

# **Shade Tree Commission**

## **2023 Accomplishments**

Linda Burton, Chair; Joe Bones, Bobbi Tower

The STC oversees trees and shrubs along our residential streets and in our parks. Our goal is to help ensure our town's urban forest will stay strong for future generations, while helping to protect the health and well-being of our current residents. To do this, we:

Administered and coordinated the Borough's Bare Root Tree Planting Program

- Coordinated with the Philadelphia Horticultural Society, Borough Administration, and Public Works Department to provide 37 new trees to Borough residents
- Consulted with Malvern residents on tree and site selection
- Educated Malvern residents on proper planting and mulching techniques
- Provided 37 site visits
- Provided watering and maintenance instructions during drought
- Provided education on winter care for new trees
- Note: 100% of these trees are native species that will support a healthier urban ecosystem and contribute to our Borough's Bird Town initiative. A special thanks to Public Works that kept the new park trees watered during the spring drought.

Enhanced the safety and security of Borough residents by:

- Surveying the Randolph Woods Annex Parcel
- Marking dead trees for removal in the Randolph Woods Annex Parcel
- Marking dead trees for removal along the Fire House access road
- Marking trees for pruning and removal in Rubino Park
- Marking trees for safety pruning in Burke Park
- Marking trees for safety pruning and removal at Borough Hall
- Marking trees for safety pruning or removal around the Public Works facility

- Providing 18 site visits

#### Completed Phase 1 of the King Street reforestation project

- Worked with residents, Malvern Borough administration, Borough Consulting Engineer, Landscape Architect and installation contractor to beautify our town by adding 12 new trees along King Street in residents' front yards. See pictures below. We're looking forward to Phase 1B next year.
- Provided 14 site visits

#### Completed the final phase of the Quann Park renovation

- Rebuffered the western edge with the installation of 3 native holly trees. As these trees grow in, they will provide screening for neighbors and a more natural entrance into the Battlefield Woods.
- Worked with neighbors to secure agreement. Worked with Borough Administration, Borough Engineer, installation contractor to insure a successful installation.
- Provided 10 site visits

#### Consulted with the Borough. At the request of the Borough

- Met with developers and conducted 6 site visits regarding SALDO developments
- Reviewed and provided recommendations on SALDO plans
- Consulted on vegetation retention and selection
- Assessed and marked trees for removal or pruning

Overall, members of the STC conducted over 100 site visits, some to our neighbors' homes to provide tree selection, siting, planting and maintenance advice. Other visits involved meeting with developers to evaluate tree and vegetation protection and replacement. We surveyed our town's parks to identify and schedule tree pruning, safety, maintenance and replacement needs.

The STC is looking forward to 2024 and its continuing work with our residents, Borough Staff and other Borough Committees, to continue to preserve the health and appreciation of our Urban Forest.

**Native Hollies at Quann Park**



**Red Maples on King Street**



**White Oaks on King Street**

