

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **Community partnership**

Members of the Hampton Heights Neighborhood Association recently had the opportunity to take part in a “trees party” in our neighborhood. What a great time it was!

For two hours, we not only spent quality time with our neighbors, drank coffee and ate doughnuts, we also learned invaluable information on how to care for our neighborhood trees. We also accomplished some hands-on goals such as limbing up our oak trees, removing co-dominant tree trunks, mulching and killing kudzu.

It was a day of community partnership that included support from Upstate Forever, the Kudzu Coalition, Partners for Active Living, Kevin Parris from Spartanburg Community College and the city of Spartanburg.

Thank you to the Trees Coalition of Spartanburg for reaching out to our neighborhood and teaching us how to care for our trees. It gave us knowledge so that we can make sure the trees we have planted will be well cared for and in good shape for future generations. I hope other neighborhoods will look at our experience and take advantage of this opportunity to become educated on how to care for the trees in our community.

Our “trees party” was a solid example of how it takes all of us working together. We are grateful to the Trees Coalition for giving our neighborhood this incredible learning opportunity and for teaching us the true meaning of “hugging” our trees!

If your neighborhood is interested in hosting a trees party, call 864-582-0990.

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