

Downtown Trees to be Planted This Week

Downtown Duluth's Superior Street and avenues will start to look a little greener tomorrow, May 28, 2008. Crews will begin planting 10 new trees along the corridor, as part of a second phase of a plan to return trees to the Downtown. Last year, 18 trees were planted along First Street in previously empty tree grates. While sponsors are lined up for some of the new trees, opportunities still remain to sponsor a tree.

Across the country, street trees are an important part of urban landscapes. They add shade and beauty, they add value, they clean the air and they are good for business.

If you've ever wanted to make a difference in the appearance of your central business district; if you've ever wished you could make a lasting contribution to the downtown; if you have wanted to honor or memorialize a beloved family member or friend, you can do it through the GDC's Adopt-A-Tree program. For just \$500, you can sponsor a tree, and receive recognition in a permanently etched brick on the sidewalk near the tree.

To make your contribution, contact the GDC at 727-8549, or via email to kstokes@downtownduluth.com.

Wednesday's tree planting coincides with another beautification project Downtown. Volunteers are encouraged to meet at Bayfront Park at 10AM to help plant flowers in approximately 180 streetscape planters that will adorn the sidewalks of the Downtown Waterfront this summer.

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