



# Trees Provincetown

## Fall 2018 Newsletter

Hello Dear Friends,

We write to share the results of our recent work for the trees in our lives. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit resource for tree-related community service in Provincetown. Protection of our community trees is our mission. Thank you, all, for your enthusiasm for what we do and your support for our activities!

### Planting New Trees

We were thrilled to plant two beautiful Princeton Elm trees in front of The Commons at 46 Bradford Street in September. They arrived by flatbed truck at 6:30 am on September 26 and were in the ground before noon, thanks to the skill and efforts of a crew led by our friend and advisor Ken MacPhee, certified arborist, Bartlett Tree Experts. The elms are a gift from Trees Provincetown to The Commons, a new community resource for creative professionals whose mission we applaud. The trees are 8-year-old specimens, 18 feet high, with 4-inch calipers. Their presence transforms the site and reminds us that some of the most wondrous things alive are tall and green.



Recently we also planted a Princeton Elm on Commercial Street across from the Post Office, replacing a damaged street tree that could not be saved. Replacing damaged or dying street trees is a key service we provide to the Tree Warden and the town. We've scouted out several additional

locations for replacement plantings next Spring. We've also offered to plant two new trees at the playground at the Provincetown school. At the request of Beth Singer, the School Superintendent, we'll

plant native trees and make it an educational event for the children.

## Leading Community Tree Initiatives

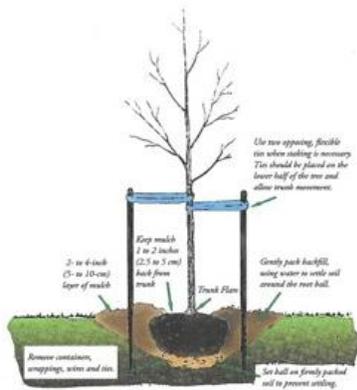
There's new protection for community trees under Provincetown's new Tree Bylaw. We've been collaborating with Rich Waldo, the Tree Warden, on educational initiatives under the Bylaw. After months of work, the Tree Advisory Group issued the Provincetown Tree Manual as well as a Community Tree Flyer. Margaret Murphy of Trees Provincetown chairs the group. The Tree Manual is published at <http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/index.aspx?NID=1138>.



The Tree Flyer is available at Town Hall. We're especially concerned about people cutting down trees the Bylaw protects, and encourage everyone to do what they can to stop this from happening. Here is an inspiring old photo of trees we used to have on Nickerson Street (1920) (compliments of Provincetown History Preservation Project).

## Keeping Our Trees Healthy

There is now a line item for tree care in Provincetown's annual budget. At the Tree Warden's request, for the last two summers Trees Provincetown has conducted an inspection of trees on town property that may need the attention of a certified arborist. Ken MacPhee of Bartlett Tree Experts accompanies us on the inspection. Both Trees Provincetown and Bartlett do this as a public service, free of charge to the town. We provide recommendations for pruning, soil care, pest and disease control and, in some cases, removal. The town pays for the work – mainly pruning – from its tree budget, and Trees Provincetown donates replacement trees when removal cannot be avoided.



## Launching Memorial Tree Project

Oversight of memorial trees in Provincetown has passed from the Public Landscape Committee to the Tree Warden. Trees Provincetown has offered its services to the Tree Warden, and is getting ready to launch a memorial tree project next Spring for the benefit of the community. Stay tuned, and tell your friends who have a loved one they want to honor – person or pet! The project will have two components: Adopting an existing tree, and planting a new tree. Contributions from donors who wish to participate will cover the costs.



The simple act of caring for trees improves life on earth and in this town. It also takes a stance on climate change and what we can do about it. We're excited to be doing this in our community, and

thank you again for your interest and support!

Margaret Murphy

Trees Provincetown Founder

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