



Holly Springs Tree Commission

Holly Springs Public Safety Building, Council Chambers
3235 Holly Springs Pkwy. Holly Springs, GA 30115
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Matt Ackerman - Chair | Bridget Hanney | Colleen Konwick - Vice Chair | Shannon Landon

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2026 Arbor Day update.
- B. Discuss Tree Commission participation in Earth Day 2026.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Purchase of Yard of the Month gift cards.
- B. Yard of the Month nominees for April 2026.
- C. February 10, 2026 Tree Commission meeting minutes.

IV. REPORTS/COMMENTS

- A. Treasurer's Report - January and February 2026.

V. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: II.B.



FROM: Shannon Landon, Treasurer

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Tree Commission participation in Earth Day 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The theme for Earth Day 2026, nationally scheduled for April 22, 2026, is *Our Power, Our Planet*, and its application reflects current global economic, environmental, and civic conditions.

In 2026, *Our Power, Our Planet*, refers to the role of people and communities worldwide in sustaining environmental protections that affect the cost of living, public health, infrastructure reliability, and long-term stability. Environmental conditions influence food systems, water availability, energy access, disaster risk, and economic resilience across all regions. Community participation has historically shaped these outcomes across countries and political systems.

Since the first Earth Day in 1970, civic action has helped establish and strengthen environmental institutions, laws, and international norms. These measures have been associated with reductions in pollution-related illness, improved access to clean water, and long-term public health and economic benefits in many parts of the world.

Earth Day 2026 calls on communities worldwide to take action during Earth Week to support clean air, clean water, clean energy, protected natural resources, and climate stability. These factors are directly linked to human health, economic predictability, food security, and cross-border infrastructure performance.

Why "Our Power, Our Planet"?

Environmental protections are facing pressure worldwide due to economic stress, conflict, climate impacts, and shifting political priorities. In many countries, regulatory frameworks governing air quality, water safety, land use, and energy systems are under review or revision.

Environmental policies influence costs borne by households, local governments, and national economies. Changes to these policies affect utility prices, agricultural productivity, insurance

availability, disaster recovery expenditures, and public health systems. Community engagement provides a mechanism to maintain continuity and accountability when institutional capacity varies.

"Our Power. Our Planet" reflects the documented role of collective action in shaping environmental outcomes beyond formal governance structures alone. Across regions, public participation has influenced standards, enforcement, and local implementation where impacts are felt most directly.

Pillar One: Resilience and Institutional Continuity

Local environmental action contributes to resilience and continuity in diverse contexts. Community-based initiatives such as decentralized renewable energy, local waste reduction programs, ecosystem restoration, and water stewardship have been associated with improved service reliability, reduced exposure to environmental hazards, and more predictable costs. These initiatives often persist despite national policy shifts because they are embedded in local institutions and address immediate needs.

By reducing vulnerability to pollution, resource scarcity, and climate-related disruptions, locally driven efforts help ensure the continuity of essential services and economic activity. Institutional resilience at the community level contributes to stability within broader regional and global systems.

Pillar Two: Shared Interests and Interconnected Outcomes

Environmental systems are globally interconnected. Air pollution crosses borders. Water systems span regions. Food production and supply chains depend on shared ecosystems. Infrastructure disruptions in one location can affect markets, trade, and livelihoods elsewhere.

Environmental protection serves as a preventive policy by reducing downstream costs associated with healthcare, disaster response, migration pressures, and economic disruption. Actions taken in one community contribute to collective resilience and shared stability.

How You Can Take Action

EARTHDAY.ORG is calling on individuals, communities, schools, elected officials, faith groups, and organizations worldwide to organize Earth Day events and actions in cities, towns, and regions on April 18 and throughout Earth Week.

Peaceful Demonstrations and Marches

Public action has influenced environmental decision-making across countries and cultures. The first Earth Day in 1970 followed calls for teach-ins and public action that mobilized millions. Similar approaches have since been used globally to raise awareness and prompt institutional responses to environmental challenges. Nonviolent demonstrations remain a documented means of expressing shared concerns and influencing policy priorities.

Voter Registration and Civic Participation

Civic participation takes many forms across political systems, including voting, public

consultation, and community decision-making. These processes influence environmental regulation, infrastructure investment, and public health standards. Where applicable, individuals can register to vote here. [Vote Earth.](#)

Convening Town Halls and Dialogues with Decision-Makers

Environmental challenges manifest differently across geography, climate, and economic contexts. Local dialogues help align solutions with community conditions.

EARTHDAY.ORG convenes students, educators, local leaders, and policymakers through town halls, roundtables, and community forums to discuss renewable energy, resource management, and workforce development. These conversations support practical solutions that enhance resilience, employment, and long-term opportunity.

Global estimates project significant growth in green jobs by 2030. Education systems and community institutions play a critical role in preparing people for these transitions.

Grassroots Organizing to Protect Environmental Laws and Standards

Grassroots organizing supports the implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and standards worldwide. EARTHDAY.ORG partners with organizations across regions to support protections for air quality, water safety, ecosystems, and public health. You can find partners for Earth Day 2026 here.

Teach-Ins at Schools, Universities, and Community Spaces

Environmental education supports informed participation and long-term resilience. Climate and environmental literacy help translate global objectives into local understanding and action. EARTHDAY.ORG provides educational resources globally and invites participation through the Pledge to Support Climate and Environmental Literacy.

Community Cleanups

Waste and plastic pollution impose environmental and health costs worldwide. Community cleanups reduce pollution, protect ecosystems, and improve local conditions. Through The Great Global Cleanup, Earth Day supports cleanup efforts across countries and regions. Individuals can locate or register for cleanup events using the map provided.

Reforestation, Oceans, and Ecosystem Restoration

Ecosystem restoration contributes to climate regulation, biodiversity protection, food security, and long-term resource stability. Forests, oceans, and wetlands support livelihoods, regulate climate, and preserve biological diversity. Protecting these systems also safeguards genetic resources relevant to medicine, agriculture, and science. The Canopy Tree Project supports reforestation efforts worldwide.

Why We Will Succeed

Environmental protections and collective action are measured by improvements in public health, ecosystem stability, and economic resilience across many regions. Earth Day's global legacy demonstrates people's capacity to work together across borders to protect shared resources and reduce risk. Participation in Earth Day 2026 continues this pattern by

supporting systems that manage costs, reduce environmental risk, and strengthen communities worldwide.

Earth Day's enduring legacy is the power of people rising together. Join us on April 18th, April 22nd, and throughout 2026 to preserve the progress we have made. You can also create and post an event, sign up to receive updates on Earth Day, or become a partner of Earth Day 2026 and add your organization's logo.

Our Power. Our Planet.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Undetermined

ATTACHMENTS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

CONCURRENCES:

N/A

ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: III.A.



FROM: Shannon Landon, Treasurer

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Purchase of Yard of the Month gift cards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purchase of Yard of the Month \$25 Home Depot gift cards for the months April to October.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$175

ATTACHMENTS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommendation is approval of the 2026 Yard of the Month gift cards.

CONCURRENCES:

Finance and Administration.

ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: III.B.



FROM: Shannon Landon, Treasurer

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Yard of the Month nominees for April 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Photos for Yard of the Month nominees have been submitted for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. YOM nominees for April 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Photos have been submitted for your review and selection of a nominee.

CONCURRENCES:

N/A



191 Wentworth Drive



214 BARRETT SPRINGS WAY



309 Apache Drive

**City of Holly Springs
Holly Springs Tree Commission Minutes
February 10, 2026**

Commission Members Present: Chairman Member Matt Ackerman, Vice Chairman Colleen Konwick, and Secretary Member Bridget Hanney.

Commission Members Not Present: Treasurer Shannon Landon.

Staff Present: City Manager Robert H. Logan and Community Development Director Nancy Moon.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ackerman called the Tree Commission Meeting to order.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arbor Day - February 20, 2026.

Chairman Ackerman led the discussion concerning Arbor Day.

B. January 13, 2026, Tree Commission meeting minutes.

Vice Chairman Konwick made a motion to approve Item B. Secretary Hanney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0.

IV. REPORTS/COMMENTS

A. Treasurer's Report - December 2025.

Vice-Chairman Konwick gave the Treasurer's report.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ackerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Konwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0.

Respectfully submitted.

Matt Ackerman, Chairman

Attest:

Sabrina Resendiz
Administrative Assistant

Holly Springs Tree Commission
January 2026

\$ 38,953.37

Less: Cash Disbursements

| DATE | CHECK # | VENDOR | AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/7/2026 | 168 | GEORGIA TREE COUNCIL | \$ (175.00) | 2026 MEMBERSHIP |
| 1/30/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | MATTHEW C. ACKERMAN | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 1/13/2026 |
| 1/30/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | BRIDGET HANNEY | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 1/13/2026 |
| 1/30/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | COLLEEN KONWICK | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 1/13/2026 |
| 1/30/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | SHANNON STEVENSON-LANDON | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 1/13/2026 |

Total \$ (375.00)

Add: Deposits & Other Credits

Total \$ -

Ending Bank Balance \$ 38,578.37

Total Funds \$ 38,578.37

Holly Springs Tree Commission
February 2026

\$ 38,578.37

Less: Cash Disbursements

| DATE | CHECK # | VENDOR | AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2/26/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | MATTHEW C. ACKERMAN | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 2/10/2026 |
| 2/26/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | BRIDGET HANNEY | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 2/10/2026 |
| 2/26/2026 | DIRECT DEPOSIT | COLLEEN KONWICK | \$ (50.00) | TREE COMMISSION MEETING 2/10/2026 |
| 2/27/2026 | CREDIT CARD | GEORGIA TREE COUNCIL | \$ (175.00) | 2026 MEMBERSHIP |

Total \$ (325.00)

Add: Deposits & Other Credits

Total \$ -

Ending Bank Balance \$ 38,253.37

Total Funds \$ 38,253.37