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CHESTER TREE PLANTING WORKDAY ANNOUNCED
Shade Tree Commission and Community Volunteers to Plant Trees in Memorial Park

Chester, PA – On Saturday, March 15, 2008, the Chester City Shade Tree Commission will hold a volunteer tree planting workday at Memorial Park, 7th and Engle Streets. Volunteers will convene at the park at 9:00 am to learn tree planting techniques and then proceed to the planting of approximately 12 bare root trees. The planting will occur regardless of the weather.

The Community Revitalization Program Grant from State Senator Dominic Pileggi has made this project possible. The grant, totaling \$10,000, was awarded to the Chester City Shade Tree Commission to plant and prune trees as well as removing existing trees that are potential safety hazards throughout Chester parks.

The City of Chester's Parks Department is an active partner in this project. Members of the Parks & Recreation Department will be assisting with the planting, providing tools, personnel and after care for the newly planted trees. Councilwoman Marrea Walker-Smith, director of the department, will be present at the event to give her remarks. Kathryn Belville, a Master Arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, is lending her expertise to the project with volunteer technical assistance.

The Chester City Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring the planting. The Commission was formed in 2005, by an act of City Council, to oversee the planting, maintenance and protection of shade trees, as well as to study and recommend the type of trees and locations for planting, pruning or removal. The Commission holds monthly meetings in City Hall.

For further information regarding the Tree Planting Workday or the Chester City Shade Tree Commission, call 610-874-5589.

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