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Volunteers Needed for Vancouver's Biggest Tree Planting Ever on Feb. 23

VANCOUVER, WA - Feb. 15, 2013 – Homeowners and other [Friends of Trees](#) volunteers will plant more than 260 trees in ten West Vancouver neighborhoods on Saturday, Feb. 23—more trees than have ever been planted at a single Vancouver planting to date. Friends of Trees will need as many helping hands as possible. No experience is required to volunteer, and you don't need to pre-register unless you plan to bring a group of ten or more. Just come on out dressed ready to plant!

The planting begins at 8:30 am St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 East Plain Blvd, with hot drinks and breakfast treats followed by a rally at 9:00 am. Planting teams will disperse to plant throughout the neighborhoods from 9:15 am to 12:00 noon, and return to the church for a potluck lunch afterward. A map and event details can be found on Friends of Trees' [Portland-Vancouver calendar](#).

Saturday's volunteers will add trees to the following neighborhoods: Arnada, Carter Park, Central Park, Edgewood Park, Fruit Valley, Hough, Hudson's Bay, Lincoln, Rose Village and Shumway. Friends of Trees will also host a tree planting in NE Vancouver neighborhoods on March 16.

City trees slow climate change, clean the air, lower stormwater management costs, and keep polluted runoff out of rivers. For every dollar invested in planting a tree, the city receives \$3.80 in benefits in return. Trees also increase home values and encourage outdoor activity to make the community healthier, and plantings bring neighbors together. Many meet each other for the first time at a tree planting.

Friends of Trees is grateful to Vancouver's neighborhood associations and [Vancouver Urban Forestry](#), whose partnership makes it possible for Friends of Trees to offer trees to Vancouver homeowners for only \$50, including delivery, hole digging, stakes, planting assistance, and follow-up health checks.

Since 1989, Friends of Trees has brought volunteers together to plant trees in neighborhoods and restore green spaces. The nonprofit has planted more than 450,000 trees and native plants in the Portland-Vancouver and Eugene-Springfield areas. Learn more at www.FriendsofTrees.org.