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Hamden Tree Commission

Hamden Tree Commission announces “Notable Tree”for September 2016

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The Hamden Tree Commission is proud to announce its first Hamden Notable Tree. This American Sycamore is located at Church Street Elementary School and was nominated by Casey Arenberg, who worked at the school. The American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) is a native eastern North American deciduous tree. The tree is instantly recognizable by its mottled cream-grey-green-brown bark.

Arenberg states that the tree, which is located in the middle of the students’ play area “is loved by many children, and often is the source of entertainment as children can hide and run around it.” The tree also offers ample shade to students at recess. It is indeed quite large, with a trunk circumference measuring 220 inches (over 18 feet) and a height estimated at 86 feet. Hamden is lucky to have such a large and beautiful specimen at one of its schools.

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. 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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