



Spring Work Day

Join us for our annual public meeting at the

Josephine H. Royster
Community Garden
105 W. 7th Street



We'll meet at **10:00 am** to review our tree planting plans before we head out to care for several groups of trees.

Local BSA Troop Adopts Trees

Troop 99 of Washington has adopted the cherry and live oak trees along Bonner St. & 5th Ave. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has **championed nature conservation** since 1910, including wildlife protection and reforestation to teach environmental stewardship.

Troop 99 will be putting this **stewardship into action** with watering of the **new live oaks** just planted during their first spring, checking on them this summer during dry spells and then mulching and pruning **twice/year**.

These cherry trees have been a long-time favorite in Little Washington and the live oaks will help provide needed shade and water retention. **ReLeaf appreciates Troop 99 and its work in our community!**

Certificate to City of Washington

In March, ReLeaf presented **Domini Cunningham** with a certificate recognizing the **City of Washington** for its **support** of planting and **continued care** of our local trees.

Beyond beautifying our city, trees provide needed shade, help with **stormwater runoff**, and **remove pollutants** from the air.



A big thanks from ReLeaf !

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ReLeaf Supports Washington Montessori Service Learning

By Meredith Loughlin

In addition to being a founding member of ReLeaf Washington, I'm also a teacher at Washington Montessori Public Charter School. This year, our high schoolers are participating in monthly service work with various local organizations - including ReLeaf. This helps students appreciate their community and promote peaceful, active living.

- In November, our ReLeaf student volunteers joyfully shoveled mulch and pruned young trees, despite the drizzle.
- December was also a washout for any heavy duty labor, so our service day included touring more than 250 ReLeaf trees planted around Washington, while straightening up and wiping down ReLeaf signs.
- Our most recent service in March was finally sunny. The students helped ReLeaf board members and volunteers to plant a grove of pecan and mulberry trees in a Washington Housing Authority (WHA) neighborhood.

Our students had never planted a tree before, and now they have hands-on experience. I want to thank ReLeaf for providing guidance and materials, and WHA for their partnership and encouragement.

Big thanks also to my small but mighty group of students who were willing to serve no matter the weather or task!

ReLeaf Board

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 Meredith Loughlin
 Russell Thienpont



ReLeaf board member Russell Thienpont, watering newly planted trees at WHA.

New Members and Renewals

Anonymous donation of \$1,000

Live Oak: \$100-499

Mary Todd MacKenzie
in memory of May Lib Partrick

Ned Hulbert & Mary Day Mordecai
Wayland & Penny Sermons

Cypress: \$50 and under

Chris & Nan McLendon
Albert & Katherine Mitchell
Patrick & Carol Nash
Liz Partrick
Lewis & Sara Sloan



Spring tree planting

We've planted **30 trees** this spring and there are more to come!

ReLeaf board members Meredith Loughlin, Susan Sizemore, Heather Thienpont and Meredith's daughter, Mira.

WHA plants tree, honors life of Commissioner Strickland

On April 4, **Washington Housing Authority (WHA)** held a service to honor Butch Strickland and dedicate a tree in his memory. ReLeaf was privileged to help with the planting of this river birch that celebrates this beloved WHA leader and community member.

Tree Dedication Ceremony
In Loving Memory of
Butch Strickland
Washington Housing Authority Board of Commissioner



Saturday, April 4th at 2:30 PM
Josephine Royster Community Garden
105 W 7th Street
Washington, NC 27889

Join us as we gather to honor and celebrate a life of service, dedication, and lasting impact. A tree will be planted in memory as a symbol of growth, strength, and community.



Thanks so much
for your support!

We couldn't do this without you and **every membership** and **volunteer** helps!