

June 2, 2011

Hi Tree Folks,

Ready to get outside and inventory some trees?

There's been a lot of recent planting in Dupont Circle. In the past year, the City's Urban Forestry Administration has planted many new trees along the commercial areas of 17th, 18th and P Streets and other residential streets. However, many owners and renters, of homes and businesses, do not realize that they need to water these sidewalk trees and their own yard trees to help them survive the summer heat.

DCCA's Tree Committee has developed a new set of activities to ensure that our newly planted trees survive and that the older distressed trees get enough water this summer. We are going to start with a **quick inventory of new and distressed trees on Saturday, June 11, 9:00-11:30, of Ward 2B trees**. We'll record the addresses of new trees/distressed trees, talk to owners/renters about watering and leave tree care flyers. We'll go back in two weeks and see if the street trees have been watered by owners/renters. For homes and business that are unable to water, we'll be initiating a new volunteer- and bike-powered DCCA summer watering program. Stay tuned!

On Saturday, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the small park at the intersection of T, 17th and New Hampshire. We will give you a brief overview of how to do the inventory over doughnuts and coffee and then head off in teams or alone to do the inventory. Please bring your own water and sunscreen. We will reconvene at 11:30 to hand in the forms. If anyone wants to meet for a non-host brunch afterwards at Cajun Experience, at 1825- 18th Street, just let us know.

Please share this opportunity with your friends and neighbors. If you plan on participating, please reply to Nancy Diamond by email (nk_diamond@verizon.net) or phone (202-667-5818) by **Friday**, **June 3**. Please be sure to say if you want to be part of a group lunch.

Best,

Nancy Diamond
DCCA Tree Committee