

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

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Forester's Report 10 27 2022

No burning permits were issued during October.

Water samples for all three City lakes were collected from volunteers and provided to Metropolitan Council for testing. Water sampling of lakes is completed for 2022.

Checked City trees along City streets twice during the month and monitored lake outflow of Sunfish, Hornbeam, and Horseshoe Lakes. No outflow was occurring from any of our three lakes. Water levels continue to remain at 2-3' below ordinary high water mark. Recent rains have barely settled the dust that covers everything.

Observed tree and brush clearing by contractor at 205 Salem Church Road thanks to questions by concerned neighbors. A report is being prepared in association with the City Engineer and City Planner along with a requested course of action.

Very dry conditions mean that vegetation for food for our local wildlife is scarce and that means that if you have trees and other landscape plantings that have been watered this summer then those plantings will look especially tasty to deer and rabbits. **Protect your valuable plantings with temporary fencing and animal repellent products now and this winter.**

Plan to water important trees in your landscape to get them ready for winter. The soil around trees should be moist going into late fall and winter for best winter survival and spring growth.

Jim Naves
City Forester