



**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
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To: Joe DeIorio, Municipal Administrator  
From: Neil Paulsen, Chairman  
Shade Tree Commission  
RE: 2012 Annual Activity Summary

The following is a summary of the Shade Tree Commission activity during 2012:

Resident Calls - The STC responded to 88 calls during 2012 compared to 47 in 2011. Of the 2012 calls 16 were related to Sandy. All other Sandy issues were handled by OEM and/or Code Enforcement. STC has no record of that activity.

Activities - The STC organized and conducted Arbor Day activities at MES involving two grade levels – 3 & 4. The children's participation included a poster contest, Arbor Day Essays, group readings at MES. A Zelkova tree was planted by MES students on the MES grounds. Students received a pine tree sapling to plant at their home. Also, Arbor Day activities for pre-school children took place at the Manasquan Public Library.

STC members did spike fertilizations for the London Planes at Stockton Lake Ballfield and mulched all London Planes remaining after six died over the winter.

STC provided, and helped place 24, 2cu ft bags of mulch at the Coast Guard tower plantings on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and Ocean Ave. Extensive weeding was also done.

New Trees Planted – Six trees, including the Arbor Day tree are being planted. Five are donated. Two Prohet Kousa Dogwoods and two Washington Pears are being planted on Pearce Ave by residents as street trees. A Red Maple is being planted on S Potter in Mallard Park as a memorial tree.

Our escrow fund for planting has grown as a result of integrating tree payment requirements into the closing documentation for property closings. We had planned to plant several trees in November however Sandy eliminated that plan.

We had, in 2011, recommended replacement trees for the business district but, to date, no

approval action was taken..

Tree Removals –

Excluding Sandy's damage, 14 trees were removed due to hazardous conditions caused by the winter storms or old age. The locations included Riverside, Salmon, Water Plant, Stockton Lake Ballfield, Bike Path, Manito, Morris, Forest, Willow, and Cherry. DPW assisted in removing several dead trees.

Sandy – The hurricane uprooted and severely damaged a large number of trees. A summary total is being developed.

Pruning –

STC members pruned all trees on Tarpon, Marlin, Pompano, Salmon, Trout, Pike, Whiting and Riverside. STC members also pruned low branches on trees on Ocean, Stockton Lake, Parker and Pearce.

Elevations - The STC has a rotating street schedule for elevations. The objective is to do each street every five years. Due to the costs associated with the Sandy storm, there were insufficient funds to complete all elevations. Prior to the storm one street and one park were elevated. Both of these were not done in 2011 due to Irene.

There is a total of \$10,000 and \$22,000 in elevation work from 2011 and 2012 that was unable to be completed. This preventative maintenance program backlog affects 15 streets and 6 parks.

Publicity - The STC Arbor Day activities received coverage in the Coast Star with an article and picture. The STC website was updated and the STC 2011 annual report was posted on the website. The STC purpose, programs and organization are published on the website. Responsibility for trees is also explained.

Education – Two members attended the NJ Tree Federation training program in Cherry Hill. Material on planting, tree volcanoes and pruning is distributed in Borough Hall and the Library and is also posted on the website.

Awards - The STC received the "Tree City USA" award for the 15th year in a row and the "Tree City Growth Award for the 11<sup>th</sup> time and the 9th year in a row.

It is estimated that members spent 400 hours on all activities.

Cc - Mayor George Dempsey  
Councilman Owen McCarthy  
Sharon Bogie, Secretary  
STC Members