

HEAD OF THE HARBOR ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019



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Special Points of Interest:

- *Head of the Harbor honored with Tree City Designation*
- *Installation of rain garden on Evan Ct.*
- *Beautification of Watercrest Lane*
- *Honorary planting at Village Hall*

TREE CITY DESIGNATION

In 2019, Head of the Harbor was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management during 2018. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

Head of the Harbor achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: establishing a tree board, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Recertification of a Tree City Designation is an annual requirement, and we welcome all village residents who would like to volunteer to join our Tree Board. To participate in this volunteer program, please call Margaret O'Keefe, Village Administrator/Clerk, 631-584-5550x2.

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

"The environmental, economic and social benefits to our residents is invaluable," said Trustee/Highway Commissioner Judith C. Ogden. As chairperson of Head of the Harbor's Tree Board, Ms. Ogden continues to apply for Urban Forestry grants available through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Our Spring & Fall planting activities were celebrated on April 26th & November 21, 2019.



Pilot Program—a rain garden improves water quality in nearby bodies of water, reduces erosion, pollution and flooding.

Evan Ct.



Indigenous trees require less maintenance, water, fertilizer and pesticides. Providing a healthier climate for wildlife and people.

Watercrest Ct.



Donated by William Borella a Redbud tree was planted in honor of past and present village volunteers.

Village Hall