

## Tree Stewards of Arlington & Alexandria



### Volunteers for the Community Forest

#### Who are the Tree Stewards?

Tree Stewards are volunteers dedicated to improving the health of our urban trees through educational programs, tree planting and care, demonstrations and tree maintenance throughout the community.

We work with the arborist staff of Arlington and Alexandria to provide direct care in public spaces, assist in planting trees, and notifying staff of tree problems. We provide education through our Tree Information Tables at farmers' markets and libraries, Earth Day events, plant sales, and other neighborhood events. As concerned citizens, we advocate to protect our urban tree canopy.

#### What is a Volunteer Training Program?

The Volunteer Training Program is designed to prepare participants for volunteer service to the community. Through classroom training and hands-on practice, Tree Stewards learn the basics of tree biology and physiology, tree identification, planting and maintenance techniques, construction impacts on trees, pruning and selecting the right tree for the right spot.

#### What are Volunteer Service Hours?

Each trainee makes a commitment to improving and protecting their community forest through 30 hours of volunteer service during the next year. Opportunities for volunteering are provided.

## Join our Volunteer Training Class

Walter Reed Community Center  
2909 16<sup>th</sup> Street S. Arlington, VA 22206

February 16 – April 27, 2010  
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 PM and  
Sat. Mornings March 13, 27, April 24

Applications and more information on-line at  
[http://arlingtonextension.org/treestewards/TS\\_Class2010.pdf](http://arlingtonextension.org/treestewards/TS_Class2010.pdf)

#### When & Where are the Classes?

Tuesday evenings, 7 – 10 PM from February 16 through April 27, 2010 and Saturday mornings March 13, 27 and April 24 to include hands-on planting, pruning and volunteering at community Earth Day events.

Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16<sup>th</sup> St. South. Metro bus 10B from Ballston Metro and ART bus 74 from Pentagon City Metro serve the center. Ride Sharing opportunities will be arranged at the first session.

#### How to apply?

A \$120 fee will cover the cost of the course, a training manual and all handout materials. Scholarships applications are available at 703-228-6414 or [TreeStewards\\_ArlAlex@verizon.net](mailto:TreeStewards_ArlAlex@verizon.net) No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Class is limited to 25 participants and preference will be given to those who have a desire to serve the community and a commitment to volunteer service. To apply, mail the application with a check in the amount of \$120 payable to Tree Stewards Arlington/Alexandria. Notification of acceptance will be provided by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Checks will not be cashed unless an applicant is accepted; uncashed checks will be returned.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodation to participate in this activity, please contact: Kirsten Conrad Buhls, ANR Horticultural Extension Agent, at 703-228-6423.

The program is hosted by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Tree Stewards, Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural

Resources, Alexandria Urban Forestry Department, Trees Virginia and the Virginia Urban Forest Council.



## Yes! I'm interested in becoming a Tree Steward Arlington/Alexandria

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Why do you want to be a Tree Steward volunteer?

### How would you like to volunteer?

Education to youth/schools  Education to Adults  Direct care to street or park trees

Advocacy for trees Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by taking the course, I am making a commitment of 30 hours of volunteer service over the next year.

Yes  No If no, please explain:

### How did you hear about Tree Stewards?

For scholarship application call 703-228-6414 or email TreeStewards\_ArlAlex@verizon.net

To register please return this form with your \$120 check made payable to Tree Stewards Arlington/Alexandria to:

**Tree Stewards c/o Virginia Cooperative Extension**  
3308 S. Stafford St.  
Arlington, VA 22206



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