

Strathmoor Manorisms
The City of Strathmoor Manor
November 2015

News from the Forestry Board

Our Forestry Board has been very busy over the past few months and the results of their efforts got under way earlier this week!

Who is the Forestry Board?

Our Forestry Board is comprised of:

- 2 resident volunteers – currently Nick Clifton and Ron Hirsch. Board members are appointed by the Mayor and serve 2-year terms until their successors are appointed.
- Director of City Maintenance serves as Chairperson of the Forestry Board – currently Kathy Zandona
- City Clerk serves as secretary of the Forestry Board – currently Susan Stopher

What is the purpose of the Forestry Board?

The Forestry Board is responsible for maintaining trees in the Manor as defined in several city ordinances. The full set of Manor ordinances can be found on the home page of the Manor's website www.cityofstrathmoormanor.com. Simply stated, the Forestry Board is responsible for trimming, removing and planting trees in the Manor's parks, right of ways and other public spaces.

What was the Forestry Board's methodology for the current tree work?

The Board walked the Manor several times over the past four months to identify trees in immediate need of trimming or removal. Then the Board received independent recommendations from the Greenhaven arborist, after which they reconciled the Board's observations with Greenhaven's recommendations. The result of their work is that 17 trees will receive maintenance, 17 trees will be removed and a few trees remain on a follow-up list. Those trees marked with a painted "X" will be removed. The Manor has a long-standing relationship with Greenhaven who is doing the maintenance work.

How does the Forestry Board decide where to plant trees?

During their walks of the Manor, the Forestry Board identified areas where a new tree is needed with the goal being to fill the empty spaces and replace trees being removed. The Board will strive to have one tree planted per resident's right of way along with maintaining the trees in the Manor's park & roundabout.

In selecting trees, they chose varieties that will grow large and provide a nice canopy for our neighborhood. They also chose some trees that would fill in smaller areas. Overall, they are striving for a nice variety of trees in the Manor.

Since the Manor takes responsibility for trees in the right of ways, this allows homeowners to concentrate on planting trees in their front or back yards.

The Manor received planting guidance from several professionals including the Greenhaven arborist, a Metro Louisville landscape architect and private tree nurseries as relates to trees that will have long life-spans, enhance the tree canopy, and have high initial survival rates. Professionals recommend planting in the fall as a key component to increase survival rates. Using those recommendations and working to keep the average tree purchase and planting cost low, the Board received quotes from several vendors and ultimately made a selection of trees from 3 vendors based on life expectancy, city aesthetics, and cost.

When & Where will the new trees be planted?

Throughout November and December, new trees will be planted around the Manor at 39 sites. Locations for new trees will be marked within the next week or so. Please don't move the location flags! Several vendors are involved in planting our new trees and each will be looking for the flags in the previously agreed-upon locations. If flags are moved, it will delay the planting.

How do I care for my new tree?

1. Please keep the soil moist but not soaked. Water your tree once a week if we haven't had a soaking rain. New trees need 1-2 gallons of water per watering. If the soil is dry below the surface of the mulch, it is time to water! Continue to water until the point at which daytime temperatures are staying below 45 degrees.
2. Keep the tree mulched. Mulch acts like a blanket to hold in moisture, moderate the soil temperature, protect the bark from mower and weed-eater injury, prevents soil compaction and reduces competition for nutrients from grass and weeds. Maintain a 2"-4" layer of mulch extending 1'-2' from the tree trunk but do not allow the mulch to cover the actual base of the trunk. Make sure there is a small mulch-free ring right around the trunk base – this will help prevent decay.

Why all the interest in trees?

Trees produce oxygen, control noise pollution, slow storm water runoff, shade and cool us and our homes, fight soil erosion, add to the beauty of our neighborhood and increase property values!

Thank you, Thank you!

Our Forestry Board members have spent a great deal of time in recent months surveying our city trees, developing an inventory list, determining needed maintenance and scheduling both the maintenance and the new plantings. Their hard work is really going to pay off for the entire Manor in the years to come. We owe them a big “THANK YOU” for all their hours of hard work!

The 2015 Manor Picnic was a big success!

Wow – what a turnout! The 2015 Manor Picnic was a big success with well over 100 people in attendance! Lauren Novak & Mona Nunn did a phenomenal job with the planning. Flying Pig BBQ served up yummy sandwiches & ribs, Kona Ice dished up tasty cold treats and the weather was perfect! And the band, Chain Reaction, was outstanding – they are a talented group of young men!

“Thank you” to Lauren Novak and Mona Nunn for organizing! And a special “Thank You!” to Chris Nunn for underwriting the cost of the Kona Ice truck!

Trick or Treat in the Manor

Halloween falling on a Saturday this year + very pleasant weather + Daylight Savings Time still in effect = lots of Trick or Treaters in the Manor this year! Parents mentioned how enjoyable it is to bring their children to the Manor for Trick or Treat because so many of our residents participate and we have sidewalks for safety!

Lock those doors

The Strathmoor Police Department reminds all residents to lock up – both your vehicles and your home. We all have a personal responsibility to safeguard our own property.

Sidewalks

Please make sure your sidewalks are clear of mud, debris and snow, especially if you have had recent renovations/sewer or gas line work.

Manor City Taxes

If you or your mortgage company has questions regarding your Manor property taxes, please contact city bookkeeper, Pat Colgate, at (502) 451-9800. Please mail tax payments to:

City of Strathmoor Manor
PO Box 5459
Louisville, KY 40255-0459

Miscellaneous Info

- Tree blocking the road? If a tree comes down that is blocking a road in the Manor, please call the Strathmoor Police Department at 432-8900 or the Louisville Police Department at 911. A police officer will secure the scene and call for a maintenance crew to remove the limbs. This situation is considered an emergency because trees blocking the road also block emergency vehicles.
- Waste Management picks up garbage, recycling and yard waste each Tuesday. They will take one junk item per week per house. Remember yard waste must now be set out in reusable bins, paper bags or compostable plastic bags.
- Call MSD at 502-587-0603 if you have standing water in your easement or are experiencing a problem with the storm-water drain in your easement.
- Street light out? Report to LG&E at (502) 589-1444
- Is your house number visible during both daylight and darkness? A highly visible house number will assist emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles, other vendors and your guests find your home.
- The City of Strathmoor Manor has a Facebook group. Please join to be part of neighborhood discussions.
- Be a considerate dog owner and pick up after your pet. Let's keep the Manor clean and safe for all!

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