

## Forest Board Report    October 2019

With the start of fall, the Forest Board is entering one of the busiest times of the year. Over the past month, the Board has had many work meetings to plant 17 trees in the city right of ways, city parks, and right of way on the country club side of Cardinal. We are waiting for the final three trees of the fall to arrive, bringing the total to 20 trees planted this season. 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.

The city forester has reached out to the condos on Cardinal to inquire about planting trees in the right of way area by the condos. Additionally, the City Forester has been identifying trees in the right of way that are priorities for structural pruning in order to maintain the health of our urban tree canopy.

Using this list developed from the City Forester, the Forest Board will again promote a structural pruning program this winter. 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) of structural pruning with the homeowners approval.

Lastly, the forest board and city web designer have developed a plan to update the city webpage. The forest board chair is currently conducting a final review of the materials before the website is updated.

Michael Blum, Forest Board Chair