

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



## Welcome to Our New Bluff Heights Residents: 50 Crepe Myrtles

**A**s you walk through the neighborhood, you may notice several new residents. On Friday, April 29, 50 Crepe Myrtle trees were given new homes in the parkways scattered throughout Bluff Heights. The homeowners have agreed to water and care for the trees to ensure a healthy start to what we hope will be a long and thriving life.

It took a village (or in this case, a neighborhood) to accomplish this task. The tree-planting event was a way to memorialize one of Bluff Heights' more colorful residents, Dottie Frazier. Her family members were on hand, including her husband Cyril, to help plant a tree in front of her home. We would like to recognize and thank Maria Koostakis and the entire BHNA board. This could not have happened without the support of Margaret Madden and Jim Osgood, Office of Sustainability, Aliah Khan, Councilwoman Cindy Allen's office, Irene Lopez Muro, Theresa Marino and the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, Long Beach Housing & Neighborhood Services, and all our wonderful Bluff Heights neighbors who joined together to dig holes for the new trees.

Trees reduce greenhouse gases, provide habitats for birds and other animals, reduce cooling costs, and increase property values. Not to mention, they make the neighborhood more beautiful. These trees were provided at no cost as part of the I Dig Long Beach program. If you would like more information about I Dig Long Beach's goal of planting 10,000 trees by the end of 2022, contact the Housing & Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866.

Photos clockwise from top left: A new Crepe Myrtle planted in front of Dottie Frazier's house; Theresa Marino with members of the Conservation Corps; members of the BHNA Board from left to right: David Clement, Theresa Marino, Frank Ginipro, and Maria Koostakis; Cyril May, Dottie Frazier's husband, planting the tree in front of his home.