

Residents trained on urban forestry

The Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association held an Urban Forestry 101: Capacity-Building Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Jackson Public Schools Medgar and Myrlie Evers Career Development Center. Residents were trained on how to recognize trees that are in danger of falling, the correct method of pruning mature trees.

An Urban Forestry Guide provided a wealth of information from the challenges associated with tree growth including limited space, compacted soils, pollution and infrastructure conflicts.

Presenters were: Dr. Stephen Dicke and Emary Smith. Dicke is a Mississippi State University forestry professor emeritus. He holds the following certifications: International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification® Mississippi Registered Forester, and Qualified Tree Farm Inspector and Commercial Pesticide Applicator, Mississippi.

He has experience as a consulting forester and arborist. His duties include farm tree management plans and certification, timber casualty losses, timber trespass valuation, shade tree risk and health assessments, inventory, tree protection and recovery and valuation.

Smith is an environmental and agricultural professional pursuing a doctor of philosophy degree in environmental toxicology focusing on the intersection of community education stewardship, and sustainability systems, with a commitment to helping communities better understand and care for the natural environments in which they live.

With experience across Mississippi and internationally, she works with residents, farmers, and local leaders to address common concerns related to trees and urban landscapes, including safety, maintenance, flooding and aging infrastructure.



Dr. Stephen Dicke



Emary Smith



Annie Course



Linda Liddell

Course, Liddell lauded for service to PTPNA

Annie Course and Linda Liddell are lauded for their untiring volunteerism to the Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association.

Course is the longest serving officer for the PTPNA. She has served as the association's treasurer since the inception of PTPNA in 2009.

Liddell has a unique role in the PTPNA as she serves as a both a street and block captain.

In their roles, Course and Liddell are an integral part of the success of Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association.

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Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association hosts second workshop

The Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association held its second urban forestry training workshop Saturday, March 21, at the Jackson Public Schools Medgar and Myrlie Evers Career Development Center. The workshop was conducted by representatives from Professional Associates and the Business Services Division of the Miss. Secretary of State's Office.

Titled, "Nonprofit Organizational Development Training for Urban Forestry Nonprofits and Neighborhood Associations," the workshop focused on establishing a nonprofit organization, nonprofit organization vs. neighborhood association, organizational cultural & board governance. Attendees were taught the basics of how nonprofits are structured and work and how to strengthen an organization's structure and impact.

Strong organizations build strong neighborhoods, clear structure increases credibility and sustainability and proper setup attract funding, partners, and community trust were some of the benefits of organizational development.

After attending the workshop, participants were able to understand how to formally establish an organization, strengthen leadership and accountability and learned state and governance basics.



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PTPNA Association Dues Deadline

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May 1, 2026 - \$60

May 15, 2026 - \$65

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Proposed trees needing Work - Pecan Tree
Park Neighborhood. 3/26/26

Filters Applied

View Filter: Pecan Tree Park - Trees

You're viewing the **Pecan Tree Park** trees.
Showing 93 of 111 sites.

Search

SHOW ALL TREES

BACK TO CLIENT SITES

Toggle All ?

- ☒ American elm
- ☒ Bradford pear
- ☒ Cherrybark oak (5)
- ☒ Chinese magnolia; Saucer magnolia
- ☒ Eastern red cedar (3)
- ☒ Green hawthorn
- ☒ Live oak (6)
- ☒ Pecan (12)
- ☒ Slash pine (2)
- ☒ Southern magnolia (3)
- ☒ Sugarberry (3)
- ☒ Sweetgum
- ☒ Tallowtree
- ☒ Tulip tree
- ☒ Water oak (47)
- ☒ Willow oak (5)

URBAN FORESTRY GUIDE

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1. THINGS TO KNOW

Definition



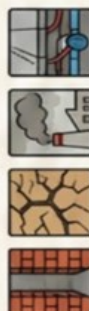
Planting, care, & management of trees in cities and towns.

Benefits



Improve air quality, reduce heat islands, manage stormwater, increase property values, provide wildlife habitat.

Challenges



Limited space, compacted soils, pollution, conflicts with infrastructure.

Community Role



resident, planner, arborist
Collaboration for success.

2. COMMON TREES (MISSISSIPPI)

Climate supports diverse native species



Sweetgum
Brilliant fall foliage, medium-to-large shade.



Southern Magnolia
Evergreen, fragrant flowers, iconic.



Live Oak
Long-lived, sprawling canopy, excellent shade.



Bald Cypress
Tolerates wet soils, distinctive feathery foliage.



Red Maple
Fast-growing, ails, vibrant red fall color.



Common Persimmon
Provides edible fruit, hardy native.

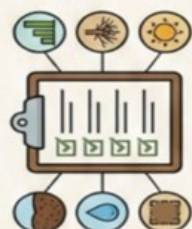


Red Maple
Fast-growing, vibrant red fall color.



Eastern Redbud
Small ornamental, pink spring blossoms.

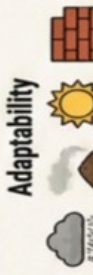
3. HOW TO CHOOSE A TREE



Site Conditions
Match to soil, drainage, available space.



Growth Habits
Consider mature size, canopy spread, root system.



Adaptability
Tolerant of pollution, heat, compacted soils.

Purpose



Shade, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, stormwater management.



Native Preference
More resilient, support local ecosystems.

4. HOW TO PLANT A TREE



1. Select Location
Adequate space above & below.



3. Dig Proper Hole
Twice as wide as root ball, no deeper.



4. Position Tree
Place root flare at soil level.



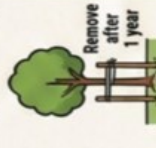
5. Backfill Carefully
Native soil, tamp lightly.



6. Water Thoroughly
Consistent moisture during establishment.



8. Stake if Needed
Only if unstable; remove after 1 yr.



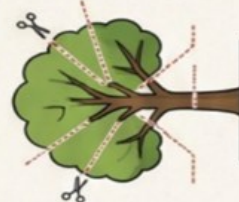
7. Mulch
Apply 2-4 inches, away from trunk.

5. HOW TO PRUNE (MATURED)

When & Reasons



Late Winter/ Early Spring
Before growth; remove dead/diseased, improve structure, clearance, reduce hazards.



Techniques



Crown Thinning
Remove select branches.

Crown Raising
Remove lower branches for clearance.

Crown Reduction
Shorten branches to reduce size.

Best Practices

- ✓ Clean cuts at branch collar (✓)
- ✗ Avoid topping (X - severe cutting)
- ✓ Use sharp, sanitized tools (✓)
- ✗ Never remove >25% canopy at once (✓)

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Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter, January - March 2026

Pecan Tree Park Neighborhood Association INVOICE for 2026 DUES
Telephone: 601-454-6349

Amount due by May 1, 2026 - \$60

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Name _____

Address of Property _____

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Date _____

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