



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City Begins Grant-Funded Tree Planting Campaign

The City of Artesia planted 26 new trees at all three City parks last week to kick-off to a multi-year tree planting campaign, funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), that will see the planting of over 700 new trees in public areas and almost 700 fruit trees distributed to Artesia families over the next few years.

20 trees were planted at Artesia Park, 5 trees were planted at AJ Padelford Park, and 1 tree was planted at Baber Park. The trees planted were from a wide variety of species approved by CAL FIRE and picked because of their low water use, climate adaptability, and suitable size for their location. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), one of the City's main partners on these projects, planted the trees with supervision from City staff.

In 2019, the City was awarded a nearly \$900,000 grant that has funded an updated tree inventory for the City, an urban forest management plan that is currently in development, and the planting of 383 new trees in public areas. These newly planted trees are the first trees planted under this grant. Tree planting is one of the few direct actions the City can take to reduce pollution. Trees also reduce energy costs, moderate temperatures along City streets, and provide numerous health benefits. Artesia's tree canopy coverage is low compared to surrounding cities and nearly 40% of tree planting locations in the City are currently empty. This grant project, and another CAL FIRE grant the City was recently awarded that will provide an additional 325 trees for public areas and 675 fruit trees for distribution to qualifying and interested residents, are important parts of the City's efforts to expand tree canopy coverage in the City and bring these benefits to Artesia residents.

Over the coming months, the LACC will be conducting outreach throughout the City to provide information to residents about tree planting and to find residents that are interested in having a tree planted in the parkway in front of their house. Davey Resource Group, the company creating the City's urban forest management plan, will also be conducting outreach to expand awareness of the benefits of trees and getting input from the community on the plan they are developing. The City appreciates all the input residents have to offer as part of the process. If you are interested in having a tree planted in front of your property, you can also email askartesia@cityofartesia.us with your name, address, and contact information and we will make sure to keep you in mind once planting begins on City parkways in the coming weeks.

To keep updated on this project, visit the City website www.cityofartesia.us periodically, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of four Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018, 2019, and 2020, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.