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Hamden Public Works and Tree Commission Plant Over 70 Trees

HAMDEN – Mayor Curt Balzano Leng, Public Works Director Craig Cesare, and the Hamden Tree Commission are very proud to announce that over 70 trees have recently been planted throughout Hamden. These plantings took place as part of continuing efforts to beautify Hamden’s neighborhoods and foster a sense of community engagement regarding the environmental benefits of healthy trees. Additional plantings are scheduled to take place throughout the 16-17 fiscal year.

Many of these newly planted trees were requested by homeowners from various Hamden neighborhoods, and will grow directly in front of each homeowner’s property in the Town’s right of way. Homeowners who have requested trees are responsible for properly maintaining each tree, and all newly planted trees will be periodically assessed by the Town Tree Warden to ensure that they are properly taken care of.

Areas around Town which have seen significant amounts of new plantings include the Furman Street, Thomas Street, and Harmon Street neighborhoods. Other trees were planted at Basset Park, Legion Field Playground, Freedom Park across from Memorial Town Hall, and the Miller Memorial Library. Per the recommendation of the Tree Commission, along with resident input, various types of trees were selected for planting. These trees include the Cornus Florida (Cherokee Brave), Cercis Canadensis (Redbud), Prunus “Okame” Cherry, Katsura Tree, Acer Rebrum (Red Sunset), Acer Griseum (Gingerbread Paperbark Maple), Crataegus Viridus (Winter King), and many others.

Reflecting on the recent plantings, Mayor Curt Balzano Leng commented, “I am quite pleased by the efforts of our Tree Warden, Tony Green, and members of the Hamden Tree Commission. I’d like to extend my thanks to Mr. Green and the Commission, as well as Hamden homeowners for helping to beautify our Town and promote healthy environmental initiatives. I look forward to viewing the beautiful impact these trees will have on Hamden’s neighborhoods, parks, and Town facilities.”

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