



ANNUAL INDIAN HILLS CANOPY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM 2019 UPDATE



I am pleased to announce the "Tree Committee" of resident volunteers will again conduct its annual canopy tree distribution. As in past years, this program gives Indian Hills taxpayers who own a detached dwelling unit anywhere in the city, the opportunity to win a complete canopy tree installation which includes: cost of trees, including arborist site visit, and maintenance items with total cost shared between the property owner and the city. Over 60 canopy trees have been planted in similar fashion by dedicated volunteer efforts over the past few years, and we hope to see at least another 20 in the ground by year end. To win a canopy tree package, you **MUST** complete the attached program application and return it as indicated by **SEPT 30, 2019**. So, get on board today by filling out that application!

The canopy tree program was established to support, maintain, enhance, and expand the number of healthy canopy trees within our community. That is our tightly focused mission, nothing more, but nothing less. We recognize, as do the majority of our neighbors, friends and city taxpayers, that these trees not only give us relief from the urban heat island that is becoming more apparent in the urban metro, but add esthetic beauty and economic value to our homes. For those reasons it is sound public policy to support tree canopy preservation and enhancement.

We are community volunteers. We are not elected policy makers, political advocates, tree police, or adjudicators of landscape disputes. Our sole agenda is replenishing the Indian Hills Tree Canopy throughout our community. We trust residents will continue supporting our efforts and participating enthusiastically in our program. Any resident is welcome to join our group at any time.

From all of us who volunteer our time and efforts to make each program better than the prior year, thank you for past year successes, and good luck to all who enter this year's drawing. May the tree you win give you and your family shade, comfort, enjoyment and satisfaction in the years to come.

Robert L. Astorino, Chairperson