

Forester's Report 1-2-2013

Four burning permits were issued since the last Forester's Report.

The Tree City Application was sent in to the Arbor Day Foundation.

A group of red oaks that died due to oak wilt near the west side of Musser Park were removed and the brush has been burned on site. The remaining log pieces will be removed near the end of winter when conditions are less icy. There are several dead oaks that were left standing since the bark was sloughing off. When bark falls off that means that they are no longer a source of inoculum to spread oak wilt so these trees are now "wildlife trees". None of them are near the Musser Park walking trail. There are several nearby oaks that will be monitored during summer 2013 for possible oak wilt infections.

Two large cottonwood trees with dead tops adjacent to Angell Road have been taken down. I am following up with an individual who wanted the logs to get the logs removed.

Research and writing regarding emerald ash borer and wildfire considerations in Sunfish Lake are progressing. The SFL Quarterly, Treeways articles on the SFL web site, and the program for Arbor Day will be the means to deliver this information to our residents.

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