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TREE Notes

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There's still time to register for this valuable workshop. You can find details at ctufo.org, and you can register there online via PayPal. The \$60.00 fee includes lunch, and continuing education credits will be available.

Schedule

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 10:15

Danger! High Voltage

Randall H. Miller,

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10:15 - 10:30

Break

10:30 - 11:30

Tree Risk Assessment

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11:30 - 12:30

Lunch

12:30 - 1:30

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1:30 - 2:30

Diagnostic Lab Procedures

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2:30 - 2:45

Break

2:45 - 3:30

Roadmap to Tree Plantings in Dallas

Matt Grubisich, Urban Renewal Inc.



The President's Message Melinda Adams, City Forester, Fort Worth



We have some challenges ahead of us. We are on the threshold of an era we have feared entering since our

early awakening in the '70s. Gas supplies are as unpredictable as the economy; world population has reached over 6.7 billion; changing weather patterns threaten our crops and lifestyles; and untouched places are disappearing from the planet. These are the times that test our true nature.

How will we respond? Shall we continue to stumble blindly in denial? Will we shrink and hide in fear? Will our reaction be aggression and greed? Or will we reach

out, nurture, and repair? Our actions may well determine our worthiness to survive.

It has long been my belief that as the pressure for resources rises, the world will lose all of its natural places. Through the years of flying across America, I have seen the mosaic change from vast forests to patchworks of agricultural crops and pastures pin-cushioned with gas wells. Eventually every square inch of land will hold either a dwelling for one of us or be dedicated to the production of food or energy. As populations rise, pressures will increase to eliminate parklands and preserves.

The last standing trees in the world may be those planted in

our yards. The trees you are planting today at your homes, schools, and businesses will be the forests of tomorrow. Choose those that are hardy and drought resistant and need little care. Plant them to give the most benefit by shading sidewalk, street and drive.

Foster an appreciation for trees. Teach your children and grandchildren how to climb an old tree and how to plant a new one. Learn and teach the benefits of trees.

When money is thin, find a reason to plant a tree. Give a tree as a gift. Plant one to celebrate a birth in the family or to remember a loved one. I challenge you to reach out, nurture, and repair.

Ninth Annual Arbor Day in Westlake

Stephanie Erb

The Town of Westlake held its ninth annual Arbor Day celebration entitled "See the Canopy" on October 11 at Glenwyck Farms Park. The northwest DFW suburb's feature attraction for this event was a tethered hot air balloon ride, which took residents to heights of 75 feet and provided a spectacular view of the area's treetops. Also featured for this event was noted arborist Steve Houser, who provided a presentation on the benefits of trees in the community. Activities held throughout the day included a fishing derby, a fossil find, scavenger hunts, hay rides, and a petting zoo. The Westlake Historical Society provided glimpses of area



history that were much appreciated amidst the steadily expanding economic growth of the area. The Southlake Swing Community Band provided a wonderful background to the relaxed family atmosphere. Troy Meyer, Direc-

tor of Facilities and Recreation for the Town of Westlake, was on hand to accept the Tree City award on behalf of the town. All in all, a wonderful family event, enjoyed in marvelous natural surroundings.

At the Helm **Melanie Migura, Forester, City of Fort Worth**

In a new year whose beginnings are already marked with economic turmoil and a change in our nation's political leadership, many individuals, families, businesses and organizations have turned introspective, assessing their priorities and making course corrections to ensure they're traveling in the direction they want to be going as we head into the future.

With that in mind, it's a good time to learn more about those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of fulfilling the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council's (CTUFC) mission to "promote programs in the region to increase interest in urban and community forestry" within our 17-county region.

CTUFC leadership is composed of a 12-member Board of Directors. The five elected officers serve one-year terms, while the six elected, voting directors serve two-year terms that are staggered so that half of the positions are elected annually. The Texas Forest Service Fort Worth Regional Urban Forester serves as a permanent, non-voting member.

Board Member Keith Martin says it a little more personally, "The Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council is made up of an exceptional group of people who truly care about the environment and believe in the jobs they and others in the urban forestry field do. They respect their peers and other council members and always show total professionalism when it comes to council matters and their positions. Although the members of the council have sometimes disagreed among themselves, we have always easily worked to provide a beneficial solution that works for the

good of the communities we serve. No council member seems to have a personal agenda other than that which benefits others."

Our current leadership consists of:

Officers:

President – **Melinda Adams**, Fort Worth City Forester for 8 years.

Vice-President (and Past President) – **Susan Henson**, Grand Prairie Horticulturist for 20 years.

Secretary/Treasurer – **Michelle Villafranca**, More than four years with the City of Fort Worth; the last three months as Natural Resource Specialist at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge.

Editor – **John Darling**, 21 years with the University of Texas at Arlington; the last three as University Composter.

Directors:

Courtney Blevins, 25 years with Texas Forest Service; the last 17 as Regional Urban Forester.

EJ Cochrum, in his second year as Denton's first Urban Forester.

Jared Martin, five of six years as Environmental Review Analyst for the Town of Flower Mound.

Keith Martin, Landscape Administrator, Southlake, for 12 years.

Laura Miller, completing her first year as Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent for Texas AgriLife Extension.

Paul Scudder, owner and photographer, Paul Scudder Photography, for 16 years.

Geoff Sherman, Landscape Horticulturalist, North Richland Hills for more than 1.5 years.

Without question, each is a talented professional in his or her chosen field. But beneath the professional demeanor, what makes them tick? What are their passions,

goals and aspirations? In their own words, here's what each of them had to say:

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Melinda – Watching the trees grow.

John – Keeping things out of the landfill that will become compost instead of trash. I work outside and rarely have to attend meetings.

Michelle – Being able to work outdoors and feel like I'm making a difference for our local ecosystem and environment.

Keith – I am most fortunate to have a position were I get to have hands-on planning and implementation for the development of an entire city. It's a unique job. The uniqueness is what I think I like the best.

Susan - In this position I have the ability to work on small and large projects that change lives. You leave a legacy that lives on long after you are gone.

What is your favorite tree and why?

Laura – The pecan is my current favorite: pecan pie, pecan brownies, pecan crust, pecan topping, pecan etc.

Keith – Chinquapin oak. It's probably because they seem to grow everywhere in the metroplex except Southlake. I think they are one of the prettiest trees because of their dark green leaves with gray on the bottom of them, and their shaggy bark.

Michelle – Post oak. It is such a strong and elegant tree. If it were a person, I imagine that it would never complain. It would maintain its integrity and be a dependable friend.

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Jared – I think I'll go with the cottonwood. I know it isn't typically a popular pick, but I like them because of the sounds they make.

To me, there is nothing more relaxing than the sound of leaves rustling in a tree on a breezy day. I also tend to root for the underdog – and cottonwood trees typically don't get a lot of love.

Melinda – The post oak because it is honest.

EJ – Redbud, dogwood, river birch and Japanese maple are my favorite trees because of general appearance, color and form.

Paul - Weeping willow. We had one in my yard growing up. I love how they look when the light filters through them in the morning.

Geoff – I know folks will think I am crazy, but my favorite tree is the sycamore. I remember a majestic sycamore next to my grandmother's house in Paris, Texas, and the sweet, kind of spicy fragrance they give off.

What is a personal goal you hope to accomplish?

Courtney – Visit Patagonia.

Susan – I want to travel to New Zealand! Someday this will happen. I just hope I can still walk by then.

Jared - I would like to work on (and complete) a PhD.

Michelle – To be in a position to work with large land owners and help them with habitat restoration on their property. And of course, traveling is ALWAYS a goal. I'm always looking ahead to the next trip – even when I'm on a trip!

Laura – I'd like to visit all 50 states before I turn 50. The clock is ticking on this. This spring my daughter and I will be driving up US Highway 281, the road to nowhere in particular, through Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska,

South Dakota and North Dakota. I don't imagine we'll see too many trees.

Why do you support the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council?

Jared – I believe in the mission of the organization. I also feel that one of the biggest benefits that this organization offers from a professional standpoint is networking.

Geoff - It is essential to get the word out about the beauty of trees and their importance in our environment. Most people have no idea about the importance of that tiny but essential process called photosynthesis.

Susan – It is important to protect what little natural environment we have left and ensure that there will be a future by providing public education and awareness.

John – Without meaning to, I became a tree hugger. I live in a suburban city where trees are viewed as a preliminary form of hardwood mulch. We have good city people working for trees here, but they're outnumbered. I hope CTUFC can help, one way or another.

Courtney – It is "my baby" and it's the only regional group promoting trees.

What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

Keith – Fly fish, cross country mountain bike, and road bike.

EJ – Gardening. It's really captivating how much enjoyment gardening can give you.

Paul – Travel with my wife and children, read and enjoy a cool beverage.

Laura - I enjoy cooking, reading, gardening and taking walks with my dog.

Name one of your talents or skills.

Courtney – Hmm...I can work with *anybody*.

Geoff – I play piano, act and sing in the Off 380 Players in Wise County.

Melinda – I can sing like a munchkin from the Wizard of Oz without helium.

Keith – I've successfully managed to stay single for so long.

EJ – I've been told that I have the ability to bring out the best in other people.

Is there anything else noteworthy about you that you'd like us to know?

Paul – I have a great attention to detail and I believe I see light differently.

Melinda – I was a waitress and bartender in a previous life. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. There is something about working for tips that teaches you the value of customer service.

John – Someone once named a bird nasal mite after me: *Sternostoma darlingi*. You could look it up.

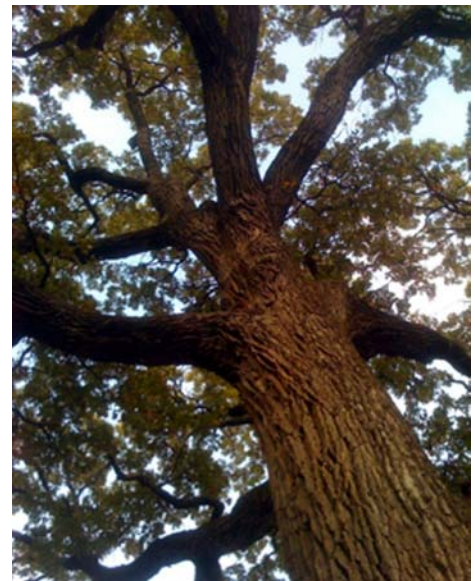
Keith – No pets. No children. No wife. Just six expensive bikes.

In the end, they are regular folk to whom we can relate, with a strong work ethic, sense of humor, and interests and hobbies similar to our own. The difference is that they have stepped forward to lead and serve the CTUFC, and for that they need our support. Give it freely when they call.

The Big Tree Tour Jackie Swan



Former national champion live oak, Rio Frio



Memorial Park red oak, Benbrook

The Big Tree Tour through Central Texas and the Hill Country was a course in discovery and learning. Courtney Blevins, CF, Regional Forester of the Texas Forest Service and Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council, and Melinda Adams, Fort Worth City Forester, led the three-day tour of Master Naturalists and Gardeners loaded into a van and two trucks.

State and national champions have varied and even unexpected characteristics. One would not normally think of a co-national champion as being only 18 ft tall, but that is true for the Granbury Mexican plum. Or how about the 1988 state champion live oak and former national champion that dwarfs a grown man or woman and brings out the inner child to

inspire a quick climb?

Blevins measured and we verified the database. Potential champions are yet to be discovered and nominated. Greatness is as close as our own backyard. For a list of big Texas trees visit famoustreesoftexas.tamu.edu or find more information through links at the Texas Forest Service Web site.

Left, Crider's Frio River state champion baldcypress. Center, national co-champion Mexican plum, Granbury. Right, Live oak, Granbury.



Arlington's New Forester

Heather Dowell, Arlington Urban Forestry Land Manager

We have a new Forester: Matt Churches, a California native who obtained his degree in forestry from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is a Certified Arborist. He has joined the troops of the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department ready to embark on his new mission. Matt will be working on the tree inventory and the LEAF program, and he will supervise the tree farm and handle the many other tasks and exciting opportunities that come his way.

Matt's previous employment led him in several different directions that provide him a diversified background in forestry. He worked for the USDA Forest Service, California Dept. of Forestry, and was later employed by ACRT Inc traveling the country. Matt is happy to reduce his travel so he can spend time with his wife and 4 boys.

Send your newsletter articles to ldarling@sbcglobal.net by March 27 if you'd like your contribution to appear in the spring issue. Thanks.

Earth Matters Dan McCormick

Joseph Marshall, III, a Lakota, is a noted Native American author, artist, actor, film consultant and traditional bow maker. He wrote the following, "Generosity should not be limited to humans. All living things are related because we are all children of the earth. And everything we do affects the earth and everything on it, including the human race. The more water we pollute, the less there is



for us to drink. The more land we contaminate, the less we have to grow crops. The more forests we cut down, the less oxygen there is for us to breathe. We humans have made the earth needy by our greed and selfishness, both rooted in the idea that the earth was created for us. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are of the earth. As a species, we humans have come far because of the generosity of the earth. It is past time to repay her with our generosity."

One way we can repay the earth is to plant trees. Development in the Metroplex continues to consume land that once was home to native trees, grasses, wildflowers and animals. Every city should have a tree planting effort to replace what has been



lost. If a census of trees were taken across the entire Metroplex, I would speculate that the resulting numbers would be astounding.

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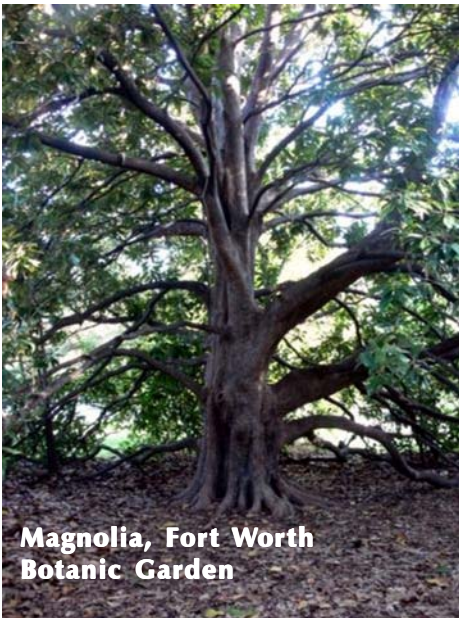
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Join In Fort Worth's Treasured Tree Hunt



Magnolia, Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Fort Worth has been going green long before the terminology even existed. "The City enjoys a rich tradition of urban forestry, ever since 1873, when the City charter declared it illegal to hitch a horse to a tree!" explains City Forester Melinda Adams. "Fort Worth hired its first city arborist in the 1920s and achieved Tree City USA status in 1979," says Adams.

In the spirit of this green legacy, the Forestry Section of the Parks and Community Services Department proudly announces the Heritage Tree Campaign. Fort Worth residents and tree enthusiasts from all walks of life are invited to nominate their cherished trees for heritage designation.

The Heritage Tree Campaign will help foster an appreciation of trees and promote public awareness that heritage trees are a living and distinct resource of the Fort Worth community. "Over the years," says Adams, "I've been privileged to meet many noble trees found throughout our community and from their owners learn the treasured stories behind them."

To be considered, the trees must grow within Fort Worth city limits and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Possess unusual size, age, species significance or other characteristic that contributes to its heritage status. The state co-

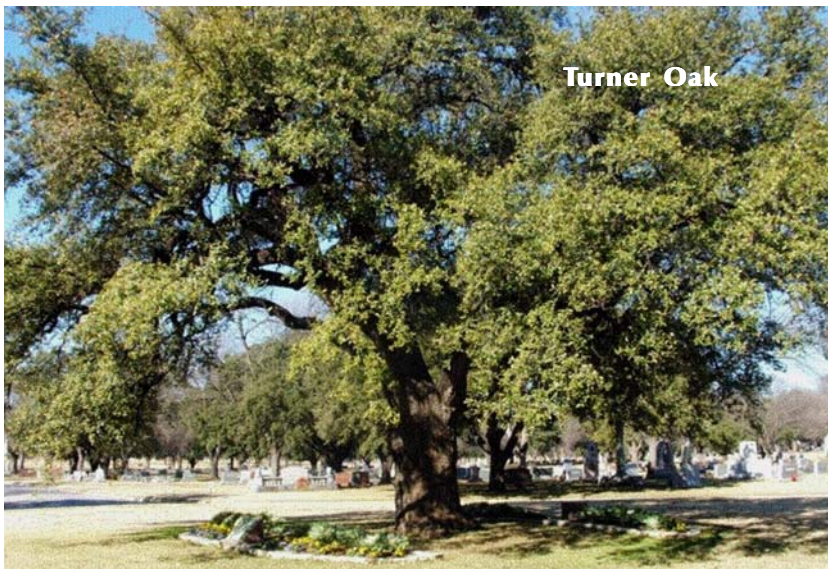


champion mesquite at Will Rogers Coliseum is one example.

- Be located on a historic site such as the Trader's Oak or contribute to the history of a site like the Turner Oak.
- Enjoy notoriety such as the I-30 homeless Christmas tree.
- Serve as a well known landmark like the Martel Ave. and Oakland Blvd. pecan trees or the White Settlement Dr. live oaks.
- Contribute to significant community ties such as the trees growing in the middle of Crestwood Drive.

At the 2009 Arbor Day ceremony, in honor of the Parks and Community Services 100th birthday and Fort Worth's 30th consecutive year as Tree City USA, the Forestry Section will announce the trees that have met the criteria for heritage designation and invite their nominators as special guests of honor.

Nomination forms are available at www.fortworthforestry.com, by e-mail request to Melanie.Migura@fortworthgov.org, or by calling the Forestry Section at 817-871-5738. **Nominations are due by Thursday, March 12, 2009.**



Turner Oak

Arlington's LEAF Program Heather Dowell, Arlington Urban Forestry Land Manager

Trees anyone? LEAF is taking root in Arlington.

LEAF — which stands for 'Let's Enhance Arlington's Forest' — is growing by leaps and bounds as the program designed to increase Arlington's tree canopy. LEAF provides free trees to Arlington's citizens for their homes, businesses, or public



Arlington City Forester Heather Dowell, right, shows how to keep a LEAF tree from flying out of a hole.

spaces. This program was implemented in the fall of 2007 with the help of a generous contribution from ONCOR.

Following the first round of applications, Arlington delivered 456 trees. Our second round in spring 2008 saw a slight increase to 484. In the fall of 2008 the third round was completed in which a whopping 1267 trees were given away.

That is over two thousand trees in one year cleaning and cooling the air, providing shade, slowing storm water runoff, sequestering carbon, reducing energy consumption and costs, as well as increasing economic

development. All while beautifying Arlington and providing much needed animal habitat.

So, Arlington residents, LEAF is helping you to fill your lungs with a deep cleansing breath of fresh air. Whenever you think of the small or majestic tree behind that breath, enjoy!

All of us at the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department are thrilled with the community's involvement and excitement about LEAF!



Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, second from right, and Pete Jamieson, Director of Arlington Parks & Recreation Department, right, inaugurate the LEAF program.

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ing. City parks, open space, golf courses, wildlife refuges and even medians and parkways provide places for trees to grow and give off oxygen, which improves the air we breathe. It is a well known fact in real estate that trees increase property value. Likewise, trees on public property increase the attractiveness and quality of life for residents of the Metroplex. How important is this to the future of North Texas?

In mainstream American culture, I probably would be considered a dreamer of sorts. In Native American culture, I am considered a *dreamer* — one who dreams of what could be. As a result of Joe Marshall's words, I had a dream recently that I would like to share with you. What if every city in the Metroplex established a program that encourages its employees and residents to plant at least one native Texas

tree? Property owners would add to the value of their property, neighborhoods would add to the value of their neighborhood, and the community as a whole would increase the beauty and attractiveness of the city. But most important, we would be ensuring a healthier future for ourselves and the generations that follow. As Joe Marshall said, "It is past time to repay [the earth] with our generosity."

The Thief of Trees Laura Miller, Extension Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension

Ho, ho, the mistletoe — beloved symbol of Christmas, floral emblem of Oklahoma, or nasty parasite? It's all of the above, and as deciduous trees begin to shed their leaves this fall, leafy mistletoe will begin to stand out like sore thumbs on otherwise good-looking trees.

Mistletoe, a common name used to describe several species of *Phoradendron*, is widely distributed and lives on a variety of woody hosts. The scientific name comes from the Greek to Latin 'phor' which means to carry or carry off (like a thief) and 'dendron' which refers to trees. Mistletoe extracts water and nutrients from the tree.

Dr. Raul Cabrera, Associate Professor and Project Leader in Woody Ornamental Horticulture at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Urban Solutions Center in Dallas, has been studying the thief of trees for years.

He has found that the stomatal conductance of mistletoe is higher than in the host tree leaves, suggesting that on a leaf area basis the mistletoe is using more water than its tree host. Could controlling mistletoe be a water conservation tool?

While Dr. Cabrera is trying to quantify how much water mistle-



toe is stealing, Mississippi State University's Dr. Mengmeng Gu is just trying to get rid of it by applying the plant growth regulator Ethephon. Ethephon ([2-chloroethyl] phosphonic acid) is absorbed by plant tissues and releases ethylene, which causes leaf abscission. It must be applied in the dormant season and doesn't translocate, so application in large trees can be challenging. While her results in the spring were inconsistent, she does plan to try the product again this fall. She's also planning to avoid one



unintended side effect — car paint damage. In February 1988 Randy Peterson of the Denton Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with John Cooper, recently retired Denton County Extension Agent, tested three rates of Ethephon, with and without surfactant, on cedar elm trees. Mistletoe leaf abscission increased with increasing rates, but only reached 50%. They also found that spraying twice at a 15 minute interval increased abscission.

Other research (ref) has shown that treatment of cut stubs with 10% Ethephon does reduce percent regrowth over pruning alone.

If Ethephon is not the solution, what's the best way to get rid of mistletoe? Like many successful weeds, mistletoe is efficiently spread by birds. Many species of birds eat its lovely white berries and then excrete the seeds in



The Thief of Trees *continued from page 9*



unsuspecting trees. The sticky seeds germinate and grow root-like structures called *haustoria* which extend up and down the branch in the tree's vascular system. Pruning out the infected limb to at least a foot below the mistletoe attachment site should remove the haustoria and prevent regrowth. However, this is an expensive solution and not always appropriate. Pruning the mistletoe to a stub is like mowing to control weeds. Pruning will reduce the numbers of seeds spread, and it slows down the growth of the

mistletoe. It's certainly better than doing nothing, but unless it's done repeatedly over time, the mistletoe will regrow.

The other commonly used control method is to cut the mistletoe back to a stub and prevent its regrowth by excluding light. This is traditionally done by wrapping the area with black plastic, aluminum foil or tar paper. The wrap needs to remain on the tree for a few years. As one might imagine, wrapping tree branches in black plastic is also time consuming and not especially attractive. It's also likely to create a microclimate that could cause heat damage to the bark and often attracts ants and other insects. Substituting black pruning paint for the plastic wrap treatment may have good results (ref).

How about host resistance? There's good and bad news here. Crape myrtle, Chinese pistache, Bradford pear, ginkgo, sweet gum

and sycamore are never infested with mistletoe, meaning they are not suitable hosts. Unfortunately, many of our great native trees are quite susceptible, including the oaks, the elms, bois d'arc and mesquite. Other popular street trees afflicted by leafy mistletoe infections include walnut, poplar, beech and cherries.

In summary, you can try spraying, pruning, really pruning, pruning and wrapping, pruning and painting, or giving up and planting a ginkgo, but the mistletoe battle is not easily won. It is, however, a worthy battle, especially when you consider that water conservation may soon be a quantifiable benefit.

Reference

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Fort Worth Forester Lost to Prairie **Melinda Adams**

Last October, Michelle Villafranca, one of Fort Worth's Foresters, wandered out of the woods and went missing. Rumor has it that she has returned to nature. She was last seen roaming the tall grasslands of the Fort Worth Nature Center.

Despite our attempts to lure her back into the woods she has become a true wild woman, spending hours outdoors exploring flora and fauna. She will be missed.

Michelle's 4 years of contributions to the Forestry Section have included planting 4,311 trees, procuring a rainwater harvesting system for the greenhouses, establishing a vocational education program for special needs children, developing a 2.5-acre prairie restoration area at the Rolling Hills tree farm, expanding Forestry's GIS data base, increasing FWISD participation in the Arbor Day Poster contest, and developing an appreciation of nature in all of us.



Michelle Villafranca, lost forester.

Hitting a Home Run for Trees in Grapevine **Kevin Mitchell, Parks Superintendent**

What does a Tree City USA do when over 100 trees are going to get bulldozed? The city of Grapevine decided to go to bat for them. As a Tree City USA for 22 years, the city stepped up to the plate to try to hit a home run for those trees. The Oak Grove Ballfield Complex will undergo an extreme makeover this summer and fall and many large trees are going to be in the way of progress.

The Parks & Recreation Department decided to move and replant as many trees as possible before the demolition and construction. The larger trees, 10"-14" in caliper, will be hand dug and moved with a crane. The smaller 4"-9" caliper trees will be dug using a tree spade. All the trees will be moved to a temporary nursery adjacent to the

project site. Once construction is complete, the trees will be moved back and incorporated into the new ballfield landscape plan. These transplanted trees will make an immediate impact on the look of our new ballfields.



Unfortunately, many trees could not be moved. The design team was charged with modifying the plan to save as many of the large trees as possible. In the center of the complex is a grove of live oak trees that are 20" in caliper. These trees would be

impractical to move efficiently. Thanks to the determination of city staff and the skill of the design team, the design of the new complex was altered to save five of the live oaks. They will be the focal point of the pedestrian plaza for the new complex. The playground design was also altered to incorporate existing cedar elm and Chinese pistache trees into the new playground area; they will provide shade for children in the playground. Several of the fields' fence lines were also shortened to save several existing post oak trees.

The city of Grapevine hit a home run for trees on this project!

"Grapevine has a long and proud history of tree preservation. Saving the trees at our Oak Grove Baseball Complex showcases the creativity and foresight of our city staff and is another example of why Grapevine is recognized as a leader in horticultural and ecological efforts."

*Sharon Spencer,
Council Member*

Haltom City Arbor Day Event set for March 14 **Fran Burns**

Citizens, young and old, are invited to join in the experience of Arbor Day in a celebration scheduled for the Haltom City Public Library on Saturday, March 14, From 10:45 am to 12:15 pm. This combined program for children and adults is designed to inform, entertain and make individuals think about the value of trees as well as their own personal impact on the world.

Planned to include a brief history of Arbor Day, stories, a forum-style discussion and more, this presentation will seek to inform citizens about trees, litter, recycling, and environmental awareness as a means of keeping the community clean and healthy. The event will culminate with a talk by Melinda Adams, Fort Worth City Forester, and a tree planting at the new library, which is located at 4809 Haltom Road.

The event is free and everyone is encouraged to attend. This program is hosted in cooperation with the North Central Texas Council of Governments through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Please call 817-222-7767 for further information.

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