



## **I.O.O.F. Cemetery Tree Planting Notice**

In an effort to give the remaining portion of the cemetery a more uniform and visually appealing appearance, the City of Georgetown planted 65 large shade trees within the isles between the cemetery plots in the 2007 addition.

In the past, the City had not done uniform large scale tree plantings at the cemetery. As a result many trees have been planted by citizens within the bounds of the individual plots. Unfortunately, overcrowding and blocking of headstones have become problems as these trees have matured. Additionally, planted non natives have become a maintenance problem.

### **To help us keep the cemetery looking its best, please:**

Do not plant shade trees. The shade trees provided by the City will be sufficient for shade production without the potential for overcrowding.

Consider planting small ornamental trees like crape myrtle, red buds, chitalpa, possumhaw holly, yaupon holly, mountain laurel, Mexican plum, and dessert willow as they are good choices with seasonal interest.

Do not plant arborvitaes, pine trees, ligustrums, bald cypress, or bradford pears as these trees have been the most difficult to maintain.

The City is not concerned with the types of shrubs or flowers planted because they will not create long term maintenance challenges.

Any plantings you do must be inside your plot boundary.

Please call Heather Brewer McFarling, City of Georgetown Urban Forester at (512)930-6113 for more information.