be planted
- Friday, Nov. 15: Oak Valley Charlotte Housing Authority campus. Volunteers from LandDesign.
 - Oak Valley Ln., 10 am-4 pm
 - 50 trees will be planted
- Saturday, Dec. 7: Brawley Farms Neighborhood. Volunteers from the community; more needed.
 - 9729 Bradstreet Commons Way, 8:30 am-noon
 - 200 trees will be planted

Council will receive information in December on additional events planned from January through the end of the planting season in April. For each TreesCharlotte event the City pays for

incidentals including mulch and tool/equipment rentals. The City contracts with the Catawba Lands Conservancy and consultant Dave Cable, Director of TreesCharlotte, to manage logistics for the large events. City staff provides expertise in neighborhood outreach, tree selection and creation of planting plans. TreesCharlotte and private sector partners provide the trees, volunteer meals and t-shirts.

Council members are welcomed and encouraged to attend all planting events.

Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons (AARP) Walkable Charlotte Week

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The City of Charlotte will participate in the Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons (AARP) Walkable Charlotte Week, October 28-November 1. Walkability is an essential component of what makes a livable community. Great demographic changes are coming to American cities. The preference of people 50 years and older is to age-in-place in a livable community complete with walkable streets, intersections, and public transportation. Therefore the presence of these features is critical to helping ensure that older Charlotteans will be able to age with independence, dignity and choice.

During Walkable Charlotte Week residents will assess 15 intersections selected in partnership with the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) using the AARP “Create the Good Sidewalks and Streets Survey” instrument. AARP is inviting the media to the event kick-off on October 28 at 11:00 am at the intersection of Charlottetowne Avenue at Metropolitan Avenue.

AARP’s goals for Walkable Charlotte Week are to:

- Raise awareness of the issue of walkability and the role it plays in creating a livable community.
- Demonstrate that walkability is important to people of all ages – from those walking with walkers, to young families with baby strollers, to children walking to school.
- Highlight exemplary intersections that show the value of good planning and walkability and seek to better understand intersections that create challenges for users and identify opportunities to rethink these intersections.
- Promote the use of CharMeck 311 so residents know who to call to report problems in their community.
- Emphasize community partnership and public input/collaboration.

Survey results will be compiled by the AARP and shared with the Charlotte Department of Transportation staff. CDOT staff plan to evaluate the survey feedback to see if the data can be used as a tool to assist in prioritizing future intersection improvements.