UH Law Alumni Association is hosting tree planting day

The event will be held Feb. 11 at UH Law Center from 9 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 2, 2012 —The University of Houston Law Alumni Association (UHLAA) has teamed up with Trees for Houston, a volunteer, non-profit organization, to assist in the revitalization of the city by devoting a tree planting day around the law school. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Law Center. This initiative will help support the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources One Million Trees Project.

“The Law Alumni Association wanted to do this to help improve Houston’s green canopy and begin replacing the impacts of this devastating drought,” said Hope Young, director of Alumni Relations at the Law Center.

According to state climatologists, Texas is coming out of the most severe single year of drought in its history. Barry Ward, executive director of Trees for Houston, estimates the potential loss of trees at approximately 66 million in the Houston area within the next two years. The Law Alumni Association will supply the funds and encourages the entire UH community and general public to participate. Forms will be available for students seeking community service hours.

Trees for Houston will handle all of the logistics and will make sure the trees are watered and cared for in the years to come. At the event, they will also offer educational activities for the younger volunteers, and UHLAA is sponsoring fun kid-oriented entertainment. Gloves, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers should wear closed-toe, comfortable shoes and clothing that can get dirty. Those who want to participate should meet by the Albertus Magnus Statue in front of the Law Center at 9 a.m. Parking will be available in the lots surrounding the Law Center.

An alternate rain date is set for Feb. 18. Title sponsors for this event include CH2M Hill, Union Pacific, Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, PC, and Lighthouse Document Solutions.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, and critically needed sponsorships, please contact Hope Young, director of Alumni Relations, at hyoung@central.uh.edu or visit www.law.uh.edu/alumni.

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