

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: November 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Ted Sauls, Interim Chief of Police, regarding Community Oriented Policing Services Microgrant program
2. A memo from Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works, regarding Community Tree Day

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Attachments



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# Memorandum

**To:** Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Ted D. Sauls, Jr., Interim Chief of Police *TDSJ*  
**Date:** October 26, 2022  
**Subject:** COPS Microgrant – Police Officer Candidate Program

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At the June 9, 2022 City Council meeting, City Council approved the Greenville Police Department (GPD) submitting an application to the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funding from the COPS Office FY 2022 Community Policing Development Microgrants program. GPD's proposed project was the creation of a Police Officer Candidate Program ("Program"). The City of Greenville has received notification that it has been awarded funding through this program in the amount of \$175,000. There is no requirement for cost sharing or a local match for these funds.

As a reminder, the Program is anticipated to be a tuition assistance program for college juniors and seniors seeking full-time employment as law enforcement officers. The Program is intended to ease the burden of recruiting well qualified and educated individuals seeking a career in law enforcement by recruiting college juniors or seniors and committing them to GPD well before they are considered eligible for hire as full-time police officers by other police departments.

By way of this memo, I am requesting your approval to move forward with acceptance of this grant and to begin development of the Program.

*The Greenville Police Department exists to enhance public safety and quality of life, in partnership with all people in our community, by preventing crime with honor and integrity.*

## Memorandum

**To:** Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Kevin Mulligan, PE, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** October 31, 2022  
**Subject:** Community Tree Day 2022



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The City of Greenville has partnered with RELEAF to host an annual tree planting event called Community Tree Day. This partnership has been in place since 2011. The annual Community Tree Day promotes the importance of trees in our community. In prior years, these events would attract nearly 100 volunteers who would assist with the placement and planting of trees. The volunteers have been members of various Scout troops, Sierra Club, FROGGS, church groups, fraternities, sororities, etc. Host planting sites have included many neighborhoods and areas such as, Moyewood, College View, East and West Meadowbrook, Tar River Estates, Lake Ellsworth, Glen Arthur neighborhood, River Park North, Sadie Saulter School, and the Tenth Street Connector.

This year, Community Tree Day is planned as a modified event on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m to 4 p.m. We will partner with the Boys and Girls Club from the Lucille Gorham Center to plant 44 trees on two vacant City lots. The first, at 901 W. Fifth Street and the second at 714 Albemarle Avenue. This year's event will focus on the gift of trees to the community and will greatly enhance the Cherry View neighborhood. The types of trees to be planted will include oaks, ginkgo's, and redbuds.

Public Works personnel and Releaf members will be on site at the event to teach students the correct way to plant trees. Public Works staff will have prepped the tree planting areas so that the students can witness the various stages required to safely plant a tree.

Publicity for this event has been arranged with the Public Information Office (PIO). Information outlets are expected to include social media platforms, news, and the city's G-TV.