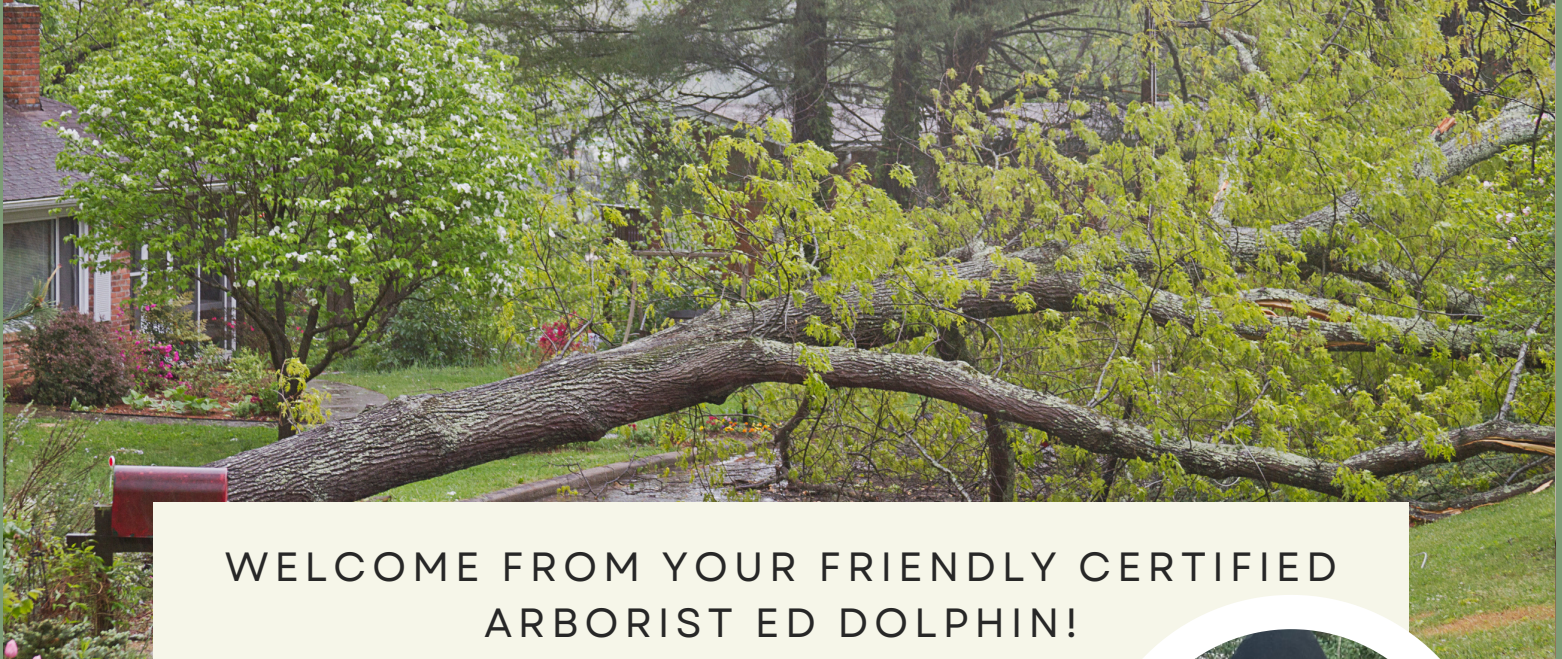


WOODLANDS TREE EXPERTS

August Newsletter



WELCOME FROM YOUR FRIENDLY CERTIFIED ARBORIST ED DOLPHIN!

◆ As we continue to recover from recent storms, it's crucial to address the health and safety of your trees. Ed Dolphin, our certified arborist, has shared some important insights and recommendations to help you maintain a safe and thriving landscape.



FOCUS ON HANGERS:

HANGERS ARE BROKEN LIMBS STILL HANGING THAT WERE GREEN BUT ARE NOW BROWNING OUT DUE TO STORM DAMAGE. OVER TIME, THE FIBERS IN THESE LIMBS WILL DECAY, AND THE WEIGHT WILL CAUSE THEM TO DROP OFF. FALLING DECAYED LIMBS CAN CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO PEOPLE AND PROPERTY, SO IT'S ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THEM PROPERLY REMOVED.



↓ In this newsletter you will find: ↓

Tips, Teaching Schedule, and User Input!



Tree Stress and Insect Attraction

Many trees have suffered stress from the hurricane and wind events. Tree stress causes them to exude a pheromone that attracts insects. Be vigilant for boring insects, as there will be a large population attracted by the damaged trees.

Standing trees are now vulnerable to boring insects, including the pinewood beetle and hardwood borer. We can treat infected trees with an injection, effective for a year or two.

In natural forests, weak trees emit pheromones, attract insects, and eventually decay, making way for new growth. This process is not acceptable in an urban forest setting where tree safety and health are paramount.

Tree Risk Assessment Qualified



Vital Tree Care Tips:

- Proper watering is still vital for tree health.
- Hurricane preparedness remains essential.
- Trees that survived the storm undamaged do not need to be cut down.

If you're uncertain about a tree posing a threat due to its proximity to property or people, call TRAQ certified arborist Ed Dolphin.



Deep Root Fertilization

Consider setting up your trees with a deep root fertilizer this fall to help alleviate the stress and strain from the storms. Reducing stress helps protect trees from boring insects that are designed to kill trees.

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Don't forget to send us your submissions!

STUMP THE ARBORIST!

Q; I PASS THIS LITTLE TREE WHILE WALKING MY DOG. WHAT IS THIS AND CAN I EAT THE FRUIT?

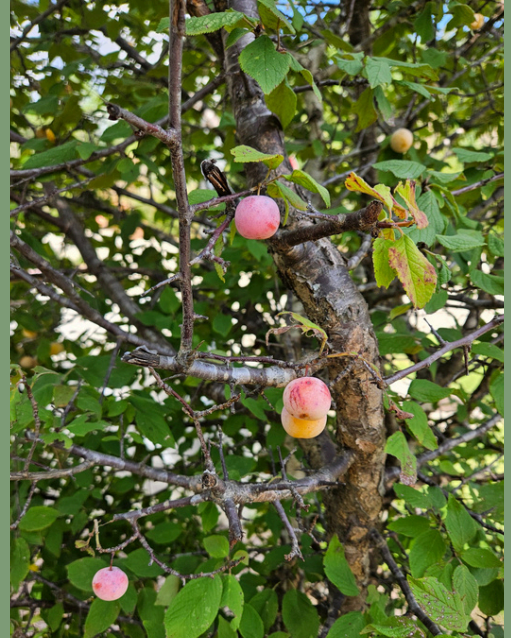
A: THAT'S A MEXICAN PLUM TREE!!

The Mexican plum tree, also known as the inch plum, thrives from hilly sites to bottomlands. It quickly grows into a small tree that produces abundant fruit from late summer into early fall. These fruits mature at a crucial time when food is scarce, attracting wildlife that benefits from the vitamins, minerals, and moisture the plums provide.

Mexican plums are well-suited for narrow spaces like roadsides, pipelines, clearcuts, or powerline edges, stretching just enough to get the sunlight needed for bountiful crops.

The mature, purplish-red plums, which can grow up to 1 inch in diameter, are edible and can be enjoyed fresh or used in jams and jellies. Mexican plums are tart and make some of the best jellies people say they've ever tasted. However, you'll need to act fast to beat the birds and mammals to them!

In addition to its fruit, the Mexican plum is also recognized for its distinctive spiraling bark, adding unique beauty to any landscape. Though often celebrated for its flowers, the bark of the Mexican plum is equally noteworthy.



TREE SPOTLIGHT BAT BOXES

Bat boxes offer a safe and secure habitat for bats, helping to increase their population and biodiversity. They also benefit the environment by providing natural pest control, as bats consume large quantities of insects, including mosquitoes and agricultural pests. Thanks for submitting Vic!

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UPCOMING CLASSES

The Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) is a \$25 membership community that offers free and low-cost classes, events and activities for adults age 50 and older. Choose from technology, health and wellness, financial planning, community service projects, literary discussion groups, genealogy, arts and crafts, history, and more. **More information** at <https://www.lonestar.edu/all>

September

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10-12pm

"WE SURVIVED SUMMER, NOW WHAT?"

Plants For All Seasons Nursery

Address: 21328 TX-249,
Houston, TX 77070

Speaker: Ed Dolphin



October

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10-12pm

"WE SURVIVED SUMMER, NOW WHAT?"

Lone Star College-Tomball

Address: 30555 Tomball Pkwy,
Tomball, TX 77375

Speaker: Ed Dolphin



October

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10-12pm

"WE SURVIVED SUMMER, NOW WHAT?"

Lone Star College-Montgomery

Address: 3200 College Park Dr,
Conroe, TX 77384

Speaker: Ed Dolphin



October

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10-12pm

"WE SURVIVED SUMMER, NOW WHAT?"

Lone Star College - Cypress Center

Address: 19710 Clay Rd, Katy, TX
77449

Speaker: Ed Dolphin



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9-11am

"WE SURVIVED SUMMER, NOW WHAT?"

Lone Star College-North Harris

Address: 2700 W W Thorne Dr,
Houston, TX 77073

Speaker: Ed Dolphin

