

Forester's Report 11 30 2018

Two items require your attention at the next City Council meeting. First, please authorize Mayor O'Leary to sign the Annual Application to the National Arbor Day Foundation to continue to receive a Tree City USA designation -- there is no cost for this application and I will send it in once I have his signature. Also, please authorize the Mayor to designate Saturday, May 5, 2019, as our next Sunfish Lake Arbor Day. For at least the last 10 years Arbor Day has been held on the first Saturday in May.

No burning permits were issued during November.

The Welcome Committee met on November 26th and continues to make progress on a range of issues. A new resident information card was handed out at voting on November 6th, eight "neighborhoods" have been delineated for welcome visitations, and both a condensed history of the City and City FAQ's sheet are nearly complete.

The weather has not impacted City trees during November and we are going into Winter with good soil moisture.

No additional debris has appeared near the end of 55th Street. I remain in contact with the West St. Paul police department on this issue.

Our City lakes froze over on or about November 10th this year and did not reopen after that date. Do not assume that there is sufficiently thick ice for walking, skating or skiing yet. Last time I checked the ice on Horseshoe Lake was perhaps about 2" thick.

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City Forester