

**Winterville Tree Commission**  
**Friday, September 21 , 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Averil and Bob Bonsall's Residence

**Present:** Holly Campbell, Bob Bonsall, Averil Bonsall, Roger Cauthen

- **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the August 24, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.
- **WTC email** has been set up: [wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com](mailto:wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com) and we discussed how the Commission email would be accessed and monitored. Averil mentioned that we have already had one request for advice and assistance from Roger.
- **WTC Webpage:** More updates to add -
  - New email address
  - Signed bylaws
  - More useful links:
    - Georgia Forestry Commission- <http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/community-forests/>
    - Arbor Day Foundation- <https://www.arborday.org/trees/>
    - Georgia Urban Forest Council- <http://www.gufc.org/>
    - Trees are Good - [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org)
- **Winterville Tree Commission's First "Winterville Tree Talk", Monday, October 22, 6-8 pm**
  - **FOOD:** This event will be a potluck, but we won't know how many will attend. Therefore we will need to provide some food. Averil and Bob will provide lasagnas (one regular, one vegetarian), Holly will provide a salad, and Roger will also bring something.
  - We will reserve the sign in front of the City Depot if possible. Averil will ask Wendy.
  - The program has already been mentioned in the June Winterville Gazette. Full details will be in the October Gazette, and will also go out on the Winterville listserv and other outlets. The information has been posted on our webpage, and an invitation has been sent to members of the Winterville Community Garden and the ACC Tree Council.
  - The Depot has been reserved from 5 pm to 9 pm to allow plenty of time for set-up and take-down.
  - It was agreed that we ask Dodd to do the opening Introduction – introduce the Tree Commission, and describe the Tree Ordinance.
  - Tom will present the Commemorative Tree Program.

- Bob will present a short introductory talk “Enjoying Your Woodland” and prepare a slide show about various aspects of woodlands, which will run while we eat.
  - The experts who have agreed to attend are:
    - Lauren Muller, Athens Land Trust, NGIPC
    - Gary Crider, Weed Warriors
    - Joey Allen, State Botanical Garden Curator of native garden and woodlands
    - Roger has invited Mike Wharton
    - Seth (Georgia Forestry)
    - Roger – our City Arborist
  - Bob will ask the experts to do a 5-10 minute presentation, and be prepared to answer questions. We will have some questions/answers prepared ahead of time to get the ball rolling.
  - We will prepare a program handout, so that the experts are listed with their contact info.
  - Neither Amanda Tedrow (ACC Extension Agent) nor the President of the ACC Tree Council replied to our invitation. I will contact Amanda again, and Holly will contact the ACC Tree Council.
  - Bob and Averil will get posters printed and distributed around Winterville and to neighboring businesses; Holly will distribute some to UGA student locations.
  - Averil will post the date on the Flagpole calendar
- **Updates from Roger:**
    - A lot of work has been done on removing dead and dangerous tree limbs around the city, especially in Pittard Park. The next stage will be structural pruning.
    - ACC has removed deadwood and some slowly dying limbs, and done some pruning.
    - The part of Sam Alvarez’s tree that fell on city property has been removed.
    - Roger attended the College Canopy Conference, and shared some of the information from it.
    - ARC-GIS family of software is getting closer to easy-for-consumer system of tree ID and info tags.
    - Rodney Walters is the new ACC Community Forester. Roger will extend an invitation to the October Tree Talk.
    - Roger is anxious to get on with Seth’s tree inventory to make it easily accessible.
- **Next meeting: November 30, 2018** - It was decided that a de-briefing on the October meeting could be done by email, and our next meeting will be in November.