

GARDENERS BY THE BAY GARDEN CLUB

Anyone with an interest in gardening is invited to visit or join this club. Meetings are held at The University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive, the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, beginning at 9 am.

"Citrus for Houston" is Kevin Kopek's lecture at the club's meeting on October 3. The speaker for the meeting on November 7 is Ken Smith whose topic is "Yard Art."

Many members are Master Gardeners eager to answer gardening questions and who present specimens of horticulture at the meetings.

For additional information, call Katy 281.488.5655 or Erica 281.461.4537.

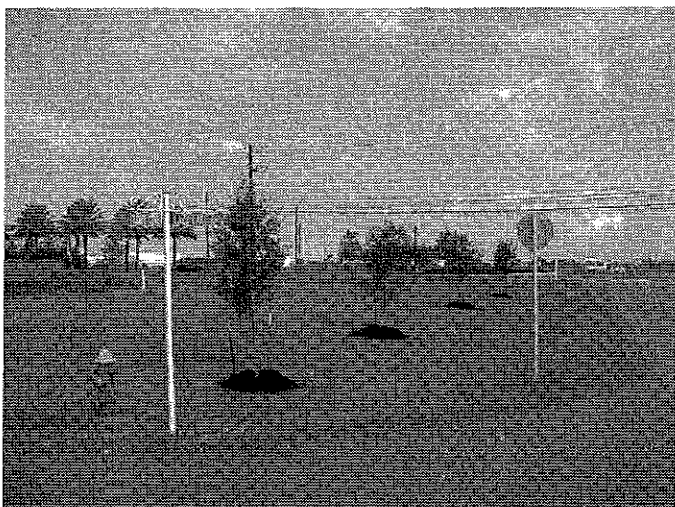
SWAN LAGOON TREES

Thirty-six trees were recently planted by the City in the Swan Lagoon area at the request of the residents.

Bradford pears and live oaks were planted along Lagoon Drive and the entrance to Sandy Cove.



Lagoon Drive



Sandy Cove

COUNCIL APPROVES NASA PARKWAY ENHANCEMENTS, PHASE V

City Council has approved awarding the next phase of NASA Parkway improvements, with the new tourism project expected to be substantially complete by late November.

This project continues the extensive enhancement work that has occurred on NASA Parkway since the Texas Department of Transportation completed rebuilding the roadway in 1998.

In prior phases the City has planted and irrigated 131 Medjool date palms, 200 live oaks, 129 crape myrtles, and assorted shrubs and flowering plants. In addition, pedestrian lighting has been added to both rights-of-way, and a magnificent monument to our International Space Station partners was constructed and dedicated.

This latest phase will add an additional 175 live oaks to the north right-of-way, along the NASA-JSC fence line. This line of trees will balance those already planted on the south right-of-way. In addition to the trees and irrigation, additional shrubs and flowering plants will be added on the right-of-way at several intersections.

Funding for this tourism project comes from the City's hotel tax revenue, supplemented with matching funds from the Texas Department of Transportation under their cost-sharing program.



Jack Amuny of Wings Over Houston accepts a \$20,000 check from Mayor Matter at the September Council meeting. Mr. Amuny thanked Council for its continued support, related many of this year's events, and invited everyone to attend on October 6-7. Funds came from hotel/motel taxes.