



New Plantings & Features

A new Japanese persimmon grove was added to the Edible Arbor Trail, now bringing the total groves to 23. These persimmons are unique in the fact they are non-astringent compared to our native persimmons. The grove was made possible by the Three for Trees Program at the Quail Valley Golf Course.



A new habitat restoration project was started at Community Park, at the wetland near pavilion 4. 24 new wetland shrubs were added at the wetland in an effort to re-create a native habitat. Several invasive removals are anticipated during the drier summer months.

Two new memorial benches were installed this month. The first is in honor of Clever Arnwine, and was installed along the jogging trail at Community Park. The second is for Stephen Carter, and was installed at Buffalo Run Park. Both benches were accompanied by several memorial trees.

Several signs were updated and replaced at the Right Tree Trail at Ridgeview Park.

Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

By request of the Police Department, a large section of forest was thinned near the south parking lot & entrance at Buffalo Run Park. Most of the undergrowth was removed to add increased visibility in the area. A small section of forest was also thinned near the north side of the park.



Christmas trees were once again collected and chipped at the former Recycling Center. Chippings were re-used as mulch for nearby trees.

The last remaining pear trees near the old Library and Community Center were removed. The trees were in poor condition after several years of storms and most recently the Hurricane Harvey tornadoes.

A lot of attention was given to Oyster Creek Trail, north of Cartwright. Work included tree and shrub trimming, mulching, pesticide applications, and fence clearing.

Finally, Forestry workers were busy removing ball moss from several trees along the Cartwright Rd medians.

Events & Outreach

As part of the city's HPO initiative, the Forestry Division had a quarterly meeting with the Park Board President and Councilmember Boney. The purpose of the visit was to give the Forestry staff a chance to gain some new perspectives from people that have leadership roles within the city.

On January 18th, the City Forester presented the "Tree Academy" at the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

On January 23rd, The City of Missouri City and CenterPoint Energy received the "Forestry Project of the Year" award by the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council. The award was given for the volunteer tree planting competition at Buffalo Run Park last February.

Finally, the City Forester conducted an interview with the CW39 New Channel at Freedom Tree Park. The purpose of the interview was to highlight the history and meaning of the Freedom Oak, in honor of Black History Month.



