



## Join Friends of Trees in Helping Green Vancouver!

Friends of Trees is a non-profit organization that partners with the City of Vancouver to coordinate neighborhood tree planting events. This year hundreds of community members and homeowners came together to plant over 380 street and yard trees in 26 Vancouver neighborhoods. We would love to have more plantings in our 2010-2011 planting season, but we need your help!

In order to offer homeowners low-cost trees for their yards or parking strips we need neighborhood coordinators who will volunteer their time to help organize these neighborhood plantings. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue to offer low-cost trees to homeowners and businesses all across Vancouver but we need support from neighborhood volunteers. We still need a Neighborhood Coordinator, or co-coordinators for many Vancouver neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Coordinator would talk to their neighbors about planting trees, keep track of homeowner inquiries and tree requests, and help organize a planting event with support from the Friends of Trees staff. We will be having Neighborhood Coordinator training on **July 10th, 2010**. If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Coordinator in Vancouver, contact Jesse Batty at 360-619-1127 or email [jesse.batty@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:jesse.batty@ci.vancouver.wa.us) !

Planting trees in your yard or parking strip will help improve the quality of life for you and your neighbors for generations to come! Trees reduce city noise and glare and help calm and slow traffic, improving pedestrian safety. The average tree absorbs ten pounds of pollutants each year, improving our air quality (and our health!). Trees help lower energy costs by shading our homes and keeping us cool in the summer. Also, trees reduce the amount of water runoff from rain and clean the water that does run off, keeping our rivers clean and saving billions in storm water fees. Homes on tree-lined streets command prices that are up to 20% higher than houses in neighborhoods without trees. Unlike most things, trees actually appreciate in value each year!

Planting trees with your neighbors demonstrates community pride and helps neighbors meet one another. Come be a part of an activity that creates an immediate visual impact and brings community members together to improve our neighborhoods!

