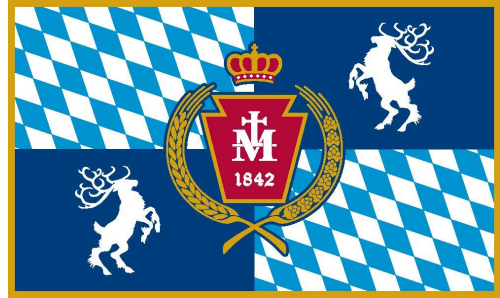


CITY OF SAINT MARYS

**SHADE TREE
COMMISSION
MEMBERS**

There are five (5) appointed members of the Shade Tree Commission. They serve in staggered terms which begin on January 1 of the year of their appointment by City Council. The group elects officers including a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary-Treasurer. The term of office is one (1) year but officers can be re-elected.

“The City of Saint Marys Shade Tree Commission is committed to the planting and maintenance of trees, as well as removal of failing trees in order to beautify the City of Saint Marys, making it appealing to the residents and visitors while ensuring Saint Marys remains green.”



**SHADE TREE
COMMISSION**

*Helping Saint Marys
Remain Green*



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MEETING SCHEDULE
The Shade Tree Commission meets monthly at **6:00 pm** in the Small Conference Room of City Hall on the **First Wednesday** of each month.



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HOW LONG HAS THERE BEEN A SHADE TREE COMMISSION?

The Shade Tree Commission was formed in 1995 consisting of 5 to 7 members for the first years. In those early years the Commission formed a City Ordinance: Ordinance #31, By Laws, a City tree inventory, and performed annual maintenance. The Commission arranges for the removal of diseased and dying trees. They also plant new trees and sometimes replace ones they had to remove.

During 2004-2005 the Shade Tree Commission went through a reorganization period with long time members resigning and new members coming on board.

In 2005 the Shade Tree Commission started an educational program with the 4th grade students in the City. An ISA Certified Arborist from The Pennsylvania State University gives a presentation on trees to these students. This project continues each year.



4th Grader Arbor Day Program Continues Each Year

4th Grade students in the City are given a tree seedling to take home to plant. There is a follow-up in 5th Grade about the tree survival.

TREE CITY USA

The City earned Tree City USA status in 2005 and continues to meet the standard for this prestigious recognition.

The standards are:

- Forming a Tree Board or Commission
- Forming a Tree Care Ordinance (Ordinance #31)
- Performing a Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at least \$2.00 per capita
- Hosting an Arbor Day Program and Proclamation

These standards are all set and checked by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

COMMISSION GOALS



Some of the goals are:

1. Annually plant 2% of the City's tree inventory to ensure a growing urban forest. (app. 10 to 12 trees)
2. Strive to prune all new plantings within two years of their planting.
3. Update the City tree inventory regularly.
4. New inventory to identify all possible planting sites within the City
5. Host Arbor Day Celebration.
6. Perform maintenance trim and removal program in one City management unit and one City park.
7. Encourage environmental and aesthetic conditions of trees and plantings in the City.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION PROHIBITIONS

No person shall plant, maintain, or remove any shade tree without first obtaining a permit from the City and approval by the Commission.

No person shall:

1. Cut, break, climb with spikes or otherwise injure or destroy a shade tree.
2. Interfere with any City employee or agent who is planting, maintaining or removing a shade tree.
3. Apply any pesticides to any shade tree without a permit or license.
4. Fasten any ropes, wires, cables, electric attachments, signs or other devices to any shade tree without a permit from the City.
5. Cut or disturb the roots of any shade tree without first obtaining a permit from the City.
6. Conduct any construction activities without guards or protective devices that prevent injury to a shade tree.
7. Remove or tamper with any device set out for the protections of any shade tree.
8. Pile any materials which may obstruct oxygen flow to the roots system of any shade tree.
9. Hitch or fasten any animal, bicycle or vehicle to any shade tree.
10. Apply any chemical that will injure a shade tree.

City of Saint Marys

Ordinance No. 31