

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 22, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT 2021 Branch Out Dallas Tree Giveaway – November 6, 2021

Dallas Water Utilities is pleased to announce Branch Out Dallas on Dallas Arbor Day, Saturday, November 6, 2021. This widely popular program kicked off in the fall of 2018 with the City of Dallas providing 200 trees to homeowners. Interest was so overwhelming that in March 2019, Branch Out Dallas provided another 2,500 native trees. In November 2019, the event became a part of Dallas Arbor Day, an annual celebration providing another 2,500 trees. This year, the program returned after a pause during the pandemic registering 2,600 Dallas residents to receive a five-gallon tree to plant in their yard. Trees were chosen for their hardiness and regional suitability. This year's species are bur oak, sycamore, American elm, Mexican plum, baldcypress, and chinquapin oak.

Dallas residents who registered can pick up their tree from 9:00 a.m. – noon at six locations throughout the City, including Shelton School at 17301 Preston Road; Marsh Lane Baptist Church at 10716 Marsh Lane; White Rock Church of Christ 9220 Ferguson Road; Tyler Street UMC at 927 W. 10th Street.; Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep Innovation Center at 9701 San Leon Avenue, and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School at 4019 S. Hampton Road. The City is partnering with individual volunteers and civic/corporate groups to distribute the trees to residents.

Branch Out Dallas is led by a citywide team with multiple departments. For all their beauty, trees benefit the environment by reducing stormwater runoff to drainage systems, cooling temperatures, improving air quality, and are key in our efforts to reduce the heat island effect.

Persons interested in volunteering at the Branch Out Dallas event on November 6, 2021 may email BranchOutDallas@dallascityhall.com with contact information and preferred tree distribution location.

Please contact Terry Lowery, Director of Dallas Water Utilities, if you have questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Majed Al-Ghafry'.

Majed Al-Ghafry, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

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