

HELPING OUT



Sun City PRIDES members, from left, Richie Miller, Lloyd Maple and Grace Kinsey with one of the trees they planted along 107th Avenue. [Submitted photo/Art Huseonica]

Heat does not keep good PRIDES down

Tree planting continues on shade canopy project

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Despite triple-digit temperatures, the Sun City PRIDES continue working to help keep Sun City beautiful.

The PRIDES were seen the last two weeks planting drought-tolerant trees along 107th Avenue in Sun City's phase one. Teaming up with the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, the PRIDES volunteers planted 180 trees.

"The Maricopa County DOT crew has been wonderful in getting the trees to us early in the morning," said Lloyd Maple, PRIDES Beautification Committee member. "This enabled us to get an early start on planting."

Taking advantage of an opportunity to instill the importance and fun of community service at an early age, PRIDES member Bob Elston brought his granddaughter Emma Frankel with him to help to plant trees. Maricopa County DOT crews had



Sun City PRIDES member Bob Elston, left, and his granddaughter Emma Frank helped with the 107th tree planting project. [Submitted photo/Art Huseonica]

already augered the holes.

Trees were purchased from Linden Tree Nursery of Sun City, that included red push Pistache and Chinese elm. These varieties, requiring less water, were selected to replace the high-maintenance ornamental orange trees that were planted during Sun City's development. The new

trees are located in the median of 107th Avenue, south of Alabama Avenue.

To learn more about the Sun City PRIDES and how you can become a member visit www.suncitypride.com.

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