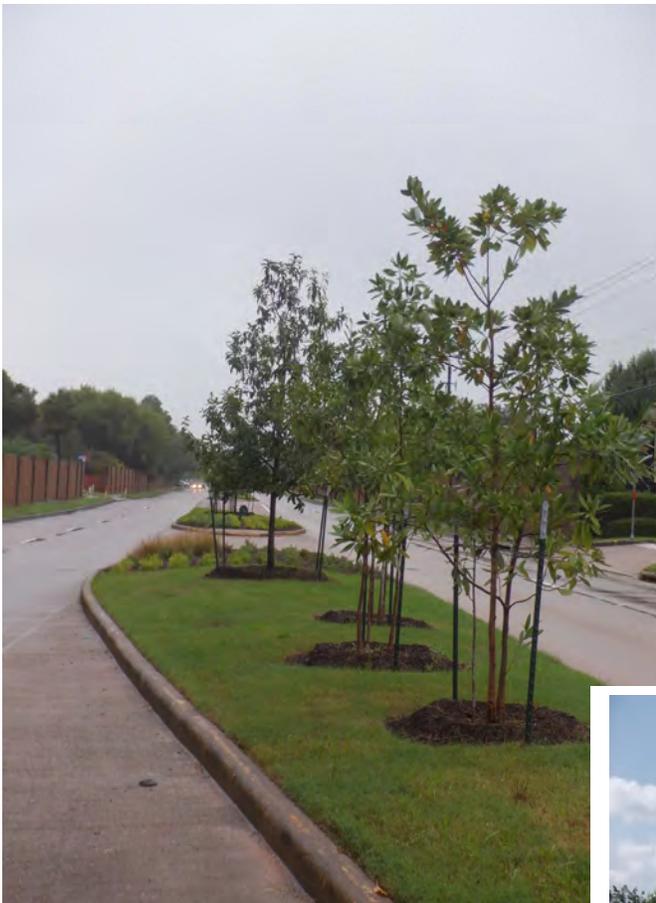




New Plantings & Features

A new season of tree planting started off with two new trees being planted at Quail Green West Park. There were also some plant replacements at the Recreation Center entrance. The landscaping portion of American Legion Park's new pavilion was completed with the installation of sod and grass seed. Finally, Phase 1 of the Texas Parkway/Cartwright Rd Median landscaping project was completed in September. TXDOT funded and managed the installation with assistance from the City Forester and Public Works Department. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for this project on September 17th.



Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

All of the developed parks were sprayed for weeds and fire ants around tree mulch circles. High-impact landscape areas around PSHQ, Recreation Center, City Hall and Library all received maintenance and autumn preparation. Tree pruning was conducted at Animal Control Facility, Independence Park, and Community Park frisbee golf course. Finally, Bartlett Tree Care Company was hired to do a soil rejuvenation around the trees in the Community Center Plaza.



Staffing Changes

The Forestry Division hired a new Parks Caretaker in September. Jose Castillo started on Sept 9th. Jose comes with extensive experience in nursery management and landscaping. In September we also say goodbye to Randy Troxell (Assistant Director), who is retiring after 29 years of service. Randy was the forestry program before there was one, and he will be greatly missed.



