

Free Tree!

## JEFF BECKER WINNER OF THE DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION TREE RAFFLE (continued from the front page)

The CityTrees booth was positioned in a row along with other non-profit organizations. We were there to not only promote our organization but to help make the opening of the new downtown area a success. Many people from Redwood City were there to look at the "old" front of the domed Courthouse (the 1939 addition has been removed) and the courtyard being constructed in front of it. They also strolled around looking at the various booths from historical organizations, commercial vendors and non-profits.

On Sunday, October 29, several CityTrees board members went to Jeff Becker's house for the planting. Jeff decided that he didn't have space in his yard for the tree but was happy to have it planted in the City right of way area in front of his house. City officials expedited the planting permit process, removed a dying ginkgo tree and prepared the hole for planting. Jeff and his daughter helped board members to plant the tree.



Gordon Mann announces tree raffle winner

### CITYTREES EVENTS FOR 2007

CityTrees will kick off the new year with our 3rd Free Pruning Workshop. We also have several planting and pruning events scheduled for 2007. We are currently scheduling volunteers from community groups to assist at each of these events. Call today to sign up your group to help us reach our goal of enhancing the urban canopy in Redwood City.

We still need volunteers to join in the work for each of these events. We start working at 9 a.m. and finish by 12 noon. City Trees will provide the tools and the snacks, including water.

Children under the age of 16 need to be accompanied by a parent or other adult and the adult must sign a waiver of liability. Parents/guardians must provide transportation for minors to and from the planting site.

All volunteers should provide evidence of their health insurance. See the schedule at right for upcoming events. The schedule will be updated as the information for dates and locations are finalized in conjunction with the City of Redwood City. Please visit us on the web at [www.citytrees.org](http://www.citytrees.org) for the most current event schedule.

### Upcoming Events:

**FEBRUARY**  
Pruning Workshop

**MARCH**  
Planting Trees

**April**  
Planting Trees

**May**  
Planting Trees

**June**  
Pruning Trees

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## JEFF BECKER WINNER OF THE DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION TREE RAFFLE

by Karen Fine

And we have a winner! Jeff

Becker of Redwood City was the winner of the beautiful Red Maple tree (*Acer rubrum*) that CityTrees raffled off during the October 15, 2006 celebration in downtown Redwood City. The winning tree came with a promise that it would be planted in the yard of the winner by CityTrees volunteers. Thanks to our supporters, CityTrees not only made enough money to pay for the winner's tree but for two more trees that will be planted during our scheduled planting events in 2007. (continued on the back page)



Yes, please sign me up as a member...

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  Other

Send donation to: CityTrees

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Suite 103  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Thank you for your support!

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## Project Update

### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER TREE PLANTINGS

by Gordon Mann

Another successful tree planting event was hosted by CityTrees on Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 9 am to noon. 40 volunteers from Tzu Chi Foundation, a Buddhist Organization, [www.tzuchi.org/global](http://www.tzuchi.org/global), St. Charles school in San Carlos, and CityTrees met in Marlin Park to prepare for the tree planting event.

This was the first CityTrees planting event hosted in Redwood Shores. The receiving property owners were very cooperative and have agreed to water their new trees. The Redwood Shores Community Association donated \$1,000 to CityTrees for tree planting in Redwood City. CityTrees wanted to plant the trees funded by this donation (and a few more) in the Redwood Shores neighborhoods.

The property owners selected their tree from the following list: Red Oak, Autumn Flame Red Maple, Autumn Purple Ash, Frontier Elm, Brisbane Box, and Cork Oak. The trees were planted on the following streets: Trident, Keel, Luff, Compass, Neptune, Marlin, Cringle, Dory, Davit, Keelson, Anchor, and Seahorse.

The trees were planted on private property, in the designated Tree Planting Maintenance Easement located between 4.5' and 9.5' behind the public sidewalk. The trees are protected by the City's Street Tree ordinance and will be maintained by the City over time with the exception of watering.

Other property owners may like to have a free tree planted, too. Interested Redwood Shores property owners should contact Redwood City's Public Works Services Department, at (650) 780-7464 to request a tree. City staff will visit the property, determine how many trees are possible at that site, provide the watering agreement and tree selection form, and answer any questions. Once the signed form is returned, your address will be placed on the planting list. As enough locations are received, either a City crew or CityTrees volunteer event will be scheduled to perform the tree planting.



by Jane Taylor

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> presented as a beautiful and sunny warm Fall day. City Trees was able to plant 36 Red Oak, Red Maple, Autumn Purple Ash, and Tristania trees along the 3500 to 3700 blocks of Hoover Street, 17 Avenue and Wayne Court. These trees infill the neighborhood where no trees existed or are replacing trees that have died. We were joined by a large group of students from the Young Latino Leaders and the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary. Both groups have planting with us now for 5 years and provide a great energy and enthusiasm. Many of the kids live in the neighborhood and attend the local high schools. A tree was even planted in front of the house of one of the student volunteers.

### CITY TREES SEEKING PR PERSON

Before we can get residents out planting trees, we need to plant the seed of the idea. That is where you come in! Bring your public relations experience to CityTrees and help us get the word out about tree planting and tree care to the residents of Redwood City. As our volunteer PR person, you'll have a free hand to craft press releases and work with the Board to develop a unified message and style for CityTrees' communication with the local papers, radio and TV stations. With a light workload and lots of creative freedom, this is a great way to make a real difference without complicating your already busy schedule.

To inquire, please call the CityTrees hotline at 650-556-9380, ext. 4.

## THANK YOU!

### GRANTS AWARDED TO CITYTREES

by Tom Cronin and Rick Nordensten

Over the past few months the CityTrees organization has launched a new committee focused on Development and Fund-raising. This group will help ensure that there is a strong financial base for CityTrees to continue our important urban forestry work here in Redwood City. We have some recent successes from the committee work in the form of two grants that we have received. The first grant is from the California Department of Forestry (CDF) for their Green Trees for the Golden State program. This grant will provide over \$20K to CityTrees over the next year. The grant specifically provides for six months of plantings, which includes the trees, materials and tools necessary to plant over 200 trees. To help CityTrees expand where we can plant trees in the City, the grant also provides funds to cut out and remove sidewalk cement and add additional trees to the urban canopy of Redwood City. The grant application process was supported by the Public Works Department, which provided the necessary technical expertise to put a top-notch proposal together.

The feedback we have received from CDF indicates that this was one of the strongest proposals they have recently seen. It will be important for CityTrees to successfully apply these funds to our programs and maintain a strong working relationship with CDF as more urban forestry funds will be available from them in the future.

The second grant we received was from a much more local source right here in Redwood City. CityTrees received a very generous grant from the Peter Uccelli Foundation in early August. As Redwood City residents know, for many years the Peter Uccelli Foundation has supported numerous local non-profit groups and CityTrees is honored and proud to have their support. We look forward to using these funds to support our planting and tree maintenance programs and to help expand our education and outreach programs to the community.

Looking ahead you will see some exciting ideas from our Development Committee on how best to fund our work. The continued support of all of our donors and sponsors is appreciated. Without your endorsement and funding, we would not be able to continue to add value to the community in the form of new and maintained trees throughout Redwood City.

## PRUNE & PUB

### PRUNE & PUB EVENING A SUCCESS

by Dan Beeder

The CityTrees maintenance program held its first "Prune & Pub" event in the evening hours of Thursday, August 10th. As the name suggests, this consisted of an evening spent tree pruning followed by a social gathering at City Pub. The concept for this type of event had been germinating amongst CityTrees board members for the last few years, and we finally decided to put the idea to the test (making sure to keep the correct order of prune, then pub!).

Volunteers congregated at 6 pm on Hoover St. to continue the pruning of street trees that CityTrees planted 5 years ago. A total of eleven volunteers arrived, including three new faces. Jose Larios from RWC Public Works Services Dept. began with a short talk about the goals and priorities of the pruning. Then the group moved northward down both sides of Hoover St. New volunteers were teamed up with veterans to learn the basics of pruning for structure, safety and tree health. For the next 2 hours, our volunteer crew was busy pruning, removing old planting stakes, and filling yard waste bins provided by the Public Works.

The CityTrees tree maintenance program primarily targets those streets where we have planted trees in the past. While we are focused on those young trees, we also care for all other trees planted in the city-owned parking strip. Very large trees (or those with complex issues) are left to the experts in the Public Works department.

We completed pruning 3 blocks of street trees at around 8:15, just as it was getting dark. After a short cleanup, all the volunteers retired to a downtown restaurant for food, drink and festivity. The group was joined by several brave souls who volunteered only for the "pub" portion of the event. Everyone appreciated the chance to discuss the evening's work, brainstorm on future projects, and socialize.

The event was a great success and will be used as a model for next Summer's prunings, when we can once again take advantage of the longer summer nights. At the recent annual planning meeting, the CityTrees board decided to schedule at least four Prune & Pub events for next summer. Stay tuned in the Spring for specific dates.