

# UD CARES TREE PATROL

## Description:

Upper Dublin Parks and Recreation and the UD CARES Volunteer Program are seeking volunteers for a pilot program to assist with caring for newly planted trees. With the increase in tree planting since the tornado, we are seeking volunteers who are able to commit to regular watering, weeding, and basic tree maintenance.

## OPTIONS TO PATROL:

**OPTION 1:** 5-10 trees in a landscaped area

**OPTION 2:** Rows of small seedlings in natural areas (approximately 25 trees)

**OPTION 3:** Individual or small group of trees in a semi-natural area

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

- **OPTION 1:** Your task will involve regular watering. You will be asked to water trees with about 5 gallons of water, which may involve carrying a heavy bucket or use of a wheel barrow. Some sites have water available and others will require you to bring water buckets from home.
- **OPTION 2:** Your tasks will involve clearing vines or invasive species from the tree, re-pounding stakes if needed, and monitoring for any issues. This will involve using loppers or hand pruners and a small sledgehammer. Walking through brush and thorns will be required, and there is a chance of stinging or biting insects.
- **OPTION 3:** Your tasks will involve occasionally clearing vines or invasive species, and refilling gator bags during prolonged droughts. This will involve filling the gator bag at home and transporting it back to the tree, which may involve carrying a heavy bag down a trail, or use of a wheel barrow. You may also need to use loppers or hand pruners to clear the tree.

## HOW MUCH OF A COMMITMENT IS NEEDED?

We ask for one growing season of commitment, from approximately May through October. You will be added to an email list to receive monthly reminders of tasks, and will be asked to update a shared calendar when tasks are completed. We understand that you may occasionally be unable to perform your tasks, in which case we ask that you notify Parks and Recreation staff in advance, or find a friend to step in.

- **OPTION 1:** Water about 1-2 times per week May through September.
- **OPTION 2:** Visit your row at least 2-4 times per year (although more is better!)
- **OPTION 3:** Visit your tree weekly when there is no rain. Visit 2-3 times per year to clear vines.

## UPPER DUBLIN WILL PROVIDE:

Hand tools and supplies (loppers, sledgehammers, tree stakes, etc.). You will be asked to provide your own buckets or wheel barrow for watering, if needed.

### SITES UP FOR ADOPTION:

SITE TYPE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Option 1	Luther Klosterman Park	Madison and Prospect Ave, Fort Washington
Option 1	North Hills Park	212 Girard Ave, North Hills
Option 2 or 3	Tannerie Run Park	730 Susquehanna Road, Ambler
Option 2	Rose Valley Preserve	1624 E Butler Pike, Maple Glen

### IF INTERESTED:

If interested in volunteering, please contact Colleen Kenny at [ckenny@upperdublin.net](mailto:ckenny@upperdublin.net) with your contact information and the site you are interested in patrolling.

Prior to volunteering, you are asked to attend a training session to identify your trees and learn proper tree care techniques. Training sessions will be in late-May. Additional details will be sent based on your park of interest.

