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Temple Parks & Recreation's Annual Tree Giveaway Returns

(Temple, TX) – Temple Parks & Recreation is proud to announce the 11th Annual Tree For Me Program will take place on Saturday, October 20th, 2018. Approximately 90 trees will be given away this year to help beautify neighborhoods across the city of Temple.

Applications to receive a free tree are now available online at TempleTrees.org or citizens may pick up a paper application at the Parks & Recreation Administration Office located at 2 N. Main Street, Suite 201 in Temple. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and must be submitted by Friday, September 30th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. All Temple homeowners are eligible to apply as long as they did not receive a tree through the program last year.

If selected for a tree, it is recommended recipients bring a pick-up truck or trailer to transport their new tree. Parks staff will be on-site during the giveaway to help load trees into vehicles.

The trees are approximately four years old and the varieties given away this year include: Bur Oak, Cedar Elm, Chinese Pistache, Desert Willow, and Mexican White Oak.

Each of the trees are grown at the City's tree farm, which was established as part of a 2005 Texas Forestry Services grant. The Tree Farm allows the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase young nursery trees at a low cost and nurture them until they are strong enough to be planted in our parks and throughout the community.

Limited quantities and varieties of trees are available. Due to the popularity of this program, it is encouraged that homeowners apply early. **The application process is on a first-come, first served basis and applicants selected for a tree must be able to attend the pickup held on Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Should there be inclement weather, an alternate pickup date will be announced and tree recipients will be notified.

For more information about the Tree for Me program or to download an application, please visit TempleTrees.org or call Parks Superintendent, Val Roming at 254-298-5401.

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