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**Subject: City of Mansfield Shade Tree Commission to host an
Informational Public Meeting Thursday, October 4, 2012**

The Importance of Urban Forestry - Money Does Grow with Trees

Mansfield, Ohio – The city of Mansfield Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce an Informational public meeting to be held on **Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Lake Park Pavilion.**

In their ongoing commitment to providing service and educational opportunities to the residents of Mansfield, the members of the Shade Tree Commission are pleased to offer this information session.

The agenda for evening is multifaceted and includes members of the Shade Tree Commission explaining the role of the Shade Tree Commission in Mansfield, and procedures for contacting them.

A member of the Richland County Development Group will provide up an update on the Beautification Sector's Landscape Committee and their work on the North Main Street Corridor Improvement project.

The Commission is pleased to announce our special guest speaker, Ms. Lisa Bowers, Urban Forester, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. Ms. Bowers will provide an update on the Asian Longhorned Beetle, which is affecting Maple trees.

Ms. Bowers' keynote address is entitled, "The Importance of Urban Forestry – Money Does Grow with Trees". The presentation will focus on how the urban forest is an integral piece of economic development for communities and improve property values.

There will be a question and answer session, to discuss, local resources, and planting standards.

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