

# Shade Tree News

Hello fellow Delaware Water Gappers. The Shade Tree Committee wants to wish you a joyous Holiday Season. We also want to thank all those volunteers who helped us plant 10 new trees in the Borough on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. So far this year we have been able to plant 20 new trees in the Borough and we are looking to plant more in the future. We have been able to get bare root trees through grants from TreePennsylvania.org. We are allowed to match the value of the trees with “in kind” contributions for each tree planted. These “in kind” contributions can include the time spent on each tree planting project by our Borough Superintendent, Shade Tree Committee members time organizing the events and the volunteers time helping to plant and maintain the trees. They are much easier to plant than the standard “balled and burlapped” trees primarily due to their reduced weight. They do require more frequent watering than balled and burlapped trees but are overall of the same quality as the standard balled and burlapped trees.

We are planning on a Spring planting in April 2026 and are hoping to see a similar turn out in terms of Volunteers. Our Spring planting date is yet to be determined as we have to apply for another grant from TreePennsylvania and the planting date really depends on the weather this coming Spring as to when the new trees may be dug out of the ground. Our next tree planting date will be declared Arbor Day and we will celebrate that with a proclamation as we did on Arbor Day this year. We will post any and all information about the next tree planting on the Post Office Door, the Borough Building and various businesses around the Gap as well as Savvy citizen. If you are interested in having the Shade Tree Committee help you acquire a tree for the next planting, please contact the Shade Tree Committee. These trees can only go in spaces that involve the Borough right of way. We would be happy to help assist anybody interested in planting trees, but be aware permits are required for tree plantings in the Borough right of way. They are free and the purpose of the permit system is to make sure that the right trees get put in the right places to avoid tree conflicts in the future (sidewalks, utilities, line of sight, etc.)

On another note, we wanted to let the Borough residents know that we have applied again for Tree City USA acknowledgement from the Arbor Day Foundation. Our free application is pending and will hopefully be granted to us this Spring. Thank you again, we have been enjoying tremendous community support and look forward to your help with this worthwhile community activity.

Signed the Shade Tree Committee