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Philly Tree People Pruning Club's September Event Brief Report

Philly Tree People's inaugural pruning club meeting occurred on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 9am - 11am. Our very first pruning club event took place at Greensgrow Farm located at 2501 E Cumberland Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125. We planned to prune all of the trees surrounding Greensgrow Farm, which is situated on an entire square block and has a total of 30 trees surrounding it, whose tree pits are well maintained and we even had time to prune an additional three trees nearby. PTP's very first Pruning Club event was quite successful and included a significant amount of training and a good time was had by all. With so many different types of trees we had a lot of opportunity for training and education - we all learned a lot. We were fortunate to have two certified arborists guide everyone. A volunteer with a full-sized pick up truck helped us with 2 loads of pruned limbs. We planned to prune for 2 hours but our dedicated volunteers devoted as much time as was needed for pruning and cleanup. We raffled off two prizes.

Outcomes:

- 14 volunteers including 2 certified arborists
- 51 volunteer work hours
- 33 street trees pruned
- \$1032.75 Minimum Monetary Value of Work Performed

(Based on the Independent Sector's estimated dollar value of one volunteer hour for 2008:
http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html)

Press:

<http://citypaper.net/articles/2009/10/01/a-million-stories>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44495879434>

<http://phillytreepeople.org/pruning-club.html>

<http://www.philadelphiaspeaks.com/forum/fishtown-northern-liberties-kensington-port-richmond/4991-philly-tree-people-ptp-pruning-club-1925-19134-a.html>

<http://fishtown.us/node/14330>

Online Photos: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nykia/sets/72157622605388033/>

Getting Started



The Big Project for the Day



Assessing the project and Taking a last look



We found a tree under all of that mess



Wrapping Things Up



Winding Down

