‘Sylva’ is Latin for ‘forest’. Sylvan Hills is truly a neighborhood in a forest - it was destined to spotlight the urban forest and host a neighborhood arboretum! The neighborhoods’ hilly streets with rows of bungalow homes and sidewalks with wide planting strips set a perfect stage for interesting and beautiful street trees. Neighbors enjoy the cooler, shady streets in the summer and hope that eventually every street will be lined with shade trees. Come see what Sylvan Hills neighbors have enjoyed for years and consider one of the best attributes of the neighborhood.

Along your walk...

... you will notice a variety of trees as diverse as the thriving Sylvan Hills community. Some trees in the arboretum have granite markers at their bases, so that you may learn more about the wonderful trees that help make this neighborhood so charming. Trees, with or without markers, are identified on the map inside this brochure.

Visit Trees Atlanta’s other Neighborhood Arboretums in varying stages of growth in Cabbagetown, Oakhurst, Virginia-Highlands, Reynoldstown, Midtown, and Inman Park.

Remember, trees beautify our community, clean our air and water, provide habitat for wildlife, and add a sense of wonder to our environment. Enjoy this arboretum with your family and friends - and be sure to keep your eye out for the gorgeous backyard trees peaking over the rooftops.

An arboretum is a living tree museum. The typical arboretum is located in a park or garden where trees can be arranged in themes or by closely-related species.

But this isn’t a typical arboretum. For one thing, the trees in this arboretum are the trees of Sylvan Hills - closely-related species planted next to each other so that visitors can learn the differences between them. For another, people live here. This is their arboretum, which these neighbors helped design and continue to maintain. Welcome to the Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Arboretum!
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