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Congratulations to the first official MQTWs - Massachusetts Qualified Tree Wardens!

On May 1st, the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association (MTWFA) graduated its inaugural class of tree wardens under the new Qualified Tree Warden program. Fifty tree wardens, municipal tree workers, and future tree wardens participated in the six-part training that took place between October 2017 and May 2018.

Over the six sessions, attendees covered a variety of topics that included botany and soils, streetscape design and planting, and tree risk assessment. During more than 30 hours in the classroom and in the field, trainees learned from tree wardens, state urban and community forestry staff, utility arborists, and experts from UMass. All the attendees persevered through a number of challenges, many of them related to weather and traffic. Graduates received Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden certificates, valid for three years, and may now use the designation "MQTW" after their names.



Students learning methods of tree risk assessment from instructor Dave Hawkins (with ballcap). Photo: Mollie Freilicher

In order to renew their qualifications, MQTWs must earn fifteen Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) over three years, or an average of five per year. This can be achieved by attending the MTWFA Annual Conference or by attending a variety of other programs, including trainings in the MTWFA Professional Development Series (PDS). Other educational events will also qualify for MQTW re-qualification credit, if they have been approved for credits by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or the Massachusetts Arborists Association (MAA). At the end of the three-year period, Qualified Tree Wardens will be required to submit a form to MTWFA that shows they have earned at least 15 CEUs during that time. Qualified Tree Wardens who are also certified arborists (ISA or MCA) must submit copies of their CEU records from those organizations along with their MTWFA form.

The MTWFA developed the Qualified Tree Warden program in anticipation of a change in Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) that would require communities of all sizes to have a qualified tree warden. Current law (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 106) states that communities with over 10,000 inhabitants must have a qualified tree warden; however, the law does not define the word "qualified." The clarification to the law is currently in committee. To find out more about the proposed changes and about how you can help, visit www.masstreewardens.org.

Cities with larger populations are already more likely to employ a certified arborist as their tree warden. That is a luxury less common in smaller communities with fewer resources, where one person must often wear many hats. The MQTW program

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From the President

Welcome to the summer 2018 edition of the BARK Newsletter. The growing season finally settled in after a somewhat delayed spring. As I write this, the gypsy moths have started to appear, but so far damage has been light in my community. I hope this holds true across the state and especially in areas that have seen consecutive seasons of severe damage.



Since my last message, the Executive Board has stayed busy with the Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden (MQTW) course. The series of March snowstorms complicated our schedule a bit, but after the second re-scheduling and a change of venue, we persevered. I was proud to join the first graduating class of 50 MTWFA Qualified Tree Wardens in May. I would like to thank all those who participated in this program, including the organizers, presenters, and attendees. This program has great potential to improve municipal tree care across the state by bringing current technical knowledge to tree wardens. The MQTW steering committee has already met to debrief and discuss improvements for the next session. If you missed this round, keep an eye out for the next course, planned for the fall of 2019.

The snow also forced us to cancel the March board meeting, but we picked up in April and got back to work. The education committee is planning professional development workshops for this coming year and is actively seeking qualified instructors for the Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) and for Chainsaw Safety. If you are aware of a dynamic qualified teacher, please let us know. The May board meeting was held in Cambridge to celebrate the 2018 Tree Warden of the Year, David Lefcourt. I want to thank Dave and the City of Cambridge for hosting our meeting and participating in the ceremonial tree planting. Congratulations to Dave – it is certainly well deserved. If you know of a deserving Tree Warden, please do not hesitate to nominate him/her for the Tree Warden of the Year award. The criteria and the link to an online application are now posted on our website at <https://masstreewardens.org/tree-warden-of-the-year/>, so it has never been easier to nominate a tree warden who deserves special recognition.

The Robert Childs Student Assistance Fund saw another disbursement to a well-deserving UMass student in need. As you know, this fund was created to continue the legacy that Bob has left at the university, and to honor his commitment to student well-being and learning. We are grateful to the Childs family, our generous donors, and most importantly, our memories of Bob himself for the inspiration of this program. We are excited to see that the fund is functioning as intended, ensuring that students can focus more on learning and a little less on the many financial obligations that go along with a college education these days.

Our sub-group of Western Mass. Tree Wardens held its summer dinner meeting on June 12th, and the Southeastern Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Arborist Association (SEMTWAA) held its summer meeting on June 21st. Please consider attending one of these meetings, both for the educational sessions and for networking with colleagues. Each group will be having a fall meeting; check the back-page calendar or the website for dates. Also mark your calendars for September 20th, SEMTWAA's popular Field Day and Equipment Show. Please email semtwaa@gmail.com for more information on both their September dinner meeting and their Field Day.

I am happy to announce that we had another successful Arbor Day seedling season, resulting in \$6,000 to be allocated for next year's scholarships. If you purchased seedlings from us this year, thank you! If you didn't, please consider it for next Arbor Day. The trees are always good quality and the proceeds go toward a worthy cause.

We are proud to recognize Arthur Goodhind, Executive Board member and Tree Warden for the Town of Natick, for receiving the APWA Grounds Manager of the Year Award. This is a national award and Art is the second consecutive winner from Massachusetts! Congratulations Art!

I would like to close with some comments about maintaining a species-diverse urban forest. As we plan new tree plantings, species diversity is something we should all be thinking about. A recent discussion with a colleague got me thinking more about species diversity and what it means in the urban forest that I manage. We may set a goal of no more than 10% of any one genus and 5% of any species, but how do we get there? There are two main issues I can think of when it comes to improving species diversity. One is the scale at which we are considering it, and the other is to identify the primary drivers of plant selection.

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Let's start with scale. As urban forest managers, we work at various scales within our communities. Very often we are considering trees as individuals. Is this tree healthy? How much risk is associated with it in its current condition? What can we do to mitigate this risk? At first glance, these questions may not seem to be impacted by species diversity.

However, if we continue with our tree evaluation, we quickly see where species diversity comes into play. What insects, diseases, or abiotic factors are affecting the tree's health? Here we have an almost direct link to species diversity. The tree species we choose to plant can have a very direct impact on the presence of pests.

We may also work on the neighborhood scale. The types of trees growing along the street may define certain neighborhoods. Almost all of us have an "Elm Street" in our community – but we all know what happened to most of those elms. Thus "neighborhood" can be an important scale to consider, especially if we have a particularly involved citizenry. Some extra education may be needed to show the benefit of planting a variety of tree species.

Furthermore, we should all be considering the community scale. What is the overall species composition town/city-wide? Our knowledge of this, whether through random sample surveys or complete inventories, can provide good guidance on how to plan upcoming planting projects.

Lastly, I wonder how many of us are considering regional or landscape scale when we are thinking about species diversity? What are the towns directly around us doing? As we know, invasive pests don't seem to care about town boundaries.

The second issue to consider when it comes to improving species diversity is, what are the primary factors that drive species selection and overall urban forest diversity? A focus on native species is just one. How about urban tolerant? What about canopy space vs. canopy outline, and design considerations? And don't forget about overhead utilities and other infrastructure conflicts. The point is, there is a lot that goes into selecting the right tree for the right place. Maintaining overall diversity adds another layer of complexity to this process. I would argue, however, that it is an important consideration.

Here I am going to weigh in on the native vs. non-native question, just because I feel like I need to get it off my chest. My opinion is: native trees for native conditions. Are you planting trees in a passive park near a waterway? Then by all means use native trees. Are you planting in a busy downtown area in tree wells? You might want to consider a little bit more than just if it is native. There is not much native about the soils and microclimate of a tree pit next to a brick building. Some native species may do okay here, but there are lots of great non-native choices also. I think it is important to distinguish between non-native and invasive. These are often confused as being one and the same, but they are not.

"Right tree, right place" concepts should certainly be the primary driver of species selection, but we are often then confronted by the real world. By this I mean availability. I could spend hours scouring the Internet and cross-referencing Michael Dirr's *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* to find the perfect tree for every location, but will any nursery have this tree available? Those of us trying to plant *Ginkgo biloba* in recent years have come across this reality. We are inextricably governed by the nursery industry when it comes to plant availability. In fact, a 2015 study concluded that "tree supply was a central factor in tree planting and sales." (Conway and Vander Vecht 2015).

So, what is the end game of all of this? I think the key to making sound plant selection decisions is the very recognition of how species diversity affects overall urban forest health and resiliency. The scale we are considering is very much a personal choice, but we must be aware of the consequences of this choice. Choosing to plant an entire street with a single

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species is fine, as long as we don't plant every street with this species. We must also be willing to lose every tree on the street due to a possible unforeseen pest event. Ash is a perfect example of this. Ash is a small component of my community's overall forest, but those who have ash trees lining their street may not see it as being so small.

I answer this dilemma with suggesting a diversity of diversity strategies (anyone confused yet?). By this I mean, some streets may have a historical character due to the tree species, and maintaining this within reason is okay; but in other areas, try mixing it up. Sprinkle in varied species along one street. This is where availability might play into our hands. Need 20 trees but you can only get 5 matching trees per species? Then mix it up...diversify!

Hope you all have a good summer, and be safe,

Alexander R. Sherman

President 2017-2018

Best Wishes, Ed Casey and Congratulations, Alex Sherman!

Edward P. Casey is now officially retired from his career as City Forester for the City of Springfield. We wish him all the best as he embarks on this new life chapter. Alex Sherman has been promoted to fill Ed's position. The new Assistant City Forester is Marcus Catlett, whom Alex now introduces as the "new and improved version of me." Congratulations to all!

Welcome New Members

Fredric Chanania - West Newbury

G. Bourne Knowles - Town of Fairhaven

Kathleen Messom - US Army Garrison, Natick

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Daryl Blethen	Town of Medway	Jeff Legros	City of Gardner
Thomas Brady	Town of Brookline	Bear LeVangie	BioForest
Michael Breen	Town of Scituate	Bruce Martin	Town of Whitman
Wayne Burlock	Town of Oxford	Alan Mayo	Town of Templeton
David Cabral	Town of Seekonk	Aaron Miklosko	Town of Maynard
Steve Carew	Town of Medway	Anthony Milano	Town of Mashpee
Tom Chamberland	Town of Sturbridge	Joseph Nardelli	Cambridge Landscape
Rick Clarke	Town of Ipswich	Paul Newell	Town of Greenfield
Paul Cournoyer	Town of Grafton	Rajitha Purimetla	Town of Ashland
Joel Custance	Town of Lexington	Paul Raskevitz	Town of Greenfield
Lisa DeMeo	Town of Salisbury	Sean Reese	Town of Holliston
Gregory Dorr	Lone Pine Tree Care	Brendan Ryan	Town of Westwood
Bruce Duffy	Town of Duxbury	Chris Ryan	Town of South Hadley
Jason Dumas	City of Lynn	Jim Savonen	Town of Duxbury
Glenn Ferguson	Town of Norwell	Brandon Schmitt	Town of Wellesley
Christopher Filadoro	Town of Lexington	Paul Sellers	Eversource
Joseph Flanagan	Town of Dedham	Alexander Sherman	City of Springfield
Mollie Freilicher	Massachusetts DCR	David Smith	Town of Leominster
Albert Gallant	Town of Winchendon	Maximo Soto	Massachusetts DCR
Arthur Goodhind	Town of Natick	Ray Tattersall	Town of Tisbury
Kyle Grendell	Town of Framingham	Daniel Tobin	Town of Chatham
Scott Hathaway	City of Westfield	John Tomasz	Town of Lynnfield
David Johansen	Town of Dennis	Thomas Walsh	Town of Belmont
Rob Kenn	Town of E. Bridgewater	Marc Welch	City of Newton

Another Great Professional Development Opportunity UMass Extension's GREEN SCHOOL starts October 29!

Every two years, UMass Extension offers its popular Green School, a comprehensive 12-day certificate short course for Green Industry professionals taught by UMass Extension Specialists and University of Massachusetts faculty. This course will not be offered again until Fall 2020.

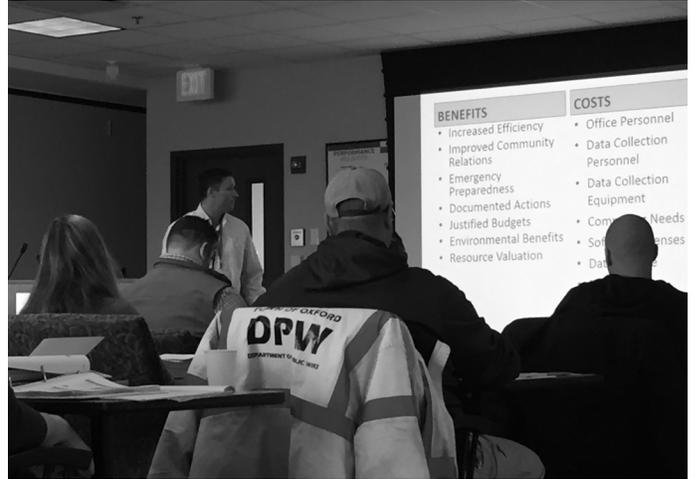
Both experienced professionals as well as those entering the green industries will benefit from this course. Students learn about sensible and sustainable methods of plant and land care as well as responsible nutrient and pest management. They learn scientifically sound information that enables them to make better purchasing and management decisions, and to be better stewards of the environment. The curriculum, which emphasizes a systems-based approach to plant care, is based on current research and focuses on environmental stewardship, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and integrated pest management (IPM). Students develop an understanding of how proper management practices can enhance conservation of precious natural resources such as soil and water. *continued on page 15*

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was designed with these smaller communities in mind, so that they could affordably meet the anticipated future standard. For more background on the history of the Qualified Tree Warden program, check out the November 2017 issues of DCR's *Citizen Forester* or the Fall 2017 issue of the *Bark*.

Having completed the process of putting together the curriculum, and organizing six comprehensive sessions that took place over a period of many months, the MTWFA is proud and pleased to have developed a new level of professional development opportunity for our members. Thank you to all attendees who showed up to every class, eager to learn and eager to provide valuable feedback on this pilot program. MTWFA is already looking toward Fall 2019 when the second Qualified Tree Warden program will be offered. Stay tuned!

Below: Outdoor class practicing best planting techniques.
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Above: Classroom presentation with Alex Sherman on tree inventories. Photo: Mollie Freilicher

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Stockbridge School of Agriculture Prepares to Celebrate Centennial

A series of exciting events will mark 100 years of Stockbridge School of Agriculture. A \$75 registration fee (link is external) includes any and all events throughout the weekend - the Friday Welcome Reception, Saturday Morning Bus Tour, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Afternoon Campus Tour and/or Saturday Centennial Gala. During registration attendees will select the events and tours they will attend. Meet old friends and new graduates.



When: Friday, October 5, 2018 - 6:00pm to
Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 9:00pm

Where: University of Massachusetts Amherst campus

For more information and registration link, visit <https://stockbridge.cns.umass.edu/stockbridge-school-agricultures-centennial-celebration>. 📍



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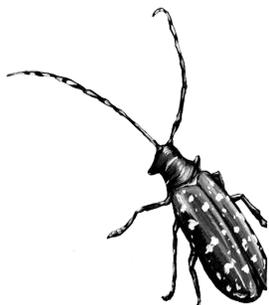
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Helpful News from Our Members

ALB Inspections: Coming to Your Town?

Bob LeBlanc, Walpole Tree Warden, reported in June that a group of inspectors from USDA APHIS had sent a letter to a Walpole citizen notifying her that a group of inspectors were going to be in her yard to inspect for Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). The letter stated that APHIS had the right to enter her property and, if they found any infestations by ALB, they would cut down trees. The letter was properly referenced, citing the law that allows APHIS to trespass for this purpose (M.G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 8, 11 and 12). The citizen contacted Bob as tree warden, who had not been made aware of the upcoming inspections.

Upon Bob's investigation, an employee with USDA APHIS told Bob that any tree company that had done work for the ALB eradication program in Worcester was required to provide an address or location of where they park and store their equipment. When the tree company is no longer working on the Worcester project, inspectors go to their home site and perform a 40-meter survey of all abutting properties.



Bob was informed that, before any such letters are sent to homeowners, a letter of notification is supposed to be sent to the central town administration, with the assumption that the information will be passed on to the proper town authority (e.g. the tree warden).

According to a contractor who worked on the Worcester ALB project in 2010 and received an inspection visit in 2017, the inspections are apparently standard procedure, but there is quite a backlog on scheduling them. The contractor reported that the inspectors were friendly, professional, and completed the inspection in about thirty minutes.

This August marks ten years since the discovery of ALB in Massachusetts. Although the eradication is proceeding, it is still not complete. Until it is, tree wardens should be aware that tree contractors involved with the project are still under scrutiny, and that in return may potentially affect some towns and residents near the home bases of these tree companies. 📍

Public Shade Trees: Outreach Flyer for Building Departments

Jamie Magaldi, Wilmington Tree Warden, emailed to MTWFA the flyer on the opposite page, with the offer that other towns and tree wardens may use and modify it as needed to tailor it to their specific communities. Jamie has asked the Building Department in his Town of Wilmington to keep copies of the flyer on their counter, to help remind developers that there are tree hearing requirements prior to removal of healthy public shade trees. The intent is to alert developers early in the planning stages of their projects so their construction timelines are not impacted or delayed by the hearing process. See *Wilmington's flyer on next page* ➔

EAB Resource: Urban Wood Network

As emerald ash borer (EAB) spreads throughout our region, learn from those who are already dealing with ash removals in the Midwest. The Urban Wood Network is made up of individual and organizational efforts in Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin, working in cooperation to connect and enhance the full circle of sustainable urban forestry. Their website, www.urbanwoodnetwork.org, was created as part of the grant project, *Bringing Urban Forestry Full Circle: Localized Approaches for Capturing Value and Enhancing Public Benefits from Urban Forests*, funded by the U.S. Forest Service.

The Urban Wood Network is presenting "How to Do Urban Wood," a series of webinars during which experts in the urban wood field share how they've successfully utilized urban wood. Urban wood enthusiasts from every link in the urban wood supply chain will gain a better understanding of how others in every link of the supply chain have successfully been involved in utilizing urban through their own ingenuity and through networking with others in the urban wood community.

The Urban Wood Network invites municipalities, arborists, sawyers, woodworkers and all others interested in helping advance the urban wood movement to participate in one or all of its 90-minute webinars.

The first webinar, *Urban Tree Removals – Reducing Costs and Promoting Utilization* was held on July 29, with three more scheduled. If you missed this first one, you can still watch it on the Urban Wood Network website at <http://urbanwoodnetwork.org/webinar-2>. 📍

Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts Important Information for Developers Regarding Public Shade Trees

Are you planning a development project which may require the removal of trees within a public Right of Way? There are certain STATE LAWS you need to be aware of.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87 (Public Shade Tree Law) protects the unauthorized cutting, trimming, or removal of public shade trees without approval of the Town's Tree Warden.

Public Shade Trees are defined as any tree (regardless of species) within a public Right of Way*. Although the law refers to 1.5 inches as the minimum size for a tree requiring a hearing, the Mass Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association is actively working to propose a change to the legislation which would increase the minimum size to 4 inches.

Generally speaking, the 4 inch rule has been adopted in the industry, with exceptions being made for smaller trees which were obviously and purposely planted as street trees. The Town's Tree Warden has the authority to make this determination.

The procedure for securing a permit to cut, trim, or remove a healthy public shade tree is as follows:

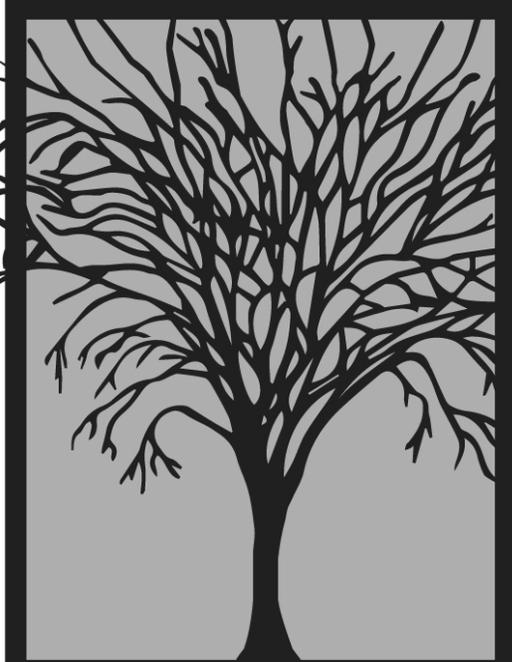
1. A written request is made to the Tree Warden to remove a public shade tree by sending a letter to the Department of Public Works, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.
2. The Tree Warden will inspect the tree and consider the reasons for the removal request.
3. The Tree Warden will schedule a public hearing. In circumstances where the public shade tree is located within a scenic road, the hearing is held with the Planning Board. If the tree is considered unhealthy, unsafe, or is considered a hindrance or partial hindrance which affects public safety, the Tree Warden may decide the tree be removed without a tree hearing.
4. Notice of the public hearing is given by the Tree Warden, identifying size, type and location of the shade tree or trees to be cut down or removed. The notice shall be posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree at least seven days before such hearing and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the hearing. The applicant is responsible for bearing the cost of the newspaper ads.
5. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Tree Warden issues a written permit for the removal of the tree or trees. If written objection is made by one or more persons to the Tree Warden at or before the public hearing, a permit to cut or remove cannot be issued unless approved by the Board of Selectmen.

*MGL Chapter 87 Section 7 also allows for certain purposely planted street trees within 20-feet of the front property line to be considered Public Shade Trees. Proof that these trees were planted with intent to conform to this law must be provided in order for protection to take effect.

Do your homework early on in your development process to determine if you will need to remove Public Shade Trees for your project. Early engagement will help minimize impact to your construction timeline. Please contact the Wilmington Tree Warden for more information:

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Friday September 7, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
MHS Elm Bank Reservation
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This course offers an overview of the MCA program including what to expect when you take the MCA exam, helpful study tips, a review of key points, and useful strategies for Tree ID – brought to you by members of the MCA committee, Massachusetts DCR and the MAA.

This MCA Overview course is designed to provide a review of key points for each chapter of the Study Guide. The course does not attempt to teach the material found in the study guide. It is expected that course candidates have reviewed and/or are familiar with the content of the study guide itself. The presenters will focus on strategies for effective studying and test taking.

Access to the MCA Study Guide Version 2.0 is strongly encouraged and advanced review will be extremely helpful! Study guides may be purchased by visiting <https://massarbor.org/catalog.php> on the MAA website. MAA members should log in for member pricing on the study guide.

Course participation does not guarantee improved performance on the MCA exam. 🚶

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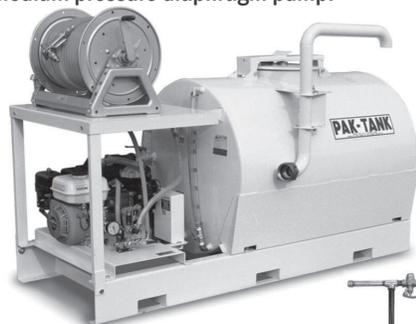
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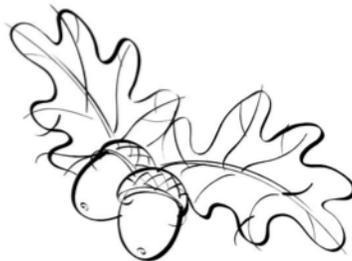
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MTWFA Tree Warden of the Year Tree Planting Celebration Honors David Lefcourt, City of Cambridge



Photo left: Members of the MTWFA Executive Board gathered on May 9 to join in a ceremonial tree planting with Cambridge city officials to honor David Lefcourt, Cambridge City Arborist and Tree Warden (front row, 2nd from left). Dave is this year's recipient of the Tree Warden of the Year award (pictured on right).



Photo right: MTWFA President Alex Sherman addresses the attendees as Dave Lefcourt (center) and Chris Hayward (last year's award winner) look on.



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SEMTWAA To Celebrate 55th Annual Field Day

The Southeastern Tree Wardens and Arborists Association (SEMTWAA) will hold its 55th Annual Field Day and Equipment Show on September 20th at the Upland Sportsman's Club in Plympton. The day will feature all the usual events: the famous chicken barbecue; vendors exhibiting the latest in tree care gear and equipment; fun competitions to enter or just watch; and a raffle to win a new chainsaw. One ticket fee of \$25 covers admission to all events, plus morning coffee/donuts and the chicken barbecue lunch. This annual fun event is a favorite for hundreds of arborists throughout the state and a major fundraiser for SEMTWAA's arboriculture scholarships here in Massachusetts.

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August 28-30	Trees and Utilities Conference, Omaha, NE	treesandutilities.org
September 7	MCA Overview Course, MHS Elm Bank Reservation, Wellesley	massarbor.org
September 9	Massachusetts Town Forests Conference, Haverhill	email: laura.dooley@state.ma.us
September 11	UMass Extension: EAB Educational Field Day, Easthampton	www.umassgreeninfo.org
September 13	Urban Forestry Today Noontime Webinar	urbanforestrytoday.org
September 19	Saluting Branches: Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance	salutingbranches.org
September 20	Southeast TWs Annual Field Day & Equipment Show, Plympton	email: semtwaa@gmail.com
September 25	Western Mass.Tree Wardens Fall Meeting, Northampton	masstreewardens.org
October 2	PDS: Establishing Trees in Urban Environments, Northampton	masstreewardens.org
October 5 and 6	Stockbridge School Centennial Celebrations	stockbridge100th@umass.edu
October 12-13	Mass. DCR Tree Stewards Training, Petersham	email: mollie.freilicher@state.ma.us