

An Argay Neighbor Appreciates Her New Trees

“I love them,” Argay resident Margie Enriques says of her new trees. “I look every day to see how they’re doing.”

This March, while Margie and a friend washed dishes after the community potluck and chatted with Friends of Trees volunteers who’d planted that morning, other Friend of Trees volunteers were planting, mulching and staking the trees she bought.



“It was fun to meet all the people who were planting that day,” Margie said about the potluck, and fun to find two Purple Prince Crabapples between the sidewalk and street when she got home. “They’re pretty. I’m amazed that more neighbors haven’t planted trees.”

This year residents in the Argay, Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Russell, and Sumner neighborhoods can order trees for only \$35. The \$35 includes the cost of an 8- to 12-foot tall tree, delivery, hole digging, mulch, stakes, assistance with planting, and follow-up maintenance checks during the

summer after planting—a \$200 value.

To find your tree, go to FriendsOfTrees.org/BuyTrees and follow the simple steps.

Margie believes more people would plant trees if they knew about the benefits. These good things grow on trees:

- **Conservation.** Tree shade can help cut your energy costs by 35% during the summer.
- **Health.** Trees clean our air, water, and soil for an all-around healthier city.
- **Community.** Tree-lined streets calm and slow traffic. This creates safer neighborhoods and happier people.
- **Money.** Each tree in your front yard or planting strip can increase the price you’ll be able to sell your house for by \$7,000.

For Margie, buying her trees was easy. It just took answering a knock on the door.

If you missed the tree canvasser in your neighborhood, you may have found a colorful sign hanging from your door knob. You only need to pull the postcard off the sign and mail it back to Friends of Trees.

Margie has lived in her Argay home for 13 years, and she’s glad to see trees being planted there. She’d love to see more.

“The shade is so important,” she said, adding that trees make the neighborhood beautiful, take carbon dioxide from the air, add oxygen, and help the soil. “Green is such a soothing color. It’s soothing looking at my trees.”

To find your tree or to learn more about Plant It Portland, a three-year campaign to plant thousands of street and yard trees in Portland, visit www.FriendsofTrees.org.