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Hello Latonians,

As some of you may know, the City of Covington has identified Latonia as a large area of the city that is lacking trees in many areas and the city has designated funds so that appropriate (proper size and diverse species) trees can be planted in the planting strips along our streets. I was recently appointed to the Covington Urban Forestry Board and tasked with the goal of helping to make this happen. We hope to do a number of large community plantings in areas that are severely lacking in trees and I also hope that we can get trees planted for folks who may not be included in these large plantings. We hope to get as many trees planted without residents having to pay anything out of pocket.

Based on the tree survey that was done previously by the city, we identified more than 10 areas across Latonia that could be targeted for plantings and chose the first planting date for **October 13th at 9 AM**. Due to the quick turnaround required to make this happen, we followed where we saw high initial demand from people on W Southern, Rosina, and Ashland in West Latonia and designated this area for our first planting on October 13th.

I would greatly appreciate any help I can get in helping to make this first planting a huge success that leads to many more in Latonia. Here are a few ways that you could help:

- 1) Volunteer at the planting event. Tools will be on site so you don't need to bring anything.
- 2) Help get the word out. If you live on these streets, or have friends or family that live in this area, I would ask that you reach out to them to see if they would like 1 (or 2 space permitting)
- 3) Go door to door. I hope to organize a night in the next few weeks where volunteers and neighbors would go door to door to gain permission from homeowners to plant these trees in front of their property so that we can maximize the number of participants and make the event a huge success. This is necessary because we really want to get explicit permission from folks because it would be counterproductive if we start making people mad.

If anyone has any questions, would like to volunteer, or wants a tree or knows someone that wants a tree, please email me at rob.farrell14@gmail.com or call or text me at 513-498-9008. Email is the best way to reach me. I am compiling a master list of people who want trees and to plan out future plantings. I have attached a somewhat outdated list of trees that would be used from the city. Click on the link to see examples of trees that we will be planting.

Thank you all! Let's keep Latonia beautiful!

Rob Farrell