The Oaks of Oakhurst

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As you walk through our Arboretum, you can not help but appreciate the diversity and the beauty of our urban forest. Trees transform a hectic bustling city into a tranquil, healthy and joyful place to live. So bring the arboretum experience home by planting trees in your own community for yourself, our children and for future generations.

Trees beautify our community, clean our air and water, provide habitat for wildlife and create a sense of wonder. Visit Trees Atlanta’s other Neighborhood Arboretums in their varying stages of growth in Cabbagetown, Reynoldstown, Inman Park, Sylvan Hills, and Midtown.

To find out how you can help, call 404-522-4097, or visit www.treesatlanta.org.

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But this isn’t like any other arboretum. For one thing, people live in it and it belongs to the community. Neighbors helped plan and design the arboretum as well as plant and care for the trees. Trees are as much a part of the neighborhood as Oakhurst Elementary, the historic Scottish Rite property, the Oakhurst Village, and the homes that line the streets.

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Along your walk, you will notice a variety of oaks as diverse as our thriving Oakhurst community. Some trees have granite markers at their bases, so that you may learn more about the wonderful trees that make this neighborhood so distinct. Many others are identified by number on the accompanying map. Now be on your way to find trees that truly stand a little taller than the rest — regardless of their height.

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