

Come Out to the
Liberty Tree Grove Dedication
At
Donaldson Community Park

On Saturday, April 24, join ACT and the North Fayette Township Parks and Recreation Department in dedicating the **Liberty Tree Grove** with a ceremony honoring local service men and women and paying homage to our veterans. The dedication will begin at noon and be part of the North Fayette Athletic Association's Opening Day Ceremonies.

ACT is a group of West Allegheny residents who work together to initiate volunteer events, community involvement, and service activity to benefit our local area. The Liberty Tree Grove project stems from an initiative called **Green Up for Our Troops** that ACT embraced in January 2009, by collecting and recycling cell phones for the Wounded Warrior Project. ACT has collected 660 cell phones and donated \$796.50 through December, 2009.

The Liberty Grove trees were planted in honor of our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines and Pennsylvania National Guards. The two benches installed in the Grove pay homage to our veterans from the American Legion Post 171 and the VFW Post 7070 in Oakdale, and veterans from the Montour Valley VFW Post 7714. Each bench will display an engraved statement to recognize these special individuals' service to our country. The Liberty Grove's main sign expresses gratitude to our local men and women serving in the Armed Forces, and thanks our local veterans for their service, sacrifice and dedication to our country, and explains the historical significance of the "Liberty Tree" during the American Revolution. Seven smaller signs tell us the historical significance of each tree, and another smaller sign explains the benefits of planting trees. A path winds through the Grove to provide access to the benches and the trees, and connects with a larger trail that encircles Donaldson Community Park.

ACT members teamed up with Boy Scouts who worked on their Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects to install benches (Daniel Henry, Boy Scout Troop #355, with Frank Blaskowitz of ACT), design and install signage (Dominic Merlino, Boy Scout Troop #355, with Ann Anzaroot of ACT), and to install a pathway through the Grove (Rob Deklewa, Boy Scout Troop #248, with Sally Matts & Cathy Donne of ACT).

Funds for this project were raised by ACT members and their friends, who approached local businesses for donations. A grant from the West Allegheny Foundation was also a significant source of funding for the Liberty Tree Grove.

Local business contributors, local leaders and officials, representatives from our local Army, Air Force, and National Guards bases, VFW and American Legion members and their Color Guards, Boy Scout Troop #355 and #248 and their families and the public are invited to attend the dedication.

The Liberty Tree Grove is located at the entrance to the new Donaldson Community Park, off of Donaldson Road, and adjacent to Donaldson Elementary School. Please come out to the Liberty Tree Grove dedication ceremony on April 24 at noon and join us in thanking our local military!

A tax-deductible contribution to this worthwhile project may be sent to:
North Fayette Township/Liberty Tree Grove, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
Contact Bob Brozovich, Director of Parks & Recreation at (412) 788 4888
Please direct any other question regarding this project to ACT (Action for Change Today)
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