

Living Sculpture Tree and Shrub Care, Inc.
5900 Zehnder Road
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota 55077

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**** I will be asking for two items to be voted on for this City Council meeting. First – a vote to allow the Mayor to sign our annual Tree City USA application; and second – a vote to name May 1, a Saturday, as our City Arbor Day for 2021.**

One burning permit was issued in October.

Met with City Staff at 357 Salem Church Road regarding project completion questions. More mature trees were saved than the original plan so we are happy – a large American Yellowwood and mature white pines were saved! The Property owners plan to install two additional trees in the spring to replace trees that were removed.

Checked City trees along City streets several times during the month and monitored lake outflow of Sunfish, Hornbeam, and Horseshoe Lakes. No outflow is occurring currently from any of our three lakes.

WSP Police Officer, Matt Mullner, and I met with the property owners at 393 Salem Church Road about a dead deer in their front yard. It may have been an attempted poaching incident and was **Not** related to City deer management hunt. The deer was removed and disposed of appropriately. It seems that there are poaching incidents each year and since they typically involve the use of a gun they are a real safety issue. Please contact the West St. Paul police if you suspect a poaching incident.

Checked and cleared brush from trails in Musser and Harmon Parks, cleared tree that was blocking about one lane of Angell Road, and completed light pruning on young trees in Musser Park.

Created a new Sunfish Lake version for the DNR burning permit that we have used for more than 20 years. Once it has been through appropriate editing, I hope to begin using it in 2021. This will be a paperwork upgrade and will not change burning permit availability or standards.

Horseshoe Lake has had ice from shore to shore at least 4 different mornings during the month of November and then the lake opened up again each time within two days.

Jim Nayes
City Forester