



## **City of San Dimas Urban Forestry Program**

Within the City of San Dimas there are over 8,000 street and park trees which are a community asset providing environmental benefits, adding to property values and contributing greatly to an enhanced quality of life for residents. One of the most important aspects of community tree management is an on-going heritage of appropriately planted trees which will benefit future generations. Tree lined streets dramatically contribute to the aesthetic character of neighborhoods.

During the past four years the Parks and Recreation Department has planted over 2,000 new trees along City streets, at city facilities and in parks. Newly planted trees are placed on a young tree maintenance program and are trained as necessary while young. As the trees mature, they are then added to the regular tree pruning schedule and are trimmed once every three to four years by the City.

In honor of its commitment to the community forest, the City of San Dimas has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In 2006, the City met the last of the Tree City requirements through the adoption of a Community Tree Ordinance. Tree ordinances are adopted by communities striving to attain a healthy, vigorous and well-managed community forest. The City of San Dimas Community Tree Ordinance No.1163, was adopted in October 2006 and established policy, responsibility, regulations and standards governing the maintenance, planting and removal of community trees. The ordinance also established a permit process by which residents of San Dimas may request approval to perform work on a community tree or to plant a tree within the city right-of-way. The ordinance is included in the Community Forest Management Plan which is available online at the city web-site.

The Community Forest Management Plan is a comprehensive document detailing the goals, policy and standards utilized by city staff in the daily management of the urban forest. The Management Plan includes, but is not limited to, the Community Tree Ordinance, the Street Tree Palette, the Designated Street Tree List, pruning, planting and root-pruning specifications and the Tree Permit.

Annual tree projects include the pruning of city trees, planting of approximately 400 new trees in city easements and parkways, an Arbor Day celebration and tree planting by the San Dimas Branch Hands, a community volunteer group. The Parks and Recreation Department is very excited to have the support of the City Council in establishing this professional forestry program which will benefit the San Dimas community for years to come.

If you are interested in having a tree planted in your parkway, would like to volunteer to plant trees or would like further information regarding the community forestry program please contact Municipal Arborist, James Robertson at (909) 394-6230 or at [parksrecreation@ci.san-dimas.ca.us](mailto:parksrecreation@ci.san-dimas.ca.us)