



New Plantings & Features

Planting season has begun, with renovations to the flower beds in front of the Tennis & Recreation Center, Municipal Courts, and Fire Stations 3 & 4. Several fall perennials were added at the Tennis Center to replace summer perennials. The façade along the front of Municipal Courts and Fire Admin was renovated with new shrubs and flowering perennials. Ivy beds were replenished in front of Fire Stations 3 & 4.

A few section of trees that were lost during Hurricane Harvey floods were replanted at Oyster Creek Trail. In anticipation of future floods, fruit tree replacements were planted on higher ground and low spots were replanted with non-edible cypress trees.



Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

The south branch of the Edible Arbor Trail, along Oyster Creek, received special attention with tree pruning, fertilization, and mulching. This work will continue to the northern portions of the trail throughout the winter.

Pruning, chipping & fertilization of trees along MacNaughton Park East was completed in September.

All trees and shrub beds at the Tennis & Recreation Center were pruned, fertilized, and mulched.

Older trees at Roane Park North were fertilized & mulched. These trees will be pruned and several new trees will be planted in the months to come.

All older trees at the City Hall entrance were pruned, chipped, and mulched. Pesticide application were also made to the flower beds. Special attention was given to the City Hall complex landscape areas in preparation for the Community Night Out event.

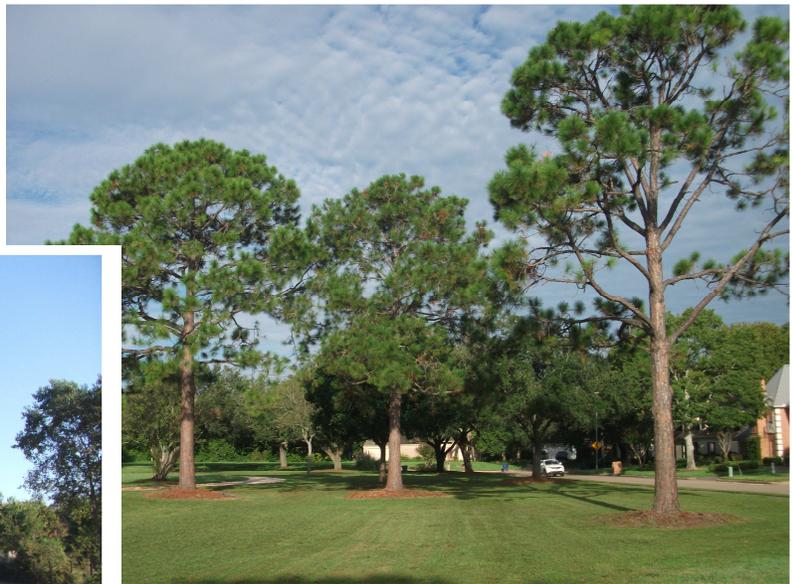
Trees adjacent to the Community Park soft ball fields, lake, and jogging trail were pruned, chipped, mulched, and fertilized.

The Missouri City Tree Farm trees were pruned and prepped for transplant into parks this winter. Approximately 40 trees will be planted from the Tree Farm this season.

Median areas at Oak Pointe Estates were pruned and cleaned-up in September.

All trees and shrubs located on medians on 5th St at Independence Blvd were pruned, chipped, mulched, and fertilized.

All water bags were removed and salvaged from last year's new plantings. All support stakes and ties were removed from trees planted 2 years ago.



Events & Outreach

In partnership with Missouri City Green, a Backyard Composting Workshop was held at the Tennis & Recreation Center on Sept 1st. Approximately 20 participants attended and received backyard compost bins. The workshop was facilitated by Fort Bend County Agrilife Extension.

The Forestry crew continued to implement a quarterly HPO lunch & learn initiative by meeting with Parks & Recreation Director Mangum on October 16th.

The City Forester gave a presentation to the Brightwater Garden Club on October 22nd. The presentation was about the Edible Arbor Trail and recommended edibles for home landscapes.

On October 25th, the City Forester facilitated a learning activity at the Southminster Elementary School, as part of their Community Helpers Day. The activity taught pre-school aged kids about the living elements of soil.

Also, on October 25th, the City Forester presented to the Fort Bend Master Gardeners about basic tree planting, selection, and care.

On October 26th, the city partnered with Houston Area Urban Forestry Council to host a workshop called Striking After the Storm. The workshop detailed the state and federal forestry agencies response & support initiatives after natural disasters.



