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Volunteers will plant 60 trees in NE Vancouver neighborhoods

Vancouver, Wash.— Residents will add 60 new trees to neighborhood streets Saturday at a volunteer planting organized by Friends of Trees and generously sponsored by tree-grower J. Frank Schmidt & Sons.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join in the planting by meeting at 8:45 a.m. at LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park on Northeast 130th Avenue in Vancouver (map). The planting will last until about 1 p.m. No experience is needed, and Friends of Trees provides tools, guidance and hot breakfast treats. Volunteers should come dressed for the weather wearing sturdy shoes. A potluck lunch will follow the planting.

The event covers all Northeast Vancouver neighborhoods, including Airport Green, Burnt Bridge Creek, Countryside Woods, Fircrest, Hearthwood, Image, Landover Sharmel, North Image, Parkside, Parkway East, and First Place.

"Thanks to the support of J. Frank Schmidt & Sons and lots of volunteers, we are excited to plant trees that will beautify Vancouver neighborhoods, filter pollution, and absorb storm water," said Andy Meeks, Friends of Trees' Development Manager.

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About Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees empowers people to improve the natural world around them through a simple solution: planting trees, together. They operate in Portland, Vancouver, Eugene, Salem and surrounding areas. Through FoT's Green Space Initiative, trained crew leaders guide volunteers at weekend events to restore green spaces. FoT's Neighborhood Trees program provides homeowners with discounted trees to plant at their homes with their neighbors. www.friendsoftrees.org