



## Department of Public Parks

### "Building Pride In Providence"

TO : City Council Members  
FROM: Lesley Uργο  
Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Street Tree Endowment  
DATE: September 25, 1992  
RE : Deadline for Spring, 1993 Neighborhood Planting  
Program Grants

PLEASE NOTE! December 1, 1992 is the application deadline for Providence residents wishing to plant trees using Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Street Tree Endowment monies. Now approaching the fourth year of this citizen-focussed planting initiative, we're celebrating as we move forward with the "second thousand" of new City street trees! (We're planting Program tree number 1,000 this fall in the Elmwood section of Providence.) In these times of growing environmental awareness and concern, you can point to this public/private partnership as evidence that the City, along with the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Street Tree Endowment, is doing something significant and innovative to meet the needs of urban forestry in the Capital City.

Applications for the group plantings (planting 5-15 trees in close proximity, group participants doing the actual planting and attending to the aftercare needs of the trees themselves, assisted by City Forestry) are available by calling me in the Parks Department (785-9450, Ext. 244, MWF).

Please note the following "events" that are upcoming in approaching weeks (both of which you are invited and urged to attend):

1. MESSTE Harvest Party - FREE - open to all friends of the Providence urban forest (October 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Casino in Roger Williams Park). See enclosed flyer.
2. Project Tree Start - FREE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PRUNING/TREE CARE. Along Pleasant Valley Parkway, Saturday, October 17th. 9-12 noon. See enclosed flyer.

I look forward to seeing Council members at the Harvest Party, and encourage you to promote both the Party and Project Tree Start within your respective districts.

xc: Mayor Cianci  
Superintendent Derrig  
City Forester Campanini  
Peggy Sharpe

IN CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.  
*Michael K. Christ* CLERK

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**MESSTE HARVEST PARTY: WON'T YOU COME?**  
**Come Celebrate "Green Streets: In Our Neighborhoods"**

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What are you doing Wednesday, October 14th? From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Casino's ballroom at Roger Williams Park, you could be celebrating street tree planting efforts here in Providence with MESSTE organizers, planters, and friends. Come and enjoy "nature's harvest" desserts, cider and coffee, and chamber music by local guitarist and flutist Mychal Gendron and Susan Thomas.

*Briefly, the evening includes:*

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. *Dessert hour. Meet friends of the urban forest in Providence.*

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. *Welcome from Mayor Cianci.*  
*Comments by MESSTE leaders and friends:*  
*Peggy and Henry Sharpe,*  
*Superintendent of Parks Nancy Derrig,*  
*City Forester/Chief Parks Planner John Campanini, Jr.*

8:00 - 8:15 p.m. *Door prizes announced.*  
**(YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN, SIGN IN AT THE DOOR)**

**Prizes: (range of value: \$25-\$75)**

*Planting Certificates from local nurseries, including:*  
**SAM KINDER AND BROTHERS NURSERIES (Bristol)**  
**CENTRAL NURSERIES (Johnston)**  
**D & D TREE EXPERTS AND COMPANY (Providence)**

**GRAND PRIZE:**

*Home Compost Bin (retail value of \$100)*  
*with aerator attachment, courtesy of*  
*Solid Waste Management Corporation.*

*Also included with this award:*  
*"How to Compost" guide and workshop/class,*  
*courtesy of Southside Community Land Trust.*

8:15 - 8:30 p.m. *Group photograph of friends of Providence street trees.*

Please mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend this evening of celebrating past, present and future efforts to regreen Providence! Everyone is welcome, and there is **NO CHARGE** for this event. Come enjoy a beautiful fall evening with other similarly-inclined folks, people who want to make "Green Streets: In Our Neighborhoods" a reality!

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The Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Street Tree Endowment,  
The Providence Parks Department and  
Keep Providence Beautiful  
present

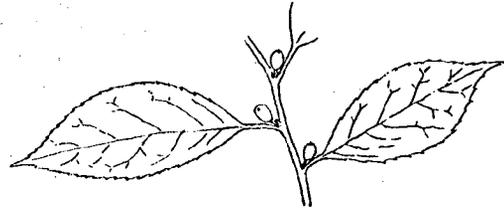
## Project Tree Start

Have you taken a really good look at the street trees in your neighborhood recently? Do they need some tender loving care? If so, here's your chance to get involved with your neighborhood's urban forest and help trees live a longer life.

Project Tree Start will give you the skills and knowledge you need to nurture young trees. You'll learn how to remove wire hose and stakes, and how to prune small broken and dead limbs and suckers. In addition you will learn about the hazards city trees face, what types of plants are appropriate for planting around the base of street trees and how often to water trees.

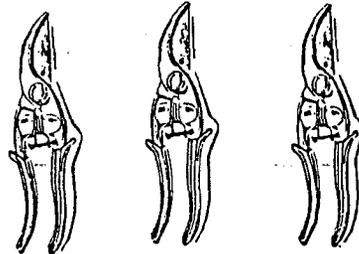
Clem Desjardins of Arborscape in Providence will again lead the workshop (the third annual), this time along Pleasant Valley Parkway (in the Mount Pleasant area, meet at the intersection of River Avenue and Sharon Street, at 9:00 a.m.) Working with this local arborist, you will then have the opportunity to practice your skills in the field.

Bring your kids, friends and neighbors, and give city trees a hand!



if you have them  
**Bring Along:**

pliers  
hand pruners  
hand saws  
pole pruners  
work gloves



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 1992**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**ALONG PLEASANT VALLEY PARKWAY**

**Free and Open to the Public**

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 18th, 1-4 p.m.**

**Register by Calling 331-1160.**