

**University Park Tree Committee meeting  
December 5, 2011, 6:30 pm to 7:30pm; University Park Elementary School**

Attendees: Jenny Glenn, Lindsay Hicks, Chris Aubry, and Len Carey (representative to Town Council)

**Publicizing the University Park shade tree program**

The Committee discussed the University Park program to encourage residents to plant shade trees. The Town will pay up to \$300 to purchase and install shade trees, up to three trees per household. Ms. Hicks said she would reach out the newsletter team and publish a note on the Town's web site.

Mr. Carey said the STEP-UP program was planning a celebration of the program on January 28, 2012. Planting trees fits in with the goals of the STEP-UP program to reduce urban heat islands and encourage a green canopy. Mr. Carey said he wanted to recommend adding selected evergreen species to the approved shade tree list.

**Problems with street tree plantings**

Ms. Hicks identified that there are street trees that were planted inappropriately in the street tree boxes. The root balls of the trees planted along Sheridan Street are half-exposed above ground level. The matter should be brought to the attention of Mr. Beall, Public Works Director.

**Fall Tree Planting, Arbor Day, and a Spring Tree Planting**

The committee discussed the possibilities of a fall tree planting, Arbor Day, and a spring tree planting. We were not able to make much progress in the discussion, as Mr. Beall was not able to attend the meeting.

**Tree Maintenance Budget and Bradford Pear Tree Removal**

The committee discussed the proposal to use any monies remaining in the tree maintenance budget at the end of each fiscal year to remove end-of-life Bradford Pear trees. There are significant numbers of overaged Bradford Pears on the western side of University Park in the vicinity of Adelphi Road. These trees should be removed. They are now splitting and failing in every storm that passes through the community.

The committee also discussed removing ivy from the trees in the park. This is a topic to bring up with Mr. Beall.

**Green Street Design for Queens Chapel Road**

Mr. Carey discussed the plans and proposals under consideration for redesigning Queens Chapel Road for better storm water management.