

SAVE THE ELMS – Baltimore City

Helen Coleman

The "Save The Elms" program has been in existence since 1976. During this time, the program has encouraged many of our neighborhoods to involve themselves in "Save The Elm" projects in their community. This has involved inoculating their City elm trees against the deadly Dutch Elm Disease. The Mayor helped in supplying the chemical needed for this process.

As part of a Federal Urban Forestry Program, young people have been employed by Save The Elms. Their responsibilities include identifying the City's 4,000-5,000 elm trees by placing a numbered tag on all such trees. They also maintain records on the condition of the trees. These youth assisted in the inoculation of elm trees not cared for by the community groups. The Save The Elms youth were responsible for inoculating about 1,200 trees.

In 1979, the program will involve a re-forestation project to replace the elms that have died, with varied species. They

will also continue with the inoculation program and surveillance of Baltimore City's elm trees.

We at Save the Elms are concerned with the diminishing elm tree population across the nation and in our City. We know this shade tree is vital to the economic, aesthetic and environmental needs of our community.

***Editor's note** — Perhaps many of you readers are wondering why a City tree program has been included in our newsletter. My feeling is that after reading this, you'll appreciate that our golf courses are not alone in the fight to save this country's "greenery". Also noteworthy is that our tax money does revert back to use in ways we can especially appreciate! Ms Coleman has become very knowledgeable in this tree program and would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Her work phone number is (301) 396-6105.

Future Meetings

- May 8 — Hogs Neck Golf Course, Easton, MD.
Pro/Superintendent Tournament
- June 12 — Carroll Valley, Fairfield, PA.
- July 10 — Mt. Pleasant G. C., Baltimore, MD.
- Aug. — Mid-Atlantic Family Picnic
- Aug. 21 — Musser Foundation Golf Outing,

- Indian Springs C. C., Silver Spring, MD
- Sept. 18 — Woodholme D. C., Pikesville, MD
- Oct. — Woodmont C. C., Rockville, MD
- Nov. — Loudoun Golf & C. C., Purcellville, VA
- Dec. — Marlton C. C., Upper Marlboro, MD

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