



New Plantings & Features

This month's big planting project was in conjunction with the Community-Build Playground Day at Roane Park. As part of the project, 30 trees were purchased by KaBOOM! and planted by Parks staff and volunteers. The selected trees will add color and variety to the park, as well as complete the tree promenade following along Turtle Creek Drive.

Seasonal color plants were replaced at the City Hall and Community Center complex. Summer annuals were replaced with winter annuals, such as pansies, swiss chard, and dianthus. The replacement cost an estimated \$900 and three days' labor.



Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

In addition to the new tree plantings, all trees on the north side of Turtle Creek Dr, at Roane Park, were pruned & mulched. In addition, all the older trees were deep-root fertilized for enhanced growth.

A few large trees that had fallen across the GCWA trail were removed. In addition, the remaining tree damage that was left at Community Park, due to hurricane Harvey, was removed.

Tree re-potting was started in the Missouri City Tree Farm. Many trees were re-potted into bigger sizes and several will be moved in-ground at a later date. Eventually these trees will be planted in the city parks.

Finally, the Freedom Tree experienced some rapid canopy die-back in late summer. After lab tests and diagnosis, it is expected that a lightning strike was the cause of the damage. In an effort to help the tree recover, the dead & dying wood was removed and the tree was given a deep root fertilization. The tree will be monitored closely throughout the year.



Events & Outreach

Through connections through the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council, the City Forester and Public Works staff met with TXDOT vegetation program management to discuss a partnership to help implement the Cartwright Rd/ TX Parkway landscape improvements. After initial discussion, TXDOT is willing to pay for the entire landscaping portion of the project, over a multi-year period. This partnership will potentially save the city over a million dollars.

