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Canopy and EPA Got Trees! (an East Palo Alto urban forestry advocacy group) are inviting the East Palo Alto community to attend two free tree education workshops and to participate in two tree planting events in Bell Street Park. These October events are being conducted to celebrate National NeighborWoods Month. NeighborWoods is an initiative of the Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) that engages the public in hands-on action to produce tangible improvements to community health through tree planting and stewardship.

The tree education workshops are both free of charge and open to the public. The October 13th workshop “Understanding the Miracle of Community Trees” will highlight the many environmental and social benefits trees have to offer. This workshop will provide a great introduction to the tree plantings that will take place October 18th and 20th in Bell Street Park. The October 27th workshop, “Selecting and Planting Young Trees” will highlight what to look for when selecting trees from the nursery and how to plant them properly.

The trees, provided by a grant awarded to Canopy by ACT in partnership with the Home Depot Foundation, will be planted along pathways and other strategic places in Bell Street Park to maximize shade for park users. The East Palo Alto Home Depot store will be supporting the October plantings with their Team Depot that consists of store employees volunteering for community- related projects.

To volunteer to plant trees and/or sign up for the workshops call Canopy at (650) 964-6110 or email genevra@canopy.org

NeighborWoods advocates planting trees at the appropriate time of year. In California where we enjoy a Mediterranean climate, the tree-planting season starts October 1, when the weather is cooler and rain is not too far away and ends April 30. National Arbor Month, which takes place in March, is not an ideal time to plant trees because the weather has begun to heat up and dry up. Here on the West Coast we can celebrate both NeighborWoods and Arbor Month by planting trees in October and practicing tree care in March.

Canopy is a Palo Alto-based non-profit advocate for the urban forest and works to educate, inspire and engage the community as stewards of young and mature trees.

NeighborWoods Events At A Glance

Sat., 10/13 9 am-11am	Workshop: The Miracle of Community Trees	East Palo Alto City Hall 2415 University Cafeteria- 2 nd floor
Thur., 10/18 TBA	Tree Planting	Bell Street Park 550 Bell Street East Palo Alto
Sat., 10/20 9 am-12pm	Tree Planting	Bell Street Park 550 Bell Street East Palo Alto
Sat., 10/27 9 am- 12 pm	Workshop: Selecting and Planting Young Trees	Palo Alto High School 50 Embarcadero Road - Palo Alto