



Shade Tree Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Development & Engineering Annex

Members Present: Amy Banks, Jo Benjamin, Milan Blake, Dale Hughes, Tim Henderson

Members absent: Will Jones, Matt Coleman, David May, Jr., Dennis Epperson, John Thomason

Others in Attendance: Urban Forester Dan Hartman; Parks and Recreation secretary Karen Stovall; Cleveland Utilities forester Nick Romito

Called Meeting to Order: Amy Banks called the meeting to order.

NEW BUSINESS

Waive Reading of Minutes:

Minutes were emailed to members prior to the meeting. Tim Henderson made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Dale Hughes seconded the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.

Urban Forestry Report:

Prior to the meeting, Dan Hartman emailed his January activity report to board members. For the Arbor Day event/Community Tree Planting on March 10, Dan said all the trees are here, all the flags are located, his crew will start next Wednesday digging the holes, and they will put the trees out next Friday where they are to be planted. They will have two water trucks with 500-gallon tanks out there, a dump truck full of mulch, and gators to haul soil and debris away. City and County Stormwater will be there manning stations with snacks and water. Everyone should meet at Tinsley. Plan is for Mayor to start the Arbor Day event with one tree planting down by field 4 at Tinsley ball field and then divide up and spread out for the planting of the other trees. There are 15 trees that we can't put in that day because of construction. Dan's crew will plant those when that section of the Greenway is completed, but we have 62 to put in on the 10th. Dale Hughes mentioned that Bradley FFA may want to help and that Dan should contact them. Jo Benjamin asked about wire cutters and Dan said we need to get the word out that we need shovels and bolt cutters. Amy Banks said to let her know if Chick-Fil-A hasn't been contacted and she can make a call to them about food.

Removal of trees at Cree/Apache:

Dan Hartman emailed a removal request to members on February 6th, location is 4700 Cree Lane NW at Apache Trail. Request is to remove 5 trees. The homeowner has requested Public Works correct a drainage issue in the right of way. The trees are in the bottom of the drainage ditch that will be piped and filled in, approximately 36 inches in depth. The trees are a 26" Tulip Poplar, 15" Sweetgum, 14" Green Ash, 13" Green Ash, and 7" Tulip Poplar. The 'X' was posted and the end of the comment period was February 20th. Dan said after the project is done, he can look at putting Redbuds

or something small like that back in there to dress it up. Milan Blake made a motion to approve the removal of the trees at 4700 Cree Lane NW. Jo Benjamin seconded the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Crepe Myrtle replacement:

Amy Banks asked about the replacement of the Crepe Myrtles on 17th Street. Dan Hartman stated he got some in but they aren't as big as they were supposed to be. He is trying to find two that are larger. For the ones on Centenary, he has four to put in, he just needs to talk to homeowner first to let them know they can't keep doing this. Dan has two for Matt Coleman also that he plans to put in next week.

Hollies on Keith:

Amy Banks asked about the Hollies on Keith Street. Dan Hartman said they are dead, not a green spot on them anywhere, and same for the two at 1st Street Square. It will be next spring before he can replace them. Amy asked if there was any guarantee for those. Dan said no, not for weather and he thinks the winter we had was what caused these to die. He said it's a hard hit on his budget, he only gets \$7500 a year for trees and those five trees were \$2000 and we lost all five.

20th Street parking lot:

Amy Banks asked Dan Hartman if he contacted Lee University about putting trees at the parking lot on 20th Street. Dan said he hasn't yet, but will.

17th/Highland hole:

Jo Benjamin asked Dan Hartman if he found out who dug the hole at the Cypress tree. Dan said it was Cleveland Utilities. Homeowner contacted them with a problem, they discovered clogged sewer line, line had collapsed and filled up with roots from the Cypress. He spoke to Craig Mullinax and they decided to see what the tree does. If it does die, Craig said they will replace it. Jo said she understands there not being any way to get around doing it, but it would've been better if CU had let someone know up front and that they should've let Nick know, he is their forester. Dan said Craig assured him that they will communicate better in the future. Tim Henderson stated that part of the sewer rehab program they are instituting now alleviates a lot of the risk of this happening again with those pipes.

Exit 25:

Amy Banks asked what ever happened with the plan for the wall at that exit. Dan Hartman stated he hasn't heard anything about it, but he can't landscape until they put the letters in or whatever they plan to do. Dale Hughes said that has been the longest process, it started a couple of years ago and he recently asked about it again and was told the company they talked to was too high so they have to renegotiate. Amy said Allan Jones is willing to donate trees to put there.

Reports from members:

Jo Benjamin asked Dan Hartman if he ever replaced the trees along the brick wall across street from Takoyaki, that runs in front of United Community Bank (Keith Street). Dan said they haven't been replaced yet, but they will be.

Milan Blake informed members that Jill Barrett had been appointed to Greenway board.

Amy Banks complimented Dan Hartman for speaking at Rotary and the articles in the Banner about him and Matt Coleman. She asked if he would mind getting that one framed and added to the wall outside his office with the other tree board related articles.

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

Karen Stovall

Karen Stovall, Recording Secretary

January 2018

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Activity Report

Received citizen calls:

Trees- 9
Weeds – 0
Plan review –4
Parks - 3
Memorial Trees - 2

Removed – 5 trees

Trimmed – 289

Planted - 11

Storm – 0

On-site inspections- 23

Mulched 100 Holly trees at Soccer fields

Cleaned all restrooms and pavilions within parks and Greenway

Painted all restrooms and concession stands

Removed snow from sidewalks around Municipal Building, Police Department, and Community Development Offices, Community Centers, 1st Street Square, and Greenway

Installed matting under swings and slides at Blythe Oldfield playground

Collected 233 bags of litter

Painted Picnic Tables at Deer Park and Fletcher Park

Removed Christmas decorations and tree lights from downtown

Karen Stovall

From: Dan Hartman
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 2:46 PM
To: walkocoeab@yahoo.com; Dale R. Hughes (drh@sonlightllc.com); Dale Hughes; David May; Epperson, Dennis (eppersonhomes@gmail.com); BENS2@bellsouth.net; Matthew Coleman; Milan Blake (Milan.Blake@gmail.com); thenderson@clevelandutilities.com; Wjones@jonesmanagement.com
Cc: Nick Romito (nromito@clevelandutilities.com); Karen Stovall
Subject: Removal Request
Attachments: Apache Trail.jpg; Apache Trail 2.jpg; Apache Trail 3.jpg; Apache Trail 4.jpg

Hi everyone,

I have received a request to remove 5 trees located at 4700 Cree Lane NW at Apache Trail. The reason is for a drainage project, the homeowner has requested Public Works correct a drainage issue in the right of way. The trees are located in the bottom of the drainage ditch that will be piped and filled in, approximately 36 inches in depth. The trees are a 26" Tulip Poplar, 15" Sweetgum, 14" Green Ash, 13" Green Ash, and 7" Tulip Poplar. I have posted the X and the end of comment period is February 20, 2018. I have attached some pictures of the trees.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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4700 Cree Lane NW



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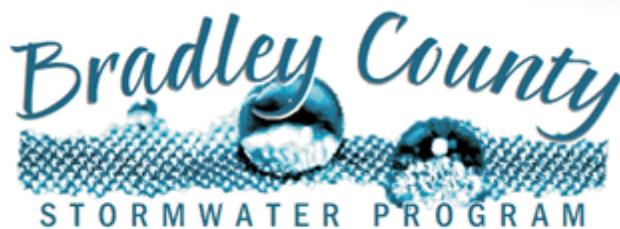
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As Part of the Tennessee State wide 250K Tree Day, join the City of Cleveland Parks and Recreation Department & the Cleveland and Bradley County Stormwater Programs in planting trees along the new Casteel Connector section of the Greenway. Meet at Tinsley Park at **10am**. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Seedlings will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

Special thanks to the Bradley Sunrise and Cleveland Rotary Clubs for generously donating trees for the event.



Trees for All of Tennessee!

250K Day





THE BRADLEY COUNTY Democratic Women's Club elected new officers this month. From left, seated, are Angela Minor, president; and Jamie Hargis, historian. Standing are Mildred Sparkman, member-at-large; Pat Minor, treasurer; Sue Taylor, secretary; and Gloria Smiddy, vice president.



THE LADIES OF JUNIOR Auxiliary of Cleveland are well underway in planning their next bi-annual fundraising event. This year they will be hosting its Spring Gala highlighting the "Power of the Crown" to help fund the organization's projects for the next two years. All proceeds from the event will go toward many projects to help children and families in Bradley County. Throughout the year the organization hosts many other events, such as: Teddy Bear Picnic focusing on literacy in the community while showcasing the public library; Facing our Fears is an opportunity for local Girl Scout troops to earn a patch while facing some common fears; Melissa Huggins Jones Have a Heart Give a Sole race raises money to purchase shoes for elementary children in the community; and Jackets for Juniors donates winter coats for local middle schools. By purchasing a ticket or table for this year's Gala, you can also help contribute to these projects and make a difference for families and children in our community. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or a table for the black tie event, or donating to this organization, email JAClevelandTN@gmail.com.

250,000 trees to be planted in Tennessee on Feb. 24

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Environmental Council is promoting 250K Tree Day, a statewide event on Feb. 24, planting 250,000 trees with 25,000 Tennessee volunteers of all ages. The state's growing population equates to more consumption and deforestation.

The Council's Tennessee Tree Project was created to plant a million native trees across the state to help repopulate trees. The organization has planted more than 360,000 trees since 2007 fulfilling the mission to educate and advocate for the conservation and improvement of Tennessee's environment, communities, and public health.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency are collaborating with the Council on this statewide event.

"We could not host this successful event without our collaborative partners and sponsors. We are grateful

for the hard work of our volunteers and distributors throughout all 95 counties," said John McFadden, CEO of the Tennessee Environmental Council.

"Trees help protect our state's most important natural resources," said Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Bob Martineau. "They are vital for maintaining water quality, healthy air, flood prevention, wildlife habitat and healthy communities," said Martineau.

In 50 years, one tree can provide \$130,750 in total benefits, including oxygen, air pollution control and stormwater drainage.

The U.S.D.A. Forest Service found that more than 2 million acres of Tennessee's native forests were cut and more than 500,000 acres of forest were converted to other uses.

Visit the 250K Tree Day website (www.tectn.org/250kreeday) for details, registration, and important updates.

Is this dog food special?

Dear Heloise: I noticed DOG FOOD specifically formulated for Chihuahuas at my pet store. Are these foods better for my Chihuahua, or is this a marketing gimmick? — Julie P. in Dallas

Julie, breed-specific foods are very popular today. All dogs have the same or similar teeth, digestive systems and skeletal structures. A good-quality, healthy dog food should provide the proper nutrition that your dog needs.

Many breeds do have certain conditions for which they may benefit from a breed-specific food. An example is that mini schnauzers can be prone to bladder stones, so we have always given ours (and Chammy, our adopted silky wheaten) a specific food that helps keep the pH in urine a certain level to help prevent them.

These special foods are more expensive, but your dog may feel better and have a healthy life eating them. — Heloise

P.S. Ask your vet, who is the go-to expert. Smaller breeds should eat kibble that is smaller, too — easier to chew and no broken teeth!

Pet pal

Dear Readers: A reader, via email, sent in a picture of his gorgeous 8-1/2-year-old Persian cat, Arman. His coat is fluffy, and he is ready for winter! To see Arman and our other Pet Pals, visit www.Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week." — Heloise

The whole of the grain

Dear Heloise: Simply put, what is a whole grain? — A Curious Reader, via email

A grain is considered whole as long as the three components of the grain are present: the bran, the germ and the endosperm. The Whole Grains Council (www.wholegrainscouncil.org) says any grain can be whole — corn, rice, wheat or oat, for example.

Whole grains are stronger sources of fiber and other nutrients, and therefore typically are better for you. — Heloise

Pet safety hint

Dear Heloise: Concerning using bread to gather broken glass: Think to the future, as any scavenger animals will suffer and die horrible deaths from eating this bread. — Donna in Pennsylvania

Donna, thanks for the reminder. This is exactly why I no longer print or suggest this hint. It's old and out of date. — Heloise

Clean coffee pot

Dear Heloise: Cleaning the coffeepot at my restaurant is important — we serve a lot of coffee, and it has to taste fresh. Here's what works for us:

We pour a generous amount of salt into the pot, followed by a big scoop of ice. Then we swirl it around vigorously several times.

After rinsing thoroughly, the pot is ready to use again for fresh, delicious coffee! — Amber E., Norman, Okla.



Hints from Heloise

Amber, this is an old and often-used hint. This will "clean" the pot somewhat, but it should be cleaned with soap and water every few times to be sure to remove the oil from coffee. — Heloise

Letter of laughter

Dear Heloise: As we get older, we bruise more. So, when someone asks about a bruise, rather than explain, I just say it's a "senior tattoo." I always get a laugh! — Gen in Ohio

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A READER sent in a picture of his gorgeous 8-1/2-year-old Persian cat, Arman. His coat is fluffy, and he is ready for winter!

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Hartman provides tutorial on state of trees

By **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**
Staff Writer

Cleveland Urban Forester Dan Hartman recently gave members of the Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club a look at what goes into maintaining the city's trees.

Hartman, who has served in his role for 22 years, said three workers regularly plant and take care of all the trees located on city property. This includes all the trees along the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway, outside public buildings and in public rights-of-way.

"Our efforts truly are to beautify the city," Hartman said. "It's about quality of life."

Among the considerations workers have while maintaining the trees is safety. They are the ones who will look at whether a tree is, for example, causing visibility issues along a road.

Though Hartman and the other workers within the city's Landscape Maintenance Division only do work on private property, they will also consult with private homeowners. They can give advice on everything from what to do about a diseased tree to which trees are best to plant.

"That's a service the city offers as well, which is a plus," Hartman said.

The division has been involved with a lot of different beautification projects around Cleveland. Hartman said one of his favorites has been one stretching the length of 25th Street.

The city has been working to plant trees and other foliage in the road medians, along with rock

drainage systems. Hartman calls these "modified rain gardens."

These efforts have turned concrete drainage ditches into gardens which offer a decidedly more natural look. Hartman said he hopes to keep adding more of these gardens along 25th Street, provided the Tennessee Department of Transportation keeps granting permission.

"On paper, I've got it going all the way down 25th, from I-75 to Spring Creek," Hartman said.

When they are not out planting or taking care of trees, workers with the division spend part of their time cultivating new one.

The city has its own tree nursery, located off Mouse Creek Road, where seedlings are grown and prepared for planting. Hartman said he chooses to grow seedlings instead of purchasing more mature trees, as this saves quite a bit of money.

Hartman also spoke about the city's Memorial Tree Program, which also provides extra income for forestry efforts.

For \$175, anyone can have a tree planted in a person's honor. This tree is placed along with an eight by 12-inch granite marker with a dedication message.

"It's becoming a really, really popular program," Hartman said.

In fact, many of the trees planted alongside the greenway are accompanied by memorial markers. Hartman said he loves this program, because it helps honor someone while also contributing to the city's forestry budget.



Banner photo, DANIEL GUY

THIS MARKER accompanies one of the trees which have been planted along the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway through the city's Memorial Tree Program.

At the close of the meeting, Matthew Coleman, president of the Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club, noted this club has partnered with the Cleveland Rotary Club to provide trees through this program.

This year, Rotary International President Ian Riseley challenged each Rotary club "to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members."

The clubs recently made a donation of \$4,000 to the Cleveland Tree Board to kick off this effort locally.



Banner photo, DANIEL GUY

THIS TREE is one of the many planted through the city of Cleveland's Memorial Tree Program. This program was highlighted during a recent presentation by Urban Forester Dan Hartman.



Banner photo, CHRISTY ARMSTRONG

FORESTRY efforts in Cleveland were the focus of a recent Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club meeting. From left are Cleveland Urban Forester Dan Hartman and club President Matthew Coleman.

