



New Plantings & Features

A new memorial bench and tree were installed at MacNaughton Park, in honor of Frank Golemi. In addition, four additional trees were planted at this park as part of the Lee family Tree Challenge donation. Two new memorial trees were planted at Oyster Creek Trail in honor of Bill Sharp. Finally, several flower beds surrounding City Hall were renovated with new seasonal color plants.



Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

The Forestry crew began spraying herbicides in mulched areas for summer weed control this month. In addition, the City's Tree Farm was completed and ready for the next season, with new irrigation lines, fresh mulch areas, and fully-stocked plantings.

The micro-storm on April 7 caused a great deal of damage to several mature trees in most of the City parks and properties. 14 large trees were toppled and removed at six locations. Most locations had large branch breaks and tears. Most of the high-hazard potential broken limbs have been removed; however, work will continue well into the spring and summer months. Of all the hurricanes and flood events the City has experienced over the last ten years, this storm caused the most tree damage to city properties.



Events & Outreach

The annual Trash-Off Event was held on April 6. Over 100 volunteers helped clean-up litter in 8 park and right-of-way locations across the City. The event culminated with a lunch and awards ceremony at the Community Center. This event was a partnership between Missouri City Green and the Missouri City Parks & Recreation Department.

The annual Southminster School Earth Day/Arbor Day program was held on April 24. This year 8 volunteers and Parks Dept staff helped educate fourth and fifth graders on recycling, beneficial insects, and gardening. As part of the programs, Parks Dept staff guided the kids on planting several shrub beds at their campus. Each student also took home a salvia plant to start their own butterfly garden at home. This program was a partnership between the Southminster Elementary School, Missouri City Parks Dept, Brightwater Garden Club, and Johnson Family.

On April 27, a Paper Shredding event was held at the Public Safety Headquarters. Two large box trucks were filled with shredded paper and over 500 cars participated in the event. The Parks staff and Missouri City Green volunteers partnered to make this event a continued success.

