East Falls Tree Tenders

900 Trees on 44 Streets **Cool East Falls Homes**



by Cynthia Kishinchand **▼** ince 1995 East Falls

Tenders (EFTT) has given Fallsers the opportunity to have a street tree and/or front yard tree. You'll find an assortment of EFTT-planted shade providers on Ainslie, Allegheny, Barclay, Bowman, Calumet, Clearfield, W. Coulter, Crawford, Cresson, Creswell, Deacon, Division, Eveline, Fisk, Fox, Gypsy, Henry, Hilton, Indian Queen, Kelly, Krail, McMichael, Midvale, Netherfield, New Queen, W, Penn, W. Queen, Ridge, Scots, Shedwick. Spangler, Stanton, Stokley, The Oak Road, Tilden, Vaux, Warden, Westmoreland, Wielhe, Winona, N. 33rd, $N. 34^{th}$ and $N. 35^{th}$ streets.

Other venues include Inn Yard Park, Laurel Hill Cemetery, McDevitt Recreation Center, Mc-Michael Park and Thomas Mifflin School.

It will actually take hundreds more to have every street lined with trees.

Thank you to all who applied for trees helped plant and/or cared for them.

On anguished request: Please remove the plastic TeeGator bags after filling them. Why? In this steamy weather, fungus can grow under the plastic and damage the bark. The area can serve as a cozy incubation spot for harmful insects. Another reason? The bags can keep water from reaching the

tree pit when it rains and, alas, increase storm water runoff. Yes, in addition to EFTT volunteers, other TreeTenders have actually witnessed rain water dashing down these teepee-shaped devices as it heads to the local storm water inlet.

Thanks as well to East Falls Community Council and its president Tom Sauerman for scheduling Councilman Curtis Jones Jr.'s August 19th tour of East Falls. EFTT appreciated the opportunity for community leaders to meet with the Councilman and his staff on site as we thanked him for securing Philadelphia Activity Fund grants and outlined new projects to benefit local residents and visitors.

Call 911 to report a dead street tree. For information, isit www. fairmountpark.org or contact Frances Piller, Manager, PPR Street Tree Maintenance Office at 215-685-4363 or at fpc. streettree.info@phila.gov. Caveat: Do not apply for a street tree from PPR if you have aleady done so thru EFTT for A TreeVitalize Tree.

EFTT welcomes new members all seasons of the year. For information on EFTT, contact Cynthia Kishinchand, 215-849-2474, or crk3114@msn.com.

To register for the October PHS Tree Tender classes, contact PHS, 215-988-8844, or visit its website, www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org to register



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PhilaU's Off-Campus Residences at **Falls Center Welcome First Occupants**

hiladelphia University residences at Falls Center on Henry Avenue opened on August 22nd. Completed 30 days ahead of schedule, and within budget, Axis Construction Management, working with developer Iron Stone Realty, has paired an historically restored exterior with a sleek, modern and spacious design of interior student residences.

Axis and the developer faced serious financial hurdles initially to make the project viable. "Over a six month preconstruction period the team was able to reduce the brick and sticks cost through intelligent design and engineering alternatives," noted William Bostic, CEO of Axis Construction Management.

The 131 modern residences total more than 145,000 square feet, including new studio space, laundry facilities, a lecture hall and other amenities. The site has 24-hour security and ample reserved parking for all residents. The first wave of students moved in on August 15th. The apartments will be 95 percent



occupied in this first year, and totally occupied in 2012, providing housing for about 370 upperclassmen.

This virtual extension of the PhilaU campus life also

includes a new fitness facility, optical center, pharmacy, bowling alley, convenience store and the Gatehouse Café, whose extended hours began on August



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