Agenda
Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting

Join the virtually via Teams
Meeting ID: 274 024 861 164 76
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9:30 – 11:00 AM, August 26, 2026

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Presentation by Design and Construction Department on Pirate Cove Drainage Improvement Project
3. Review and approve minutes from July 22, 2026 (VOTE)
4. **Heritage Tree Awards** – Update
    a. Presentation at City Council scheduled for September 1, 2026
5. Strategic Plan Updates
    a. Community Education to the Public
    Goal: Give presentations to three professional organizations that influence new community members on the value of trees and maintaining the tree canopy in Wilmington within 1-2 years.
    Follow-Up Items: Explore potential for presentations in the economic development and business community on green infrastructure and tree planting enhancements.
    b. Tree Ordinance and Enforcement
    Goal: Analyze current tree ordinance and recommend an amendment to the Land Development Code to increase tree retention in all new development within 2 years.
    Follow-Up Items: Committee created, first meeting after this meeting
    c. Partnerships and Collaboration
    Goal: Create a spreadsheet and score card with statistics regarding number of volunteers, volunteer hours, trees distributed and use to provide updates to the public, determine the impact of work completed, and evaluate current practices within 2 years.
    Follow-Up Items: Continuing tracking events and volunteer hours. Set next target for data collection.
6. Staff Reports
    a. Sally Thigpen – Asset and Property Management
    b. Aaron Reese – Asset and Property Management, Urban Forestry
        i. New tree work schedule communication process
    c. Haley Hopkins – Planning and Development
7. Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
8. Upcoming Events:
    a. Native Plant Festival – September 16-18
    b. The Great NC Tree Conference – October 8-9, 2026
    c. Fire in the Pines – October 10, 2026

d. Tree Fest – January (date TBD)
e. Additional events of interest to the Commission

9. New Business
    a. Review proposed By-laws updates

Next Meeting is September 23, at 9:30 AM, 929 N. Front St., 1st Floor Azalea Room (154H).

a) Adjourn –