

NEWS RELEASE

City's Tree Planting Program Now Underway

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(April 1, 2011) The city of Waxahachie is currently selling trees as a part of their annual tree planting program. The new trees will help to replace older ones, as well as add trees to newly developed public rights-of-way. This is the third year for the program.

“Waxahachie is known for our beautiful crape myrtles, as well as other trees, and we want to make sure that we are proactive in maintaining our tree population,” said John Smith, director of the city’s parks and recreation department.

The public is able to purchase a tree in honor or memory of loved ones. Businesses are also able to purchase trees on a sponsorship basis. The city will hold a ceremonial tree planting in October to recognize the purchases and those that made donations will receive a commemorative printed program as a keepsake.

A total of up to 25 trees will be planted, five each of five varieties. This year the trees to choose from are pink crape myrtle, white crape myrtle, live oak, pecan, and Chinese pistachio. The cost is \$200 per tree and they will be sold through September, or while supplies last. “We are limiting the number to 25, so that we can make sure they trees are properly maintained over the first year. They will require watering and care, and we want to make sure we have the manpower to care for them,” said Smith.

The \$200 cost of the tree goes completely to purchasing the tree. The order forms may be downloaded from the city's website at www.waxahachie.com, or in person at 401 S. Rogers. For questions regarding the tree planting program, please contact the city at 972-937-7330, ext. 284.

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