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# Rotarians plant trees at two City facilities

The Reidsville Rotary Club is continuing its mission as a service organization, taking on a tree planting project at two City sites.

Rotarians planted 50 Loblolly pine seedlings at the RCARE/Senior Center and at Lowe's Ballpark field in January.

"It was our goal to do several service projects in Reidsville this year," explained Lance Metzler, Rotary Club President. "We adopted a street that we cleaned up in September, helped serve at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen and we held a blood drive in February.

"Our Rotary consists of businessmen and women of the community, who want to represent and serve Reidsville," Metzler stressed. "We chose these Loblolly Pines because they are fast growing trees, and we hope they will be around a long time to help beautify Reidsville. We are dedicated to our mission of service."

Fred Thompson, the City's Parks and Recreation Superintendent, is also a member of the Reidsville Rotary Club. When asked why this particular project was chosen, Thompson quoted American businessman and entrepreneur Warren Buffett, who once said "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone a long time ago planted a tree." One of life's most important natural resources, trees, allows us to enjoy one of life's simple treasures, the Parks & Recreation Superintendent continued. Trees convey our connectedness and the importance of positive action to enhance the lives of others and communities.

Thompson said this project was chosen as a community service project because of its simplicity and its potential to bring happiness to others. "The Lowes Baseball Field parking lots and the RCARE facility were selected because they were the best suited and best protected areas where the seedlings could grow into maturity with the least chance of being affected by environmental and human conditions," he said.

*If other community organizations are interested in service projects involving the City, they can contact Thompson at the Parks & Recreation Center, 336-349-1090.*



**Reidsville Rotarians** planted 50 Loblolly Pines at the Reidsville RCARE/Senior Center and Lowes Ballpark last month. This mission project for the Rotary Club seeks to beautify the City.



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