

Weather | Events | Visitor's Guide | Classifieds | Jobs | Cars | Homes | Apartments | Shopping | Dating



The Community Press &amp; The Community Recorder

Search: [All](#) | [Articles](#) | [Yellow Pages](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Dining](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Cars](#) | [Homes](#)
[www.sibcycline.com](http://www.sibcycline.com)  
 The best web site in real estate.

[Cincinnati.com](#) | [NKY.com](#) | [Enquirer](#) | [Post](#) | [CiN Weekly](#)

Community Press &amp; Recorder

[cincyMOMS.com](#)[Cincinnati USA](#)[Data Center](#)
[Home](#) | [Ohio Counties](#) | [Kentucky Counties](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Featured Ads](#) | [Customer Service](#) | [Archive](#) | Search

## Local News

[Cincinnati.com](#) » [Community Press & Recorder](#) » Freedom Trees commemorate lives of slaves

Last Updated: 1:05 pm | Wednesday, November 21, 2007

# Freedom Trees commemorate lives of slaves

BY JEREME SIMMONS | JSIMMONS@COMMUNITYPRESS.COM

ANDERSON TWP. - Businessman Paul Hemmer has brought his effort to plant a million trees in Greater Cincinnati to Anderson Township's Kellogg Avenue Dog Park and Five Mile Trail.

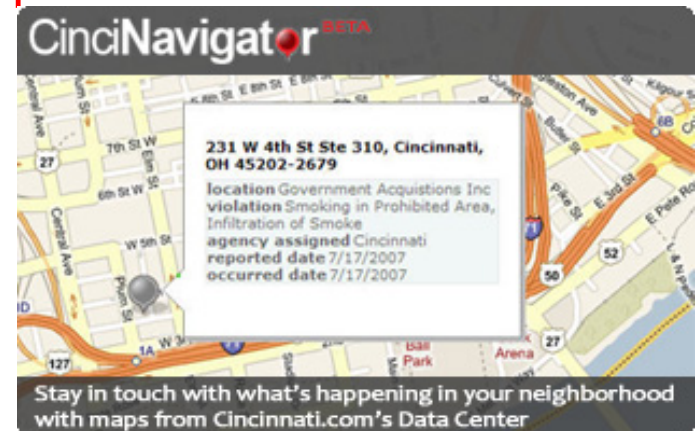
Under the auspices of the "Freedom Trees" initiative, Hemmer is offering native hardwood trees such as hickories, sycamores and dogwoods for sale and in some cases as donations as a, "living memorial to the lives of four million men, women and children who lived under the oppression of slavery and struggled for freedom," according to the initiative's Web site at [www.freedomtrees.com](http://www.freedomtrees.com).

Proceeds from the purchases of the trees will go to support the programs and efforts of the National Underground Freedom Center, Downtown.

"It is a Hemmer family legacy to go back and reforest these areas," said Steve Skaggs, Paul Hemmer Cos. property manager and designer. "At one time Paul was on the board at the Freedom Center. We have probably close to 30 groves throughout the Cincinnati area. Groves are usually around 40 trees a piece, but many have been added to."

According to information on the official Web site, groves are being planted in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Skaggs said the Paul Hemmer Cos. are commercial, industrial and medical facility builders. They are locally based in Fort Mitchell, Ky., and also have offices in Illinois.

 E-mail this |  Printer-friendly


### Order Freedom Trees

The best way to get involved in the Freedom Trees project is to sponsor your own tree. Each tree costs \$75, \$25 of which is tax deductible and donated to the Freedom Center.

Those who order will receive an official certificate detailing the location of the grove where the tree was planted.

Go to [www.freedomtrees.com](http://www.freedomtrees.com) to download an ordering form or e-mail Paul Hemmer Jr. at