

Arbor Day in the Back Bay Fens

It is with great pleasure that Maltby & Company announces plans to celebrate Arbor Day 2011 together with the City of Boston. The Maltby family, who have been celebrating Arbor Day for more than 40 years, have this year chosen to contribute their professional resources to the Fenway community.

On April 30, Maltby and Company and Natural Tree & Lawn Care will donate their team of 20 tree professionals to improve the safety, aesthetics and health of the trees and plants in Boston's Back Bay Fens. Coordinating their work with the Boston Parks Department, Maltby and Company will perform corrective and structural pruning and repair to winter-damaged trees in this historic park. Hazardous trees or those in decline will be removed, and replacement trees will be provided by Boston Parks Department and planted by Maltby's landscape construction crew. Complimenting this work, Natural Tree and Lawn Care will be on site to supplement existing trees with organic fertilizer to keep them healthy and beautiful.

The project will span a large section of the park from the Fenway Victory Gardens to Avenue Louis Pasteur. Joining Maltby in this ambitious project will be Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Fenway Civic Association, and Fenway Garden Society who have undertaken tree improvement projects of their own.

Arbor Day was coordinated by the Massachusetts Arborists Association (MAA) as an event where many arborists and "green" companies would come together for a day of service on a property chosen by the MAA to improve the safety, aesthetics and health of the plants and trees at that site. Some of the early sites included Franklin Park, The Crane Estate in Ipswich and Larz Anderson Park in Brookline. Last year Maltby and Company spent their day at the Dimock Hospital in Roxbury.

Recently, Arbor Day has evolved and grown into many different events at many locations, each chosen by a single company. Although the structure of the event has changed throughout the years, the mission has not. "Arbor Day provides us with a wonderful opportunity for our company to give something back to the community" said Bill Maltby, speaking of his family's pride in continuing their tradition of Arbor Day giving. "We want to help communities by helping their trees live long, healthy lives."