

Reforesting San Bruno

Interested in a free 15-gallon tree? I'm trying to find out whether you'd be interested in having me and some volunteers come plant an ornamental or fruit-bearing tree of your choice in your yard on either January 21st, or April 22nd (Earth Day).

Who's writing to you? I'm Julien Lévy, I'm 13 years old and an 8th grader at the San Carlos Charter Learning Center. I was with my Mom picking my Dad up from the airport the night of the fire and want to help. I have a lot of experience planting trees, thanks to 4-H. Above is a picture of me at Belmont's Arbor Day hammering a support strap to make sure the tree doesn't fall over in the wind before it gets fully rooted.



What is this offer about? I want to replace some of the trees that were damaged during the fire. Since Fall 2010, I've been applying for some grants and have raised enough money for about 100 trees. I've talked to Mr. Schwartz at the City's Parks Division about what type, where and when any plantings would make sense. If you have questions about this offer, you can contact him at rschwartz@sanbruno.ca.gov or 650-616-7181. Each resident is eligible for one 15-gallon ornamental tree or one of 7 types of bare-root fruit trees.

Who would plant the tree? I will be recruiting volunteers from 4H, Boy and Girl Scouts, other San Bruno youth groups, and neighbors or people that would just like to help.

I need to know by January 2nd if you want to have a tree! If yes, then please let me know asap. Please give me your address and name, choice of tree and which planting date works best for you! My email address is reforestingsanbruno@yahoo.com and you can contact me there with that information. The 1st 100 Glenview neighborhood homeowners to respond will receive the tree of their (dreams) choice.

Would you like to learn more about your options before making a decision? I have put a lot of information on my Reforesting San Bruno website to help you make a choice: pictures of each type of tree offered, descriptions of each tree, planting and maintenance instructions, etc. So check out my Reforesting San Bruno website at <https://sites.google.com/site/reforestingsanbrunoResidents/> (It's still a work in progress...). If there's something else you want to know, just ask.

Want more information on this project and my resources? I am a member of the 4H Million Trees Project. You can learn more about our goal and who we are at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>. If you want to see me in a video talking about planting trees, here's another link. <http://belmont-ca.patch.com/articles/video-giving-back-by-planting-trees-in-belmont?ncid=M255#video-6044503>

Available tree List

Name of tree	Mature Height (ft)	Mature Width (ft)	Description
Flavor Delight Aprium		20'	Very sweet taste. The flesh of the fruit is yellow and firm like an apricot but contains the taste of both fruits.
Clementine Mandarin	10'	10'	Produces sweet and juicy fruit that will hold on the tree for months. Your clementines are easily peeled. They are also evergreen, enjoying full sun. Note: Need cross-pollination from another citrus variety, so if you already have a citrus in your backyard, they can cross-pollinate and the Clementine Mandarin tree will be successful in your yard.
Victoria Plum	20'	10'	Oval plum with sweet and tasty yellow flesh with a red or dappled skin. The stone does not come off completely from the flesh but the skin is easy to pull off.
Fuji M26 (Apple)	10'	10'	Yummy, large, round, and sweet apple. They have a dense flesh that is sweeter and crisper than many other apple varieties.
Tsu Li Asian Pear	25'	12'	Medium to large, yellow-green pear shaped Asian pear. Fruit is juicy and crisp with mild flavor.
Improved Meyer Lemon	10'	10'	This new variant of the Meyer Lemon is prolific and easy to grow. Meyer Lemons are naturally sweeter than standard lemons.
Hollywood Plum	12'	10'	Pink blossoms in the spring. In late summer or early fall, you can harvest delicious plums for eating fresh or cooking.
Ornamental Pear	30'	25'	Long, dark, glossy green leaves, with small white flowers that bloom in the spring.
Washington Hawthorne	25'	20'	Small red berry-like fruit grow closely together in large clusters and are food for squirrels and birds.
Flowering Crab Apple	25'	20'	Spring blossoms come from pink or red buds, and change to paler shades after opening, creating a beautiful pink cloud lasting several weeks.
Grecian Laurel	35'	25'	An aromatic evergreen tree with green, glossy leaves. It is the source of the bay leaf used in cooking.
Dwarf Southern Magnolia	25'	20'	This is a striking evergreen tree with large dark green leaves and large white fragrant flowers.
Sycamore	50'	35'	This tree has a dappled exfoliating bark, which flakes off in great irregular masses, leaving the surface dappled, and greenish-white, gray and brown.
Evergreen Pear	25'	25'	Abundantly white flowers bloom in late winter or early spring. Occasionally branches have thorns on them. The fruit is small, round and inedible.
Crape Myrtle	25'	20'	Widely known for its colorful and long-lasting flowers. The leaves provide a beautiful autumn color.
Camphor	40'	30'	A large evergreen tree with a rough pale bark, leaves that have a glossy, waxy appearance and smell of camphor when crushed. In spring it produces bright green foliage with masses of small white flowers. It produces clusters of black berry-like fruit.
Chinese Pistache	40'	30'	Hardy, can withstand harsh conditions and poor quality soils. Great shade tree, deep green leaves which turn orange, red-orange or crimson in the fall.