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**Hamden Tree Commission**

**Hamden Tree Commission announces “Notable Tree”for October 2016**

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The Hamden Tree Commission is proud to announce the Hamden Notable Tree for the month of October, 2016. This American elm is located in Southern Hamden and was nominated by its owner, Adrienne Burns. The American elm (*Ulmus americana*) is a native North American deciduous tree which is recognizable by its dark green leathery leaves and its upright-spreading, umbrella-like profile. In autumn, the tree’s leaves turn a bright golden yellow.

Burns has dubbed the tree “Her Majesty”, as its canopy rules over the neighborhood and is visible from nearby streets. Its height is estimated at 98 feet, with a circumference of 136.7 inches (over 11 feet). The Tree Commission estimates its age at around 80 years. The tree is perfectly positioned in the southwest corner of the lot to shade the house. In warmer months, both Burns and her dog, Daisy, are thankful for the respite from the sun.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Benefit Calculator, an elm tree of this size provides overall benefits to the homeowner and community of over \$430 each year. This includes savings on heating and cooling costs, storm water retention, and reduced levels of pollutants in the air.

In the eighteen years that Burns has owned the house, she has had the tree professionally pruned multiple times and treated with fungicide every three years. The American elm is highly susceptible to Dutch elm disease and should be treated regularly by a professional arborist.

This tree is a wonderful example of the species, with exceptional height and branch structure. Thanks to Burns’ dedication to its health and maintenance, Her Majesty will reign for years to come.

If you have a tree you would like to nominate, please send its location, an image and a few sentences describing the tree and what you think makes it notable to: [help@hamden.com](mailto:help@hamden.com). Please include your name, address, email and phone number as well. Or you can mail your nomination to the Hamden Tree Commission care of the Mayor’s Office, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.

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