

## Forester's Report 9-30-2013

No burning permits were issued since the last Forester's Report.

Two new possible oak wilt samples was taken and delivered to the U of M plant disease laboratory for testing. The U of M plant disease laboratory reported one positive test for oak wilt and one negative result for oak wilt from the samples taken last month. I have met with the landowners regarding this result and advised of action to be taken. I have also checked areas where oak wilt had been discovered in previous years and met with those landowners as necessary.

The new trees in Harmon Park have been watered and a few replacement trees installed.

Continued dry conditions will likely lead to open burning restrictions this fall. Currently there are no restrictions.

A discarded sofa was picked up and hauled away from near the corner of Salem Church and Windy Hill. Please call me if other junk is dumped along our streets so that I can get it picked up as soon as possible to discourage future dumping.

Jim Naves

City Forester