

# HILLBROOK HILITES



Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association (HTOCA) Newsletter

June 2022

## NEIGHBORHOOD GEARING UP FOR A SPECTACULAR SUMMER OF SOCIALS

The Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association (HTOCA) is excited to announce a series of summer social events and happenings to enjoy with your fellow neighbors.

First up is our annual summer Food Truck series, organized by neighbor and HTOCA Board Member **Laurelie Wallace**. Held monthly based on your request, these popular events offer the opportunity to order some tried-and-true favorites like pizza to more international fare, from bulgogi tacos to banh mi sandwiches.

These events are also a great way to meet the neighbors. You'll see several of the surrounding driveways bring out the folding chairs and tables to offer an impromptu dining area (and lawns for the kids to roam free).

Join us for our first annual truck of the season - **BURGORILLA - this Sunday, June 5, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in front of 4905 Kingston Drive**. This truck (owned by 2021 neighborhood favorite Miso Honey) will be serving up unique sandwiches, sausages, tacos, burgers and more. Preorder here: <https://burgorillatruck.square.site/?location=11ea7dd66e3fcb18bee054ab3a4df151>.

Save the date now for our July truck, back by popular demand for the third consecutive year: **DC SLICES!** We welcome back this **pizza truck on SATURDAY, July 30**. More details, including timing and location, to come.

And summer just isn't summer in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks unless we are bringing out the sweet treats for kids (and kids at heart) at our **annual Ice Cream Social, where we dish out scoops compliments of HTOCA. Please join us on Sunday, June 12, from 4-6p at the corner of Silver Lane and Kingston Drive**. Special thanks to neighbor **Dann Winter** for continuing the long-time tradition of using the Winter's driveway as our gathering spot!

As HTOCA's first sponsored social event of 2022, this is a great opportunity to meet the neighbors, especially new folks, meet our Board and learn how to get involved. We'll have a table set up at the Ice Cream Social to answer questions, provide information and collect outstanding \$25 dues.

**What upcoming events would you like to see in the neighborhood? Got a lead on any available food trucks that can join us in August and September?** We need great people like you to help continue to make Hillbrook-Tall Oaks a wonderful place to live. **Email us at [hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com) or stop by our table to learn more!**



Neighborhood azaleas in bloom, Spring 2022

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... and More!

## KNOW THY NEIGHBOR: MEET THE DOWNEY FAMILY

While Hillbrook Hilites often features our newest residents, many neighbors have lived here for years. Some... decades. This includes the Downeys, who have lived on Silver Lane since 1997.

Here's their story, supplied by Kimberly Downey:

"Our household includes **Chris, Kimberly, Brenna** (age 18) who now attends Northern Virginia Community College while working full time at Abercrombie & Fitch Kids in Tysons Corner, **Garrett** (who will be 17 in July) and a rising 11th grader, and **Connor** (age 15), a rising 10th grader.

We have lived here for twenty-four years. We moved into the neighborhood on October 31, 1997, but we were so tired from moving ourselves from Hoboken, New Jersey, that we did not hand out candy that year.

I was born and raised in Pittsburgh and Chris was born in Syracuse; he moved to the Baltimore suburbs when he was eight years old. We are both graduates of Syracuse University but did not meet until after our college days. We came here after working in New York City for several years.

The day after we moved in, Helen Winter stopped by to introduce herself. She was carrying a basket with a roasted chicken. Many years later, her son Dann installed a fabulous tree swing in his front yard. As a private dyslexia tutor, I was working with the daughter of the Washington Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki in 2019. Since it was summertime, we headed right over to the tree swing after her sessions. While she enjoyed working with me, we think Dann's swing was an even bigger hit!

We were definitely some of the youngest members of the neighborhood when we moved in. This is the first and only house we have ever owned. What has impressed us the most is how long people stay here. The <neighborhood> location is also convenient to the many amenities our area has to offer.

The nature is wonderful, even though the shrieking foxes cause our beloved dog **Harriet** to bark loudly. Once in the early 2000s, after returning from an evening seminar, there was a skunk right next to our front door. I decided to use the carport entrance and give the skunk his space!

Our advice to new neighbors: Get to know your neighbors and offer to help in whatever way you can. There are so many fabulous people here!"

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## YOU'RE MISSING THE FUN...

...If you haven't yet joined us on Facebook at our Groups page:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/htoca](http://www.facebook.com/groups/htoca).

From runaway dogs to Garden Club updates to yard sales and local food festivals, our HTO-CA Facebook page is THE place to visit for up-to-the-minute updates and information on all the neighborhood happenings. We just hit our 100-member mark!

**Join us and start a conversation today!**

# E-WASTE EVENT A SMASHING SUCCESS

**HTOCA hosted its first-ever e-Waste event last fall on Silver Lane.**

Board Member **Steve Boyd** came up with this event idea and organized it on our neighborhood's behalf. Here is his recap:



The Board hosted an e-Waste event last Fall and it was a smashing (pardon the pun) success!

There had been some interest in the community for a shredding or e-Waste event. To gauge our neighbors' interests and preferences, the HTOCA Board emailed a survey to residents and a majority of the community responded. While both shredding and e-waste disposal were of interest, the e-waste idea edged out shredding as the winner.

The Board started to reach out to vendors in the area to understand their capabilities and availability to visit our neighborhood. After talking with several vendors, the Board selected **Patriot Shredding**, a small, locally-owned company that had great prices and a great reputation for e-waste disposal.

We reserved Saturday September 18, from noon to 3p for the Patriot Shredding truck to visit and park on Silver Lane near the intersection of Dodson Drive. Fortunately the day of the shredding brought nice weather and a good deal of community traffic, with folks looking to safely dispose of all kinds of electronic equipment.

Patriot Shredding collected everything from TVs, game consoles, radios, computers and even cables. The Board set up an information table manned by several Board members. Some folks also chose to pay their yearly dues while dropping off their electronics.

If you were unable to attend last September but still have e-waste and you want to dispose of, you have options. You can always take your materials to one of two Fairfax County-designated e-waste locations:

- I-66 Transfer Station
- I-95 Landfill Complex

On the Fairfax County site, you can find more details on the kinds of electronics the county will accept, hours of operation and what happens once you drop off your unwanted materials: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/electronics>

**Are you interested in another e-waste removal or a shredding event?**

Please let the Board know by emailing [hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com) or letting me or another Board member know. We always welcome community feedback and suggestions.

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## 400+ ITEMS DONATED TO HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the efforts of co-organizers **Katie Clary** and Board Member **Laurelie Wallace**, we held another successful charitable event in March.



Generous neighbors donated more than 400 highly-requested cleaning supplies and other non-perishable items for Annandale High School's Food Pantry. Pantry organizer Norma Foti provides both food and non-perishable items at a location in the school to both students and families in need within the greater Annandale community.

Special thanks to the following families for helping provide drop-off locations and coordinating visits to bring donated items to the pantry throughout March:

- **Kevin Gilligan and Laurelie Wallace**
- **Karen Grunstra and Larry Kim**
- **The Clary family**
- **The Kent family**
- **The Rossignol family**
- **The Selim family**

As **Katie** noted in her recap: "We appreciate the support and know those who received items do too!"

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## 300 MASKS DONATED TO COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY STAFF

Organized by neighbors and Columbia Elementary School parents **Alisha Martinez** and **Liz Hatchuel**, the Columbia Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and HTOCA partnered to purchase masks for the staff this past February.

HTOCA donated 300 masks, and the PTA matched that purchase to total 600 masks. Pictured below is Columbia Elementary School Principal Michael Astudillo receiving the donation from Alisha. According to Michael, the school staff are very grateful for the support!





# WOMEN'S WELLNESS GROUP UPDATE

The Women's Wellness Group's classes and social events have officially begun!

- Fifteen women attended the 3rd annual **Women's Appreciation Potluck Brunch** on Saturday, May 21, at **Laurelie Wallace's** home.
- The group will meet in-person for one **45-minute yoga session with neighbor Joanna Edie** on Saturday, June 11.
- The remaining sessions will be **neighborhood walks** on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30am from July through December.
- The group will have a **summer social - pool party** on Saturday, July 9, at 12:30pm at a neighbor's home. Refreshments will be served.
- Group Facilitator **Alisha Martinez** sends a monthly email and posts events and updates on the group's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/htocawomenswellness>

All are welcome to attend any wellness sessions and social events! To learn more about the group, To learn more, **please reach out to Alisha (alishakmartinez@gmail.com or 617-290-0728) or join our Facebook group.**

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## GARDENING CLUB IS BUSY

**According to Club Facilitator Betsy Martin: "Every month we're doing something fun!" Here is her recap:**

- In March, we **hosted a Master Gardener** for a presentation about garden design. Fifteen people came to hear his fabulous talk full of useful ideas and suggestions.
- We our regular monthly meeting in April, with a few new folks in attendance and learned about **our gardening successes and challenges**. We helped each other identify some mystery sprouts and discussed planting strategies for trouble spots.
- May Day seemed like the perfect time to **host a neighborhood plant swap!** Some folks brought "too much of a good thing" plants to share, some brought seeds, others brought tree seedlings, and everyone walked away with something new for their gardens and a story or two to go along with it.
- Tentative June plans include a **neighborhood walking garden tour**.

Please join us in this beautiful way to connect with your neighbors. No garden or gardening experience necessary! Just a curiosity and appreciation for all the growing things around us (including the people!). Interested in learning more? **Please contact Betsy at [betsybmartin@gmail.com](mailto:betsybmartin@gmail.com) or 571-242-5873 and get your green thumb going!**

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## ENJOYING SPRING & SUMMER IN OUR LEAFY NEIGHBORHOOD: BASIC YARD ETIQUETTE

**The Hills(brook-Tall Oaks) are alive with the sound of... leaf blowers?!** With many of us continuing to work from home and spend more time outdoors as the weather warms, neighbors have noticed just how noisy it can be as we work to beautify our properties. HTOCA Board President **Al Sample** shares these tips to help us all find the balance between neighborhood beauty and serenity.

me: i'm going to have a great zoom presentation today  
lawn crew outside my window:



It's finally summer in the neighborhood, and that brings warm weather, beautiful blooms and . . . leaf blowers? Yes, they're back, and so are the complaints. Noisy leaf blowers, particularly the backpack-type gas-powered kind, have become a standard tool for the lawn maintenance crews that operate in the neighborhood. It's a tough time for neighbors who want to enjoy a quiet cup of coffee and the paper on a fine morning.

**Leaf blowers typically generate 65-85 decibels** - much more when there is a trio of them - so whenever they are operating at every neighbor's house within a half-mile, you will be serenaded whether you want to be or not.

It has generated hundreds of online memes, advice-column inquiries, and published articles, including this bit of humor from a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal: [Here's Why Leaf Blowers Are Evil Incarnate - WSJ](#). It has also resulted in outright bans on the use of leaf blowers in several major cities and communities across the country.

Fortunately, we live in a community where we all try to be considerate of one another—and there are ways to do that where leaf blowers are concerned. Larry N. Will, a former VP for Engineering at Echo, Inc. - and the inventor of the “quiet” series of Echo leaf blowers - has written a presentation and pamphlet entitled Leaf Blowers: A Guide to Safe and Courteous Use: <https://leafblownoise.com/OPEI Presentation/leafblower01.swf>.

**Here are key points to keep in mind—and to pass along to your lawn maintenance contractor if you happen to use one:**

- **Replace older model leaf blowers** with current models that feature noise-suppression technologies; choose a leaf blower rated at 65 dB(A) or less.
- **Only run the blower as long and at throttle settings necessary to do the job**; rarely does a large backpack blower have to run at full throttle in a residential area.
- **Be a considerate and courteous operator**; be mindful of bystanders and adjoining property.
- **Avoid blowing dust, gravel or other debris.**
- Use **only one leaf blower at any given time.**
- **Know and observe leaf blower ordinances.**
- **Do not use leaf blowers late in the evening or early in the morning**

# VOLUNTEER FOR OUR RESURRECTED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**HTOCA Board Member David Decker submitted this call for volunteers to help keep Hillbrook-Tall Oaks a safe place to live:**

## Have You Heard About Neighborhood Watch? Ever Consider Being a Volunteer?

The HTOCA Board is seeking to restart the Neighborhood Watch program. A "good offense" - an active Neighborhood Watch program - is the best way to ensure that we continue to have a low rate of crime in our neighborhood. Summer has traditionally seen an uptick in petty crimes, from car break-ins to shed burglaries. We would like to address and reduce those if possible.

**What Do Volunteers Do?** Very simply, we walk or drive around our neighborhood, staying alert for any activity or situation that looks out of place or poses a concern for our neighbors' safety and security. If you see something, you make a call to a police non-emergency number to report your observations.

**How Much of Time Is Required?** Whatever you can give would be greatly appreciated. We'll create a schedule that is flexible, supportive and works for everybody.

**If I'm Interested in Participating, What Should I Do?** Simply respond by email to [hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com) by Wednesday, June 30. We'll organize the team, send you some additional information provided by the Fairfax County Police Department (see below for a sample), and let you know what's next. If the idea of contributing to the safety and security of our beautiful neighborhood through Neighborhood Watch appeals to you, please drop us a line!

**REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

Successful efforts to combat crime require the cooperative involvement of police and citizens. The police cannot be everywhere. For this reason, success against crime is dependent on community participation. Many crimes would not be committed if more neighbors were alert to suspicious activity and notified the police.

**HOW TO REPORT**

Emergency - 911 if someone is in immediate danger or you see a crime being committed

Non-Emergency - 703-691-2151

Any suspicious activity, if you notice a crime has already been committed

Community Reporting System (CRS) - Accessed by phone at the non-emergency number to report information only type incidents or if an officer is not needed. This is a tele-reporting system, an officer will make the report over the phone with 72 hours.

On-line reporting - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/communityreportingsystem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/communityreportingsystem)

**CONNECT WITH YOUR COORDINATOR COMMUNITY -**

**COORDINATOR INFORMATION NAME**

**CONTACT**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS SIMPLY A CRIME PREVENTION CONCEPT THAT CALLS FOR NEIGHBORS TO WATCH OUT FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. KNOWING THIS, CRIMINALS ARE GENERALLY UNWILLING TO RISK DETECTION, SO THEY EITHER DON'T COMMIT THE CRIME OR GO ELSEWHERE. BECAUSE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHY, POPULATION, AND THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF CRIME, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS MUST VARY FROM AREA TO AREA IF THEY ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. YOUR COMMUNITY DECIDES WHAT TYPE OF WATCH PROGRAM TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT. TALK TO YOUR COORDINATOR TO BECOME A PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TODAY!

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**CONNECTS YOUR COMMUNITY DIRECTLY TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator has contact with the Crime Prevention Office that is assigned to your police district.

**PROVIDES A GREATER AWARENESS OF CRIME**

Crime prevention techniques like personal safety and home security tips improves ones ability to remove and reduce the opportunity for criminal activity.

**ENHANCES REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

By being the eyes and ears for the police department, the community is empowered to report all activity out of the ordinary and more accurately record suspicious or criminal activity.

**PROMOTES NEIGHBORLINESS**

Neighborhood Watch encouraged neighbors to interact with each other, sharing information about their habits and the habits of others in the community to ensure the safety and security of the neighborhood.

**GIVES ACCESS TO CRIME DATA**

Active Neighborhood Watch programs receive information on crime trends, prevention tips and timely updates when available of criminal activity in and around the community.

Flyer supplied by Fairfax County Police Department

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# TREE CANOPY THINNING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: A GUIDE TO SELECTING NEW TREES TO PLANT

**Longtime neighbor and HTOCA Board Member Mark Crawford, who has had to remove eight large oak trees in the past two years from his property due to ambrosia beetle infestation,** compiled this article from a variety of sources to help us understand more about why the tree removal trucks seem more frequent in the neighborhood. He also shares what we can do to both protect our existing trees and seek new plantings to revive the canopy:

Over the past two years the frequency of tree removal trucks and crews working in the neighborhood has steadily increased. **Hillbrook-Tall Oaks has lost more than 100 mature trees, a majority of them oaks.** This loss is largely attributable to insect infestation, but drought, disease, storm damage, age and voluntary tree removal have also contributed to deforestation.

Regardless of the cause, the loss of trees over time can result in rising summertime temperatures in the neighborhood, higher air conditioning costs, water runoff, and (for some properties) reduced property values. Hillbrook-Tall Oaks in the summer can be 10 degrees cooler than downtown Annandale, where there are relatively few shade trees.

**The selection of a tree to plant to replace lost trees – or to beautify your yard -- is not always an easy task.** This article provides a general guide to trees that grow well in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks. It also includes limited guidance on tree varieties that may be particularly vulnerable to disease and insects. Consult the references cited at the end of this article and other sources for detailed information.

Consider this guide a starting point for thinking about planting options – and where to plant trees. Beyond the trees presented below, there are other varieties of deciduous and evergreen trees that you may plant successfully that will thrive here. Tree height data are estimates – as soil conditions, sunlight, and water availability affect ultimate growing height. A number of the deciduous trees found in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks have lifespans of 200-600 years – so it will be many decades before trees planted today reach their maximum height.



Selection of a tree to plant in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks calls for some thought -- considering the number of trees lost in the past several years. Most of this loss is attributable to invasive insects, most notably the ambrosia beetle and the emerald ash borer. Both insects appear to attack trees that are already stressed, often older trees.

According to Virginia Tech, the ambrosia beetle burrows straight into the trunk about one centimeter and then creates tunnels following the grain of the wood. The beetle lines tunnel walls with a fungus that its larvae feed on during development. This fungus grows and ultimately blocks water and nutrient distribution in the tree's vascular system, causing leaves to wilt and the tree to die.

While the beetle most often attacks weakened trees, it can also invade healthy trees. **Small piles of sawdust on the surface of a tree's trunk, often near the base, indicate an ambrosia beetle intrusion. Another sign is when there are toothpick-like frass tubes sticking out of the tree.** This latter indicator is often hard to spot because it is readily erased from tree trunks by rain or wind.

Although the emerald ash borer got its reputation by feeding on and killing ash trees, it will also attack multiple tree species such as beech, cherry, white and red oaks, and others.

*(article continues on next page)*



# NEIGHBORHOOD TREE CANOPY THINNING, *continued*

Here is a summary from UVA Today of what the insect does to trees: “The emerald ash borer, which has already devastated trees in large areas of North America, is making its way across [Northern Virginia]. The bright green-colored winged insect, about one-third of an inch long, lays its eggs under the bark of the ash [and other types of trees].

Once the eggs hatch, the larvae of the ash borer burrow through the tree’s cambium layer, effectively cutting off the nutrients that flow up from the roots. The larvae then develop into the winged versions that burst out of the tree’s bark and restart the cycle, leaving dead trees...”



## So what can we all do?

- Take a few minutes every month to walk around your property and look for signs of insect invasion within your trees
- Call a reputable, licensed arborist with testing capability to assess the condition of your trees
- Ask them to help you take preventive actions each spring to inhibit ambrosia beetle and emerald ash borer infestations
- Alert your neighbors if you happen to see signs of insect activity in their trees

Left unaddressed, these infected trees will become launching pads for much wider invasive insect activity in neighboring properties, so acting quickly is important. You can save trees with preventive actions and it is far less expensive than paying to remove a tree.

Another strategy for dealing with tree loss attributable to insects is to **diversify the range of trees in the neighborhood. Please see the following pages for a list of various trees you can grow, which also appear to be reasonably resistant to ambrosia beetle and emerald ash borer infestation if they are healthy.** Older chestnut oak trees, which account for significant number of oak trees in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks, seem to have been most vulnerable to insect infestation. If you purchase a tree from a nursery that has a reasonable height (12-16 feet), in a couple of years it will begin to grow fairly rapidly.

In addition to providing a partial list of deciduous and evergreen trees that can flourish in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks, there is a residential lot map that identifies optimal locations for planting trees. It points out obstacles and infrastructure to stay clear of when planting a shade tree.

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# TREE VARIETIES THAT GROW IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA: DECIDUOUS OPTIONS

Deciduous Trees			
<p>American Sycamore - 75-90 ft. Max.</p>		<p>American <del>Chestnut</del> - 114 ft. approx.</p>	
<p>Ash - 60 – 80 ft. Max - AVOID: target of Emerald Ash Borer</p>		<p>Beech - 80 Ft. on Average</p>	
<p>Cherry [Black] - 60 ft. <del>Max</del></p>		<p>Elm - 50-100 ft. Max. - Dutch Elm Disease Resistant - ft. <del>Max</del> See: <a href="https://www.bartlett.com/resources/disease-resistant-elm-selections.pdf">https://www.bartlett.com/resources/disease-resistant-elm-selections.pdf</a></p>	
<p>Gum [Black] - 50-80 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Gum [Sweet] - 60-75 ft. Max</p>	
<p>Hickory - 140 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Hickory [Shag Bark] - 60-80 ft. Max.</p>	

# TREE VARIETIES: DECIDUOUS OPTIONS

<p>Maple [Silver] - 50-80 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Maple [Sugar] - 80 -120 ft. Max.</p>	
<p>Locust [Honey] - 70-80 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Magnolia [Southern] - 60 – 80 ft. Max.</p>	
<p>Poplar [Yellow] - 60-90ft. Max.</p>		<p>Redbud - 30 ft. max.</p>	
<p>Sourwood - 30 ft. max.</p>			
<p>Oak [Northern Red] - Red Oak family - 50-75 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Oak [Southern Red] - Red Oak family - 60-80 ft. Max.</p>	

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# TREE VARIETIES THAT GROW IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA: DECIDUOUS OPTIONS, *continued*

<p>Oak [Black Jack] - Beech family - 20-30 ft./90 Max.</p>			
<p>Oak [White] - White Oak family - 75 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Oak [Chesnut] - White Oak family - 65 ft.</p>	
<p>Oak [Pin] - White Oak family - 100 ft. Max. - Emerald Ash Borer Vulnerable</p>		<p>White Oak [Shag] - White Oak family - 100 ft. Max.</p>	
<p>Walnut [White] - 60 ft. Max.</p>		<p>Walnut [Black] - 120 ft. Max.</p>	



# TREE VARIETIES: EVERGREEN OPTIONS

Evergreen Trees			
<p>American Holly - 40-50 ft.</p>			
<p>Douglas Fir - 40-80 ft. Avg.</p>		<p>Giant Green Arborvitae - 40-60 ft. Avg.</p>	
<p>Leland Cyprus - 50 ft. Avg.</p>		<p>Loblolly Pine - 50-75 ft. Avg.</p>	
<p>Northern White Pine - 80-100 ft. Avg.</p>		<p>Virginia Pine - 40 ft.</p>	
<p>Cedar [Japanese] - 50-80 ft.</p>		<p>Cedar [Virginia] - 30-40 ft.</p>	

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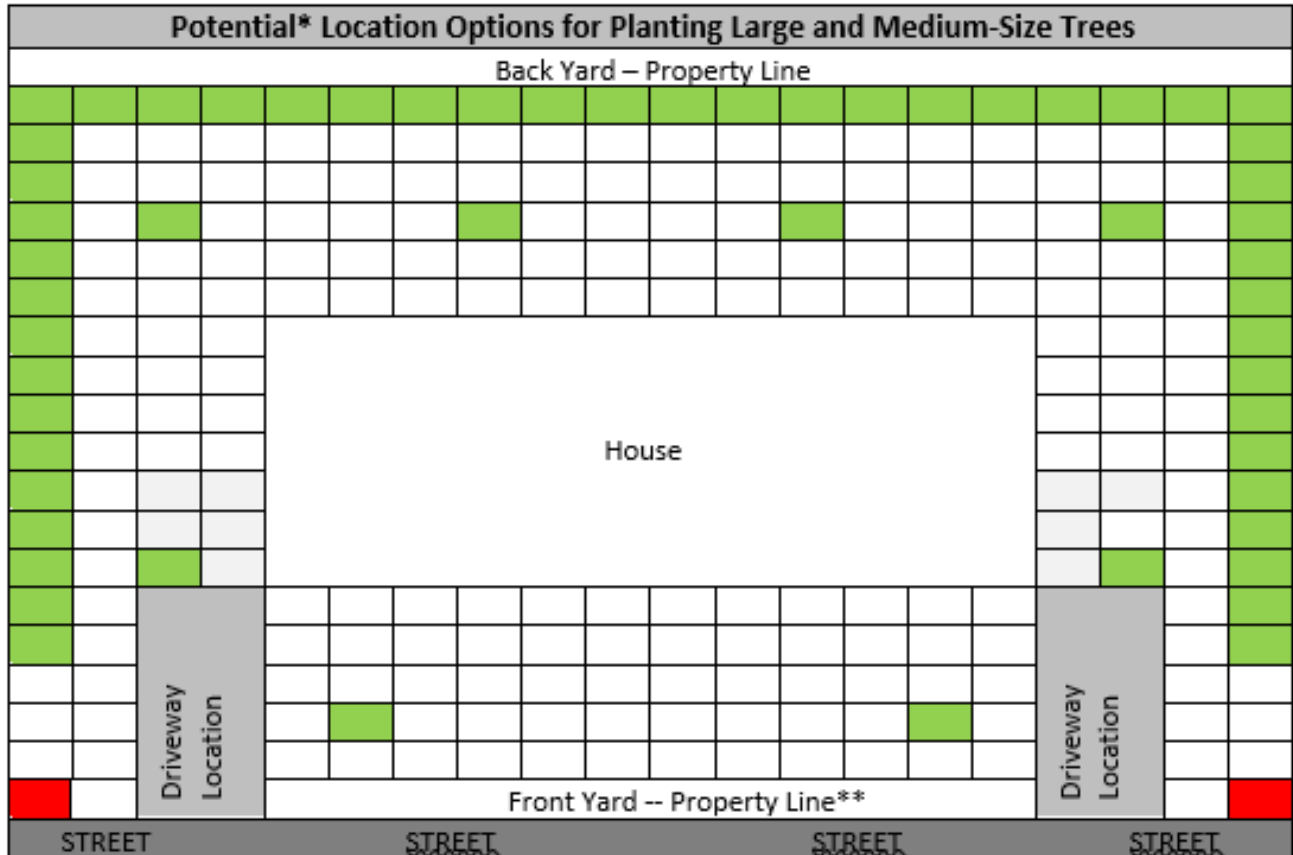
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# POTENTIAL TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS FOR LARGE- AND MEDIUM-SIZED TREES



\* Always call Virginia 811 (VA811) before digging in your yard to avoid hitting underground water, electric, and gas lines. This organization coordinates the marking of utility lines to prevent them from being damaged by excavation or demolition work. Virginia’s Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act requires that everyone, including homeowners, first call Miss Utility (Dial 811 in Virginia, or 1-800-552-7001) 48 hours before performing work, including planting a tree.

GREEN = Probable safe location for planting a tree

RED = Denotes possible location of a power pole at the edge of your your property.

LIGHT GREY = Possible location of a driveway.

Warning: Most power service in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks is delivered by overhead lines to residences, but some houses around the neighborhood have converted to underground service running from a power pole. All of Cherry Lane and the west end of Winter Lane, have underground service.

Note: the diagram above is provided as a general guide and may not address the unique conditions of individual residential properties in this neighborhood. - Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association (HTOCA)

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