

Park Activities
after September 16 PPC Meeting

September 20: Sheri met with Esther Stokes to discuss revisions to original plan. Esther said she would have a revised drawing back in a few weeks.

September 24: Justin Critz, President of DHCA informed us that Parkwood Park would be receiving \$3,000 in grants from DHCA -- \$1,500 this year and \$1,500 next year.

September 24: Sheri met with Brian Williams the Forest Restoration Coordinator for Trees Atlanta about a variety of issues including management of mature trees, stream restoration, and the possibility of receiving future grants.

September 27: Esther Stokes provided the revised drawings based on feedback from the committee earlier than expected.

October 4: Using this year's grant from DHCA, Sheri and Steve purchase plants from Intown Nursery, a wholesale nursery with lower price for volume purchases, to begin implementing the plan from Esther Stokes. Two pickup trucks full of plants. Several more plants need to be purchased this fall, and a lot more next spring.

October 11: Sheri purchases remaining woody shrubs for this fall's planting from Trees Atlanta at discounted prices.

October 15: SEC is doing work in the neighborhood checking sewer and gas lines. Unfortunately, one of their trucks ran through the traffic circle near East Lake. Sheri contacted the company the next day and they sent a crew out to replace the damaged plants and re-mulch the area.

October 18: Sheri and Joe Foley planted the first of the new plants following the new plan for the Ponce de Leon area – Christmas ferns, and 'hearts-a-burstin'.

October 21: PPC meeting delayed until November 4.

October 23: Bryan updates Park pages to remove out of date data.

October 26: The fall workday in the Park concentrated on the Ponce de Leon end of the Park, removing forsythia and pulling Ivy from trees. Thanks to Tom and Cindy Bell, Jim Paulino, Steve and Erin Elmore, and Dan Mallory. Pulling Ivy has become more involved because buried in the Ivy on approximately one-third of the trees are crossvines. They are slow growing native plants we want to protect.

November 2: A Chainsaw workday in the Park – thanks to Tom Bell, Dan Mallory, Allen _____, and Steve Elmore. Many small to medium-sized weedy trees (mulberry, and box elder) in the Ponce de Leon end of the Park were removed to open up the area for the fall and spring planting.

November 2: Sheri, Jim Kennedy, Karna Candler, and Joe Foley planted nearly two dozen plants using the new planting plan along East Parkwood and Ponce de Leon –fothergilla, beautyberry, and inkberry.

November 3: Sheri and Jim Kennedy plant two dozen more plants along West Parkwood – Virginia sweetspire, and Ryan Gainey hydrangea.

November 4: PPC meeting deferred from October 21 is canceled.