

*News from the Helotes Heritage Association*

Dear Readers,

Plans to enhance the Parrigin Park/Playground with trees are mostly complete. The plantings will be part of "Spruce Up Helotes" on Saturday April 12. "Spruce Up Helotes" is Helotes' first annual version of its own Earth Day. Three Boy Scout troops, church groups, civic groups, and individuals have signed up as volunteers to plant the trees. We have three back hoes and operators volunteered to dig the holes. The trees, mulch and compost have been donated. Water is donated by the neighbors closest to the park.

We would like to invite the rest of you to take advantage of this opportunity to donate a tree to be planted in memory of a loved one or simply to give a little to the community to make it just a little bit better of a place to live. Bring a tree by Parrigin Park/Playground before 9 am on Saturday April 12 and we will plant for you in its own special location. We are looking for species such as Monterrey Oak, Live Oak, Cedar Elm, red bud, mountain laurel, or other drought tolerant native species.

You can then join your neighbors at Helotes City Hall between 10 am and 1 pm to visit a number of booths that present environmentally sensitive alternatives to water and energy consumption, recycling, and other household issues. There will be a cook out for lunch, all provided as donations.

This promises to be a really rewarding community event. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,  
Ron Green, President  
Helotes Heritage Association