

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

In accordance with recommendations made by Mr. Jason Knowles, the City of University Heights Consulting Arborist, the City continued a comprehensive Urban Forestry Management Plan during 2022. City of University Heights was divided into four zones for the purpose of planning and performing Urban Forestry tasks in manageable sized projects. Within these zones work included whole street pruning projects, tree planting projects, as well as many individual tree maintenance or removal projects. In 2020 the City of University Heights renewed an annual professional Arborist Service Contract with Mr. Jason Knowles and he performed professional evaluations of trees in all four zones of the City. Utilizing the results of his evaluations the following annual work plan was implemented:

- Zone 1 received whole street pruning and removal. The results are aesthetically pleasing and can deal with potentially hazardous trees at the same time. In the zone 1 area over four hundred (410) trees representing eighty percent (42%) of the street trees were pruned or approximately sixty-eight (68) were removed.
- The City of University Heights continued response throughout the City to homeowner requests for tree inspections, both on public and private property. This facilitates timely response for potential hazards, as well as allowing for inspections of potentially hazardous trees anywhere in the City. Due to the large population of Ash trees within the City of University Heights on private properties, it is predicted that there will be a large number of dead and dying trees that quickly become hazardous if not removed. The City responded to eight resident requests regarding potentially hazardous trees. The resulting work included letters to five private property owners requiring tree removal.
- A hazard tree inspection was performed city-wide to identify all potentially hazardous trees and create a tree management plan to either prune or remove all such trees. This required working directly with contracted tree companies to assure contractors deal with these trees in a timely fashion. Zone one was completed this year and zone two is scheduled for 2023.
- The City of University Heights municipal tree planting program involved the selection of proper tree species to be planted, planting locations, and tree care follow-up. The planting plan was implemented following the whole street pruning and removal project to ensure that all potential planting locations were filled. This year an emphasis was placed on selecting proper planting sites, tagging trees at nursery, post planting inspections, gator bags, follow up care. Following these procedures, the City of University Heights planted 48 new tree lawn trees.