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City to Host 915 Tree Keepers Planting Event at Neighborhood Park

EL PASO, Texas—In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, the City of El Paso 915 Tree Keepers Program, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Climate and Sustainability Division, will host a community tree planting event at 8 a.m. Saturday, January 17, at Modesto Gomez Park, 4600 Edna Ave.

Community members are invited to volunteer and help plant a total of 40 trees until noon or until all trees are planted. Volunteers are encouraged to arrive at 7:30 a.m. to sign in and receive instructions and materials.

Gloves, tools, water, light snacks, and all tree-planting supplies will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts, and closed-toe shoes. Walk-ups are welcome, or participants may register online through the [City of El Paso 915 Tree Keepers Volunteer](#) page.

“The 915 Tree Keepers Program helps increase tree equity across El Paso by reducing heat, improving air quality, and beautifying neighborhoods,” said Climate Program Manager Dora Hernandez. “By planting trees alongside residents, we’re strengthening community connections and encouraging local stewardship.”

The 915 Tree Keepers Program is a collaborative partnership among the City’s Climate, Sustainability, and Energy team in Strategic and Legislative Affairs; Neighborhood Services in Community and Human Development; City Parks; and community volunteers.

Planting trees provides lasting benefits for neighborhoods, including improved air and water quality, increased shade, support for biodiversity, and enhanced overall community well-being. The program’s goal is to plant 300 trees during the 2025/2026 planting season.

For more information about the 915 Tree Keepers Program, visit [ElPasoTexas.gov/Community-And-Human-Development/915-tree-keepers](#). To learn more about the Parks and Recreation Department and City parks, visit [www.ElPasoTexas.gov/parks](#).

About the 915 Tree Keepers Program

The 915 Tree Keepers Program aims to expand tree coverage in neighborhoods lacking shade by providing trees for residential streets across the city. Through partnerships and volunteers, the program fosters community stewardship while addressing environmental challenges. By increasing urban canopy cover, especially in underserved areas, the initiative supports long-term sustainability and improves the quality of life for El Paso residents.

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