

## Forest Board Report November 2019

Rather than having one large workday this past month, the Forest Board had several smaller work days to complete fall tree plantings and prepare sites for spring plantings next year. In total this fall, the Forest Board has planted twenty trees! A huge thankyou to the continued work and dedication of Leah Neatherland who met with homeowners to discuss tree selection, ordered trees, and organized and participated in each planting. Each tree is planted with a protective cage to protect the tree and a layer of mulch. Next spring, the trees will be receiving a water bag to help homeowners keep the trees properly watered throughout the summer.

With planting behind us for the year, the Forest Board will now begin its structural pruning program once the trees lose their leaves. The Forest Board will be pruning over 190 smaller easement trees that have been planted over the past several years. In addition to the smaller trees, the Forest Board will again promote a structural pruning program this winter for larger street easement trees. Through this program, the Forest Board will contact homeowners who have easement trees that are in need of pruning, arrange for pruning by arborists who are trained in structural pruning, and cover some of the cost (homeowners are responsible for partial cost as well) of structural pruning with the homeowners approval.

Lastly, the updates to the Forest Board webpage have been submitted to the city webpage designer.

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