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## **Volunteers to plant 76 trees to replace those damaged by vandals**

(West Jordan, UT) — Volunteers will be planting 76 trees Saturday, Nov. 5, to replace those damaged by vandals. The planting project kicks off at 8 a.m. with a hot breakfast cooked up by members of the West Jordan City Council. Volunteers will meet at the small pavilion in Veterans Memorial Park, 1825 W. 8030 South (see attached map).

Trees will be replanted along 2200 West (between 7800 South and 9000 South), in Veterans Memorial Park, and also along 4800 West (between 8620 South and 9270 South). The tree damaged in Veterans Memorial Park and along 2200 West occurred beginning Pioneer Day weekend and continued until a suspect was arrested Aug. 28. Tips from the public were crucial in identifying and locating the suspect who was wanted in connection with more than 80 tree vandalism cases in West Jordan and South Jordan.

“The community was outraged at the senseless destruction and volunteer support has poured in to help replant the trees,” Councilman Dirk Burton said. “Our community volunteers have really rallied around this project.”

To help fund the replacement of the damaged trees, the Urban Forester applied for and received the Community Partnership Grant from the Utah Community Forest Council. Because of the grant money and an abundance of volunteer support, 76 trees will be planted during the tree planting project. Four Eagle Scout projects will also take place during the project.

“Trees are vital to our community,” Parks Director Brian Clegg said. “As the biggest plants on the planet, they give us shade, store carbon, stabilize the soil and give life to many species of wild life. Without trees in the urban landscape, we would be left with a sterile landscape of concrete, brick, steel and asphalt.”

**Who:** West Jordan City Councilmembers, scouts, community volunteers

**What:** Tree planting demonstration and planting project

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m.

**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park, 1985 W. 7800 South (west pavilion)

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# West Jordan Tree Planting Project

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Meet at the small pavilion by 2200 W

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## Tree Planting Project

November 5th @ 8 a.m.  
Veterans Memorial Park  
8030 S. 1825 W.

