

## 2009 Citizen Forester Program

The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department and the Urban Forest Advisory Committee announce plans for the 2009 Citizen Forester class, starting Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be eight classes from 7:00 - 9:00 PM every two weeks beginning August 11<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>. Field training will be conducted on selected Saturday mornings during the fall at select Dallas parks which includes [Samuell Farm Outdoor Learning Center](#). The evening classes will be offered at the [Texas AgriLife Extension Service](#) office, 10056 Marsh Lane, Suite B-101 in North Dallas. This location is one block North of Walnut Hill Lane.

Citizen Foresters commit to a rigorous schedule of class and field study that includes a working knowledge of basic tree physiology, field and classroom tree identification, techniques of proper tree pruning, identifying harmful insects & diseases, plus proper care and maintenance of trees. Citizen Foresters are strong advocates for the Urban Forest and often attend like topic public events to educate the public and provide educational materials. In addition to educational events, Citizen Foresters will be involved in tree planting projects, speaking engagements and other tree related events supporting the City of Dallas, the Urban Forest Advisory Committee, and a multitude of Civic groups. A minimum of 25 hours of volunteer service is required after successful completion of the training class.

Citizen Forester students will receive training on the following subjects:

- Tree Physiology & Basic Tree ID
- Where, How and What! Basics for Planting Trees
- Proper Pruning of trees
- Proper Maintenance and Care of Trees
- Insects and Diseases of Trees
- Basic Risk Assessment
- Community Volunteer Opportunities for Tree related Projects.

If you would like to learn more about the Citizen Forester training class, please contact Eric Lerner, Citizen Forester Team Leader ([Dallas Urban Forest Advisory Committee](#)) at [citizenforester@tx.rr.com](mailto:citizenforester@tx.rr.com). Please contact Mr. Lerner if you wish to secure a seat in the class. A \$75.00 registration fee is due at the first class meeting.

Thanks for your interest in the Dallas Citizen Forester program!!