



**Retree
Jacksonville, Alabama
Tree Give Away**

"Helping to Rebuild an Urban Forest"

October 20, 2018

8:00am - 1:30pm

**First Baptist Church
of Jacksonville**

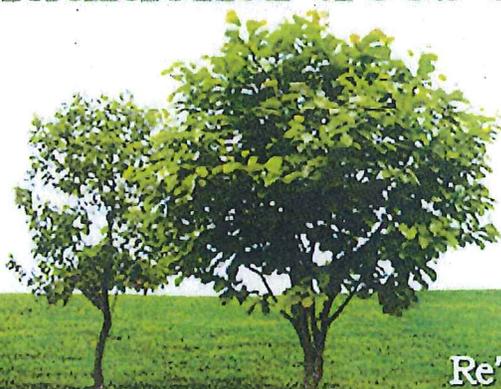
230 7th Street, NE

**Trees for Residents in City Limits of Jacksonville
who lost Trees from the March Storm Damage
especially on the North Side of the City**

Five Trees per resident from 8 - 11:30

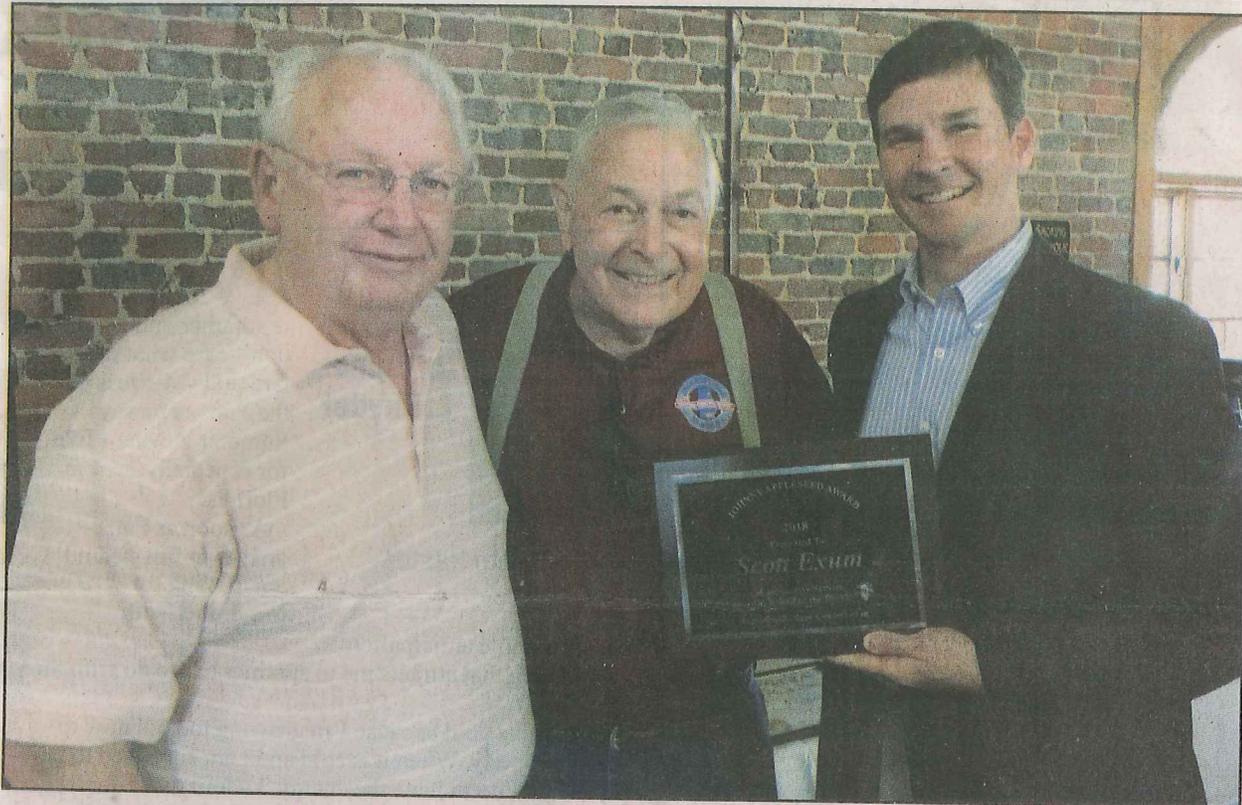
Additional trees available after 11:30

**Choose from Deciduous
and Evergreen Trees**



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ReTree Jacksonville Alabama on Facebook**

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The City of Jacksonville**



Sherry Kughn

Richard Lindblom (left) and Truman Norred presented the Johnny Appleseed Award to Scott Exum (right) of Alabama Power. Exum and the company have taken an active part in the Good Roots program to "keep Jacksonville green."

DON'T plant new trees now!

Jacksonville Tree Commission begins replacement program

BY SHERRY KUGHN

Correspondent

The Jacksonville Tree Commission is taking donations to help with re-trees the tornado-damaged areas of the city. Members Richard Lindblom, Truman Norred, and Janice Cain are heading the program.

Hayes Jackson, Sherry Blanton, and Tammy Hall are assisting. Several thousand dollars are needed to deliver, distribute, and protect the new trees that have already arrived.

Blanton, a member of Master Gardeners, is accepting donations and will serve as accountant for the group.

"It is important that residents do not plant trees or bushes now," Lindblom said. "They should be planted in

the fall for best results."

The free trees will be given out on the third Saturday in October. Those residents who need trees to replace those that have been damaged or missing trees must show proof of residence.

"There will be a good variety of trees to choose from," Norred said.

For information, contact Norred at 256-454-4996 or Blanton at 256-238-7444. Donations may be mailed to 603 12th Ave. NE, Jacksonville 36265.

In addition to this program, the commission distributes trees once a year throughout the city, and that event will take place on Arbor Day in February.

Email Sherry at sherrykug@hotmail.com.

Tree giveaway for north Jacksonville is Oct. 20

All residents can get free trees in February

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Houses can be rebuilt. Trees not so fast. Many Jacksonville residents are grieving the loss of the lovely trees that graced the Jacksonville State University campus and adjoining neighborhoods before the March 19 tornados.

"We will never see Jacksonville look the same in our lifetime," bemoaned one member of a group of experts invited to a meeting on April 17 sponsored by the Jacksonville Tree Commission.

Attendees set the date of Oct. 20 for a tree giveaway.

Only residents affected in the areas of Jacksonville hit by the storms will receive trees, but the annual free tree giveaway to all Jacksonville city and other participating cities in Calhoun County will take place four months later on Arbor Day. Trees will be available to all residents at that time.

Attendees also discussed plans to decide the most effective ways to help residents replant. Now is not the time to plant bushes and trees, experts have repeatedly said in print and directly to residents. Planting this fall will ensure that young trees have a better chance to survive.

The time span between now and October is allowing concerned citizens the time to raise funds, store donated plants, and prepare to distribute the trees.

Truman Norred and Richard Lindblom, members of the Jacksonville Tree Commission, directed the meeting. Master Gardener and Jacksonville resident Sherry

Blanton, spoke. She stressed the fact that, during the Oct. 20 giveaway, residents must show proof of their address. She added that the mental health counselors may also be on hand because "people coming to get a tree can get a little comfort too."

"This is great what you are doing," Mayor Johnny Smith said to the group. "The project will allow the people who are suffering to look around and see that people are trying to help them."

The work to re-tree began shortly after the storm. The local beautification board donated \$1,000 to purchase about 500 trees. Miller Sand & Landscaping donated eight tons of potting soil. Individual members of the commission and Master Gardeners have donated or pledged hundreds of dollars to purchase the materials needed to deliver and protect the saplings.

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Thousands more dollars are needed to purchase additional trees closer to the fall.

"This is the most touching thing I've ever done," Master Gardener Dick Pritchett said. He is an Ohathee resident but has demonstrated his interest in plants and beautification through his work to create a state-of-the-art greenhouse at Cane Creek Gardens at McClellan.

Hayes Jackson, Calhoun County's horticulturalist, listed the variety of trees included in the give-away: bald cypress, dogwood, Japanese maples, red maples, winter flowering dogwood, parrotia, meadow sequoia, and Sweetbay magnolia. None will grow into giant trees, which is advised in light of the damage caused by the aging trees that damaged so many dwellings.

Jackson had spent the morning planting hundreds of seedlings with the assistance of students from Coosa Valley Youth Services, a group that plans to help in the future. Other attendees at the meeting expressed their hope that other groups, such as sororities and fraternities, will volunteer to help with the project. Someone suggested

creating a Facebook page or a database of email addresses in order to remind residents when to trim, fertilize, and water plants.

Dale Dickens, the state's urban forestry coordinator, offered several reminders for residents. He suggested planting big trees only in high visibility areas, such as in front of the campus. Shorter trees will be safer in residential areas. He emphasized the need to educate homeowners who plant trees to avoid the young trees that experience failure to thrive. Members have already discussed distributing instructive flyers during the giveaway.

"Plant trees, don't bury them," Dickens said. "Preserve the trees that did not get knocked down. Don't whack trees with weed eaters, and place a protective collar around the tree. The value of trees to a community is immense."

Those in attendance discussed possible details of the giveaway, but exact details will take place at a future date, such as enlisting the help of volunteers to help the elderly or handicapped residents plant the trees.

Residents wishing to donate or volunteer on the re-tree project should contact Norred at 256-454-4996 or Blanton at 256-238-7444 or main checks to 603 12h Ave. NE, Jacksonville 36265.

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ReTree Jacksonville giveaway set for October 20

BY LACI BRASWELL

News Journal Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE -- The ReTree Jacksonville "Help Rebuild an Urban Forest," tree giveaway will be Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

The giveaway is being spearheaded by the ReTree Jacksonville Committee for residents who lost or had damage to trees from the EF-3 tornado that struck on March 19.

"I lost 20 trees in my yard and so many other residents lost multiple trees as well," ReTree Jacksonville committee member Truman Norred said. "Even after living here for so many years, I didn't recognize some areas at first. The community knew we had to do something."

Residents living inside the city limits will be allowed to take up to five trees home at no cost.

"The giveaway will be on a first come, first serve basis," Norred said. "After 1:30 p.m., the trees will be available to residents outside the city who received damage from the tornado as well."

Norred said there will be many different varieties, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

"We have about 1,500 trees worth approximately \$7,000 in donations.

The giveaway has been several months of dedication in the making.

"We just want to thank everyone for their donations and support," ReTree Jacksonville committee member Sherry Blanton said. "We could not have done this without the community's help."

Norred added that he does not know the exact number of trees lost, and that many are still dying.

"We just hope in the future it will be even more beautiful than before," Norred said.

Sponsors and donors include: The City of Jacksonville, The Jacksonville Police Department, Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department, First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Miller's Sand and Landscape Supply, The Calhoun County Beautification Board, Longleaf Botanical Gardens, Calhoun County Master Gardeners, Jacksonville Garden Club, St.



Submitted photo

These are some of the trees that will be given away at the ReTree Jacksonville.

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Luke's Episcopal Church, Calhoun County Commissioner Lee Patterson, Coosa Valley Youth Services, Alabama Forestry Commission, Alabama Power Company, Quint Davis, The Jacksonville Exchange Club, Representative K. L. Brown, Leeds Tree Commission, The Young Marines, Girl Scouts of Service Unit 231, Boy Scout Troop 19, Traffic Signs, Johnson's Giant Foods and multiple private donors.

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"We are giving five trees per household from 8 until 11:30 on Oct 20th," committee member Sherry Blanton said. "You are invited to come back after 11:30 and get additional trees. If you are sending someone to pick up your trees we need name and address of the household and what trees are needed with a note from the person picking up saying that you have permission to get the trees." Blanton continued, "Please pass the word. We want everyone to have a chance to retree."

Trees will be available to residents in Angel Station, West Point and Nance's Creek beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The giveaway will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Blanton added that due to "the generous donations the committee recently made a decision to share trees with county residents who are close to the city and also lost trees."

The committee recently announced the types of trees set to be given away.

They include: Crape Myrtle; River Birch; Pawpaw; Wax Myrtle; Tea Olive; Loropetalum; Shumard Oak; Nellie Stevens Holly; Liberty Holly; Savannah Holly; Sweet Bay Magnolia; Little Gem Magnolia; Overcup Oak; Sycamore; Yellow Poplar; Overcup Oak; Nuttall Oak; Mulberry; Japanese Maple; Red Maple; Bald

Cypress; Parrotia Persica; Dawn Redwood; Sweet Bay Magnolia; Dogwood; Cherry Dogwood; and a variety of shrubs.

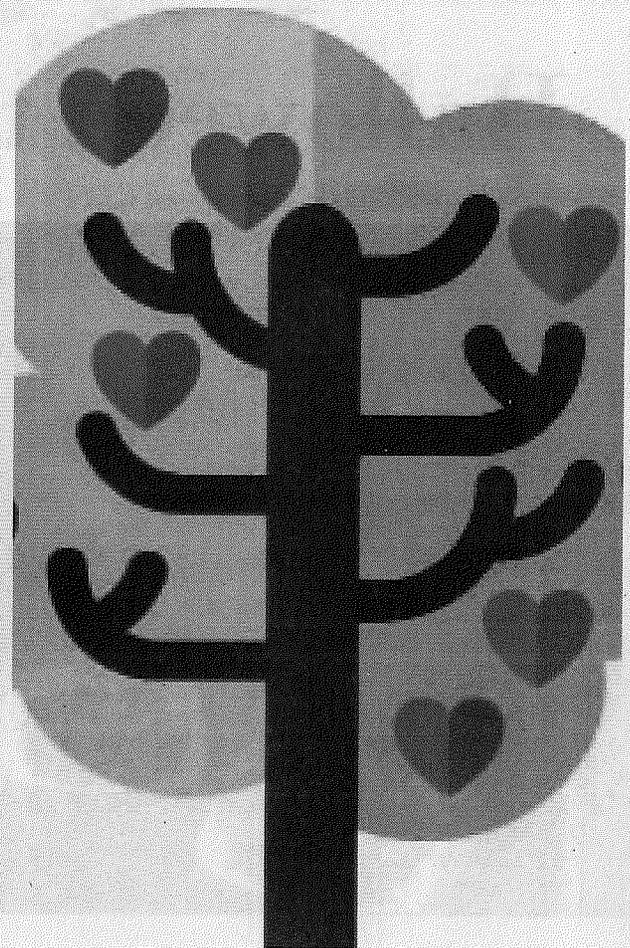
"We are asking everyone for a home address when the trees are to be picked up," Blanton said. "We are extremely grateful for the outpouring of community support from so many organizations and private citizens. Without them this project would not have been possible."

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**TREE GIVE AWAY (10-20-18)
SUMMARY**

Mark Stephens

From: mssherryeb@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, December 1, 2018 11:15 AM
To: mstephens@jacksonville-al.org
Subject: retree
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2500 trees given to 723 residents

trees valued at \$50,000

100 volunteers prepared and worked the event for a total of 125 hours

in addition a committee of 12 worked for months to fund raise and plan the event

VOLUNTEERS UNLOADING TREES AT
THE TREE GIVE AWAY ON 10-20-18



SOME OF THE VOLUNTEERS WORKING
AT THE TREE GIVE AWAY ON 10-20-18

