

# RELEAF WASHINGTON

*Plant, Promote, Protect*

## Plantings



We have been busy busy this planting season with more plantings still to go! After contributing to the Main Street project and Mac Hodges Festival Park we have put in trees at the non-profit Open Door Community Center and are in the process of planting trees in the general area of Washington Park.



ReLeaf board members gather with the “Mac Hodges” tree.

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## Welcome

What a couple of fast paced months it has been! Between plantings and waterings it is nice to pause and reflect on what we have accomplished and what we are gearing up to complete. Thank you as always for your support-these endeavors would NOT be possible without the support of our members.

ReLeaf members Rusty and Patsy Duke generously donated 3 large willow oaks and a large live oak from their farm near Bath.

The willow oaks were placed at the corner of Main and Stewart Parkway in place of the diseased laurel oaks as the City’s downtown streetscape neared its conclusion.



The large live oak was transplanted to Mac Hodges Festival Park as a memorial to our late mayor and ReLeaf member Mac Hodges.

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## From Little Acorns and Seeds

Riley Roberson probably knows more about the fascinating history displayed among the granite, marble and metal of Washington's oldest cemetery than anyone around. He also knows a little something about the grand old trees in that cemetery – the ones on the south side of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

A stroll along Main Street by St. Peter's offers up a nice view of the cemetery and its trees. But walk **AMONG** the graves and you'll gain much more appreciation for the history of those buried there and the trees that tower over them. Just ask Riley, who is a member of ReLeaf Washington.

Magnolias, live oaks, dogwoods, crepe myrtles, a Norway spruce, Japanese cherry, and a male ginkgo grace the grounds. (Never plant a female ginkgo; the fruit stinks to high Heaven!)

According to the eminent Washington historian Edmund Harding, the oldest of these trees was planted in 1875, making them 145 years old. Many of the town's founding family members were laid to rest long before that.

After enduring such unflattering monikers as Forks of the Tar, Bonner Town, and Pea Town, "Washington" finally got a name that stuck in 1776. The town was laid out in half-acre lots. Lot #50 was designated for a church. St. Peter's was the result.

Go and take a look. It's one of those places that has sensory appeal regardless of whether you look up or down. It's all good. Really good.

By Mack Simpson, Vice President of ReLeaf Washington



ReLeaf member Elizabeth Johnson pauses beneath one of St. Peter's massive live oaks.

**Forest: \$1000+**

Anonymous  
 Robin Arnold  
 Rod and Gina Cantrell  
 Bob and Jeanie MacKenzie  
 Attila Nemezc  
 Lewis and Sarah Sloan

**Sequoia: \$500 to \$999**

Anonymous  
 Scott Campbell  
 Sabin Leach  
 Gray and Nancy Murray  
 Elizabeth Sloan  
 Washington Garden Club

**Live Oak: \$100 to \$499**

Ulrich and Mary Alsentzer  
 Tom and Bet Archie  
 Jeff and Kat Barwick  
 Shannon Blackstone  
 Grace Bonner  
 Betsy Boxer  
 Lawrence Cantrell  
 Clay Carter  
 David and Vivian Carter  
 David Connard  
 Dr. Elizabeth and Russel Cook  
 John and Anne Crew  
 Polk and Cathy Culpepper  
 Susan S. Dawson  
 Dr. Steven Cohen  
 Dustin Dixon  
 Dawn Dolson  
 Rusty and Patsy Duke  
 Delyle & Louise Evans  
 Peter and Isabel Farrell  
 Bill Ferrell  
 Ginger Gardiner  
 Richard Gerrard, Jr.  
 Swanson and Lind Graves  
 Marcia Griffin  
 Joe and Betsy Hester (Hester & Tucker Law)  
 Hon. Mac and Lou Hodges  
 Pat and Fred Holscher  
 David and Julie Howdy  
 Lydie and Archie Jennings  
 Betsy Kane  
 George and Jeannie Kountouris  
 Dr. Ernie and Sara Larkin  
 Dick and Becky Leach  
 Dick Leach  
 Jim & Katirie Leach  
 Frank and Ginger Longino  
 Meredith and Neil Loughlin

Amy Lupton and Brenda Rodgers  
 Jule and Laurel MacKenzie  
 Mary Todd Mackenzie  
 Ed and Shirley Mann  
 Margaret McEwan  
 Joe McKoy and Margaret Ryan  
 Nan and Chris McLendon  
 Ann and Bruce Mears  
 Alan L. Mobley and Jeff Phipps  
 Cathy Moore  
 Muriel Moore  
 Emory Morgan  
 Rich and Beth Morin  
 Patrick and Carol Nash  
 Sue Nicholson  
 Open Door Community Center  
 Chris and Ashley Padgett  
 Frank and Patti Phelps  
 Charles Phillips  
 Joann Purdie  
 Kathleen and Ted Redman  
 Bob Rich  
 Riley and Olivia Roberson  
 Courtney and Rob Rousseau  
 Jeff and Cathy Rumley  
 Fred and Sallie Scales  
 Penny and Wayland Sermons  
 Mack and Susan Simpson  
 Mike Sloan  
 Larry and Sue Smithwick  
 Dr. Frank and Alice Stallings  
 Shirley and Ed Stone  
 Lentz and Tricia Stowe  
 Dr. Josh and Carol Tayloe  
 Heather and John Thienpont  
 Damon and Christy Walcott  
 Dewey and Barbara Walker  
 Mary Todd Warren  
 Washington Park, Town of  
 David and Betty Wheeler  
 Wine Words and Gourmet (Mary Mehlich)  
 Dr. Richard and Judy Young

**Red Oak: \$50 to \$99**

Dianna Aideuis  
 Jeffery and Louise Barker  
 Buck Buckman  
 David Carraway and Lisa Hodges  
 Jean and Barr Coleman  
 Daughters of the American Revolution  
 Stan and Lynn Deatherage

Gary Duncan  
 Virginia Finnerty  
 Scott Fortenberry  
 Tom and Elaine Grubb  
 David and Mary Hocevar  
 Lisa Hodges  
 David and Anna Holland  
 Dr. Rick and Cheri Howdy  
 Greg and Lele Judy  
 John and Maureen LaVake  
 Nancy Leach and Essie O'Neal  
 Billie-Jean Mallison  
 Katherine N. Mitchell  
 Dr. Mike and Tish Moore  
 Jessie and Bob Paciocco  
 Pat and Bob Piacente  
 Beth and Marion Pippin  
 Ann and Thomas Rafferty  
 Bob Rich  
 John and Janet Rodman  
 Anna Ehteridge Sizemore  
 Jennifer Skvalara  
 Nannette Smyre  
 David and Cynthia Swarner  
 Steve & Terry Walker  
 Susan & Jeremy Watson  
 Chuck and Mia Williams  
 Warren and Elaine Wood

**Cypress: Under \$50**

Jim Barwick  
 Derris and Bettie Bonner Bradshaw  
 Rebecca Clark  
 William and Ann Cummings  
 Mary Anne Foy  
 Marty Hackney  
 Jake and Mimi Jakubowski  
 Sue Jefferson  
 Rebecca M. Johnson  
 Ginny & David Jones  
 Leesa Jones  
 Sonia Kenner  
 Fritz & Ginger Morrison  
 Beth Oden  
 Travis Rogerson  
 James W. Shelton  
 Tommy and Pamela Swanner