

# 2008 NeighborWoods Highlights

## Alliance for Community Trees



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**New trees in plans for Arlington's Bruce Park**

By SANDY STRICKLAND

Greenscape of Jacksonville is spearheading a project to plant 71 new trees from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 21, at Bruce Park in Arlington. The park opened in 1955 on a 5.84-acre site at 6549 Arlington Road. The 32 live oak trees and 39 crape myrtles will provide needed shade and ambience. Moreover, they're being planted in such a way that they won't serve as hiding places for the "bad guys," said Anna Doolley, executive director of Greenscape, a non-profit tree planting organization.

Volunteers from The Home Depot, Greenscape, Jacksonville University, area high schools and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will plant the trees, grade existing ones, paint and clean up the park. Greenscape also will unveil new benches, benches and trash receptacles.

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**NeighborWoods month Carmel tree planting**

written by Nancy Jick

celebration of NeighborWoods Month, the City of Carmel, the Carmel Urban Forestry Committee (CUMFC) and the Fairgreen Trace homeowners are partnering for a tree planting in the Fairgreen Trace neighborhood 9 a.m. Oct. 18. This event is one of dozens of re-greening efforts throughout the city being promoted during October, which has been declared National NeighborWoods Month by the national non-profit organization, Alliance for Community Trees (ACT). The City of Carmel is proud to be a part of the value of urban forests. NeighborWoods Month also celebrates trees and recognizes the role of the community in the preservation of our urban forests.

of 33 trees will be planted along Fairgreen Drive and Quail Glen Court in Fairgreen Trace. As well as 25 trees and 45 shrubs will be planted along the Monon Greenway to act as a buffer for the neighborhood. The trees are approximately two inches in diameter and 10 to 14 feet tall. The neighborhood residents were able to choose what species of trees to plant from a list of trees agreed to water them for a minimum of one year after planting. The trees planted along the Greenway will be maintained by the Parks Department.

13th year for Carmel's Fall Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. Through this partnership, the Street and Parks Departments will pre-dig the holes for the trees for the trees. The City will provide the volunteer groups which will be comprised of neighborhood residents, and the City will be responsible for these trees when they need pruning or replacing in the future.

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of the Carmel Urban Forestry Committee, Ashley Mullis, said, "As Hamilton County continues to grow, it's important to preserve the existing trees where appropriate and to plant new trees to enhance the landscape. The Fall Tree Planting engages our citizens in a place on our community trees as well as help participants get to know their neighborhood."

**P&R NOW**

**PARKS RECREATION**

784 Howie St. Jacksonville, FL

April 24, 2008

**Growing Through Green**

In the May issue of P&R, we featured a Q&A with Alice Ewing, volunteer "Planting the City for the Trees," page 60, executive director of the Alliance for Community Trees, a volunteer-driven nonprofit that has planted 7.8 million trees in cities and towns across the country. More than simply planting trees, for Alice, it's about growing stronger communities through urban forestry and the promotion of healthier urban environments.

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**Planting project finishes goal of 9,000**

installs the saplings along Jordan River

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words of Joyce Kaiser, who penned the words "I think that I shall never see a poem more lovely and more stirring than Tree-Us, a nonprofit organization that seeks to replant the state of Utah one tree at a time." Tree-Us has set a goal to plant nearly 9,000 seedlings along the Jordan River.

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wrapping it up," says Jeff Ward, Tree-Us's executive director. "We've been working with the Jordan River area high schools and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will plant the trees, grade existing ones, paint and clean up the park. Greenscape also will unveil new benches, benches and trash receptacles."

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\* Time period: January 08 - December 08

- **913** planting, training, and outreach events hosted by 130 organizations. 12 of the events were 2008 NeighborWoods Focus Events, at which ACT and The Home Depot had a very visible presence.
- **51,000** large trees planted and an additional 17,000 trees maintained in 146 cities.
- **23.8 million** gallons of stormwater captured, saving \$238,000 in annual treatment costs.
- **682 tons** of air pollutants captured, saving \$341,000 in annual air cleanup costs.
- **\$234,000** in NeighborWoods Investments, Scholarships, and Mini-Grants leveraged by \$2.4 million in cash and in-kind community investments (see 2008 Investments to the right).
- **\$972,000** in annual community benefits through savings in energy efficiency, stormwater treatment, and air pollution cleanup costs; plus \$26.4 million in property value increases in underserved communities.
- **28,000** volunteers contributing 78,000 service hours.
- **183** Team Depot volunteers from 21 stores contributing 483 service hours.
- **105** government officials including 8 mayors, several U.S. Representatives and Senators, and numerous council, parks board, and planning commission members participating in NeighborWoods.
- **112,000** unique views of pages with The Home Depot Foundation logo at [www.actrees.org](http://www.actrees.org).
- **60** newsletters with The Home Depot Foundation's logo distributed to 1,750 environmental leaders.
- **64** media titles in 24 cities plus numerous credits in mailings, newsletters, and publications.

