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Richmond Tree Stewards 2011

Richmond residents interested in learning about tree care can sign up now for the spring 2011 Richmond Tree Stewards class. It will be held every Tuesday from February 15 through May 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Round House in Byrd Park. There also are three Saturday hands-on planting and pruning sessions, March 12, April 16 and May 7 from 9 a.m. until noon. The locations for those sessions will be announced in class.

A variety of topics will be covered throughout the course, including tree identification, tree biology, soil characteristics, planting and care, health and maintenance, proper pruning methods, community and regional planning and many others. Each participant is asked to commit to 20 hours of community service upon completion of the program.

Registration is \$75 for city residents and \$100 for non-city residents. Checks should be made to Richmond Recreation and Parks Foundation. Participants can register early or at the door. The deadline for mail-in registration is February 10. Tree Stewards who completed the class from 2004-2010 may sit in the classes at no charge.

To download a registration form log onto <http://www.richmondgov.com/PublicWorks/UrbanForestry.aspx> or call 646-6785 for more information. For more information on city services and schedules, please visit us on line at www.RichmondGov.com.