9 May 2013

Dear Parkwood Neighbor:

The Tree Committee of the Parkwood Residents Association is launching a new effort to contact all in our community interested in having a street tree planted on the county easement at the front of their property (between the curb to just beyond the sidewalk area).

This is a local volunteer effort to put the community at the top of the county’s list and to ensure the tree canopy in Parkwood is harmonious and sustainable. While Montgomery County provides the trees and labor, we need to specify where trees are desired, and that owners of the adjacent properties have agreed to care for the trees as they get established. If we work together, our neighborhood will see new trees appear at the very next planting cycle (fall/winter 2013/14). Without this concerted effort, requests for tree replacements may take years.

PRA volunteers and consultants, including master gardeners and professional arborists, have identified a list of suitable street trees that will thrive in our neighborhood. The list was extracted from a list of those trees permitted by the county, and includes facts and images of the trees to assist in selecting the most desired tree for your property. The information is posted on the Parkwood Residents Association website <http://parkwoodresidents.org>.

You can request a copy of the information via email, and get in touch with one of our volunteers to file your tree request at [**Treesofparkwood@gmail.com**](mailto:Treesofparkwood@gmail.com).

**WHAT IS NEEDED FROM YOU by May 31, 2013:**

1. **YOUR TREE CHOICE**

If you are uncertain about which tree to choose, we can help you choose a tree that would thrive at your particular site, given the position of overhead phone and power lines and other county specifications.

2. **YOUR SIGNATURE, AGREEING TO CARE FOR THE TREE WHILE IT GETS ESTABLISHED** (This is primarily a matter of regular watering to soak the roots.)

3. **YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION** so that the County and Miss Utility can follow up with you, to ensure safe placement of trees, away from utility connections.

**PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE:**  [**Treesofparkwood@gmail.com**](mailto:Treesofparkwood@gmail.com) to provide this information by May 31, 2013.

In order for trees to be planted this fall, PRA Tree Committee must receive your request by **31 May 2013**. Requests after this time will not be accepted by or included in the PRA submission, but homeowners are welcome to submit on your own as individuals to the County.

We look forward to talking with you!

Sincerely,

Parkwood Residents’ Association Tree Committee