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# Native Trees for McLean Neighborhoods

## McLean Trees Foundation helps homeowners beautify their gardens and neighborhoods.

Heather Young and Bill Buckley with their newly planted redbud tree. Photo contributed

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Fall is the perfect time to beautify your home and neighborhood by planting a native tree in your front yard with the help of the McLean Trees Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the green canopy in the McLean community.

ñTrees are an essential part of our community, improving our health and environment, reducing heating and cooling costs for homeowners, and increasing property values,ò said Brenda Frank, Chairman of the McLean Trees Foundation. ñBut the most important benefit is that trees make you happy.ò

For only $50, McLean Trees Foundation will help you select a tree and then will deliver it, helping you plant it and then teaching your how to care for it. For Fall planting, applications can be found on the McLean Trees Foundation website, mcleantreesfoundation.org. After your application is received, McLean Trees Foundation volunteers will visit with you to discuss the program, review the property, and help you select a tree that will beautify your garden for years to come.

The Neighborhood Tree Program was developed by McLean Trees Foundation in 2014 and is the first program in Fairfax County to help homeowners plant trees. The goal of the program is to educate homeowners about the importance of trees for their home, their community and the environment. Since the programôs inception, participating McLean homeowners have planted over 60 trees on their properties.

ñItôs a bargain for all concerned,ò said Chairman Frank. ñPlant some happiness this fall so that you can experience your treeôs beauty in the spring!ò

More information can be found on McLean Trees Foundationôs website: www.mcleantreesfoundation.org.