



## New Plantings & Features

Planting season continues with the addition of 25 new trees planted at Roane Park, along the southern fence line of the park. A mixture of tall growing pines and ornamentals were planted in an effort to create a more scenic drive through the park. 3 new trees were also planted at Oak Hill Park, in an effort to add some variety and color to the new playground and adjacent landscape.



MacNaughton Park received a donation from the Quail Valley Garden Club, for 5 new trees near the playground. In addition, the MacInerney Family donated a memorial bench, which was installed adjacent to the playground.

## Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

This time of year is ideal for deep root fertilization of trees. Fertilization was conducted at Freedom Tree Park west, Bicentennial Park, Oak Hill Park, and Fire Station 2. In addition, all trees were pruned and mulched at the latter three parks. Further pruning was conducted at American Legion Park and at Independence Boulevard medians.

The next generation of Tree Farm trees was prepared, for eventual transplant into the City parks. Approximately 200 trees were potted and another 150 prepared in-ground at the City's Tree Farm. A rain barrel irrigation system was also installed in a section of the Tree Farm, in an effort to reduce irrigation expenses.



## Events & Outreach

The City Forester helped facilitate the Annual Tree Planting Competition, led by the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council, on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100 volunteers helped plant trees at the Harris County Flood Control basin in Tomball. Next year's competition is scheduled to be held at Buffalo Run Park.

The Forestry Division took advantage of several free training opportunities this month. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Forestry crew attended a free soils training in Katy. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the crew also attended a free arboriculture training in Houston.

