



New Plantings & Features

February was a good month for Buffalo Run Park, with 1500 small trees planted, as part of the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council Tree Planting Competition, and an additional 16 large trees planted by Parks staff. Most of the trees were planted along the north shoreline near the parks boundary with the beltway 8 industrial developments. 2 more trees were planted at MacNaughton Park in memorial of Dugan Hill. These trees were sponsored by the Exchange Club of Missouri City.



Tree Pruning & Landscape Maintenance

Tree pruning was conducted at Ridgeview Park, Gammill Park, and Oyster Creek Trail this month. In addition, extensive herbicide treatments were made in tree areas at Ridgeview Park and Community Park. Shoreline litter clean-up was also conducted at America Legion Park and Buffalo Run Park.

Events & Outreach

The Nichols Family continued their generous support of the City's urban forestry program by committing to continue the Tree Challenge Program until spring of 2020. Any trees purchased by other individuals or organization through the Tree Challenge or Memorial Tree programs will be matched by the Nichols Family and planted in city-maintained parks.



The 12th Annual Houston Area Tree Planting Competition was held at Buffalo Run Park, on Feb 9th. This event marked the second year of partnership between the City of Missouri City and Houston Area Urban Forestry Council, to complete a shoreline reforestation of Buffalo Run Park's new water retention pond. This year 1500 trees were planted, consisting of a variety of native wetland trees. Despite the frigid day, approximately 150 volunteers helped plant and facilitate the event. All the trees were donated by CenterPoint Energy (est. \$30,000 value) and mulch was donated by Living Earth (est. \$2,000 value). Food and event support was provided by the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council, Texas Forest Service, and Trees for Houston. The fastest planting teams in each division were: Yellowstone Landscape-professional, Knanaya Catholic Society-amateur, and Girls Scout Troop 19056-student. Mayor Ford was on hand to welcome event volunteers and Constable Smith stopped by to help pass out awards.

