



Connecting Fairfield

News from First Selectman Bill Gerber

Photo: First Selectman Bill Gerber and staff from Parks and Recreation joined residents of Parish Court to celebrate the installation of new grills in Drew Park. From left, moving clockwise around the table: Anthony Calabrese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Doug Novak, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; Victor Gabriel, Parks Supervisor; Bill Gerber, First Selectman; Rodger Stolpen, Vice President-Parish Court Residents Association; Sue Montgomery, Parish Court resident; Joe Mauro, President- Parish Court Residents Association.

A PERSONAL NOTE

Dear Fairfielders,

A lot has happened since my last Town Update: Fairfield has experienced drenching rain and wind, earthquakes, and a partial solar eclipse. My schedule has included more budget hearings with the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting, while also welcoming six new businesses to Town, engaging with Town employees on internal process improvements, making progress with new pump stations for the WPCA, and continuing to focus on United Illuminating's plan to install monopoles on the north side of the railroad tracks.

In this season of holy days for many people of diverse religious faiths, I've been reminded of the importance of tolerance for others' beliefs. The deeply sacred days of Lent followed by the Easter celebration for Christians, Ramadan followed by the Eid Al Fitr celebration for Muslims, and both Purim and Passover for Jews make early spring a time of repentance, forgiveness, fasting, sacrifice, charitable outreach and joy. We are reminded how very precious life is.

That's why I want to take a moment to discuss Fairfield's absolute and total rejection of hate and acts rooted in prejudice. We are a diverse community, enriched by the many different faces and families, faith and foundations that make up our Town. Some of this country's most devastating and tragic moments have been precipitated by one person's hatred for a group unlike their own, whether using words or weapons to deny someone who doesn't look like them their right to a peaceful life. As your First Selectman, I have zero tolerance for any act that subjugates or diminishes another human being.

Our Chief of Police, Robert Kalamaras, recently sent a letter to our places of worship, reassuring them that the Department conducts regular security checks in our Town as part of their daily patrol routines. We are vigilant wherever acts are committed in any part of Town that makes someone feel discriminated against or unsafe.

There's a saying that "men build too many walls and not enough bridges." Fairfield must always be a place where bridges of understanding are constructed, and our hands extended to help others to cross them.

Your thoughts, questions and concerns matter, and I want to hear from you. You can email me at firstselectman@fairfieldct.org.

Bill Gerber
First Selectman

Next Steps in the Budget Process

WEDS, APRIL 24, 2024—Representative Town Meeting- Budget Hearing #2
7:00 pm—Via Webex & BOE Conference Room 295 A/B, 501 Kings Highway E

MON, MAY 6, 2024—Representative Town Meeting, Annual Budget Vote Mtg
8:00 pm—Via Webex & BOE Conference Room 295 A/B, 501 Kings Highway E

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024—Board of Finance Regular Meeting—Set Mill Rate
7:30 pm—Via Webex & BOE Conference Room 295 A/B, 501 Kings Highway E

PRIMARY ISSUES

UI Monopoles

As you know, on February 16, the Connecticut Siting Council approved the Hannon-Morissette Alternative, a double-circuit overhead route placing transmission lines to the north side of the railroad tracks. The council approved this route even though UI never presented a design for that option, and even though UI stated that siting its transmission lines to the north was not viable.

Right of Entry Requests

Last week, United Illuminating informed the Town that UI Land Agents would begin contacting Fairfield residents on the north side of the Metro North Railroad with Right of Entry permission requests, so they can complete their due diligence before beginning the design. The permission grants United Illuminating permission to enter your property with “the necessary persons, vehicles and equipment to conduct geotechnical investigations involving drilling, sampling, and testing the surface and subsurface soil and groundwater of the Property...which may include minor vegetation clearing and grading for access...”

Residents this week began reporting phone calls from Cornerstone Energy, a third-party company asking for email addresses so that Right of Entry permission forms can be emailed to property owners. UI has verified that Cornerstone Energy is a subcontractor contacting residents on UI's behalf. United Illuminating also informed the Town that letters will be sent to north side residents explaining the Right of Entry request and providing additional information.

You can either allow the Right of Entry, or you have the right to refuse entry. The exception to your right to refuse entry is if your property deed shows a UI easement on the land. Here's how you can check to see if your property contains an easement:

- Go to [Searchiqs.com](https://searchiqs.com)
- Click on FAIRFIELD
- Fill in your last name, first name. DO NOT fill in any other fields, or you'll limit the search. Everything filed under your name will come up: deeds, mortgages, liens, releases, etc.
- Click on VIEW to read the full document.

Other Updates:

The Town's appeal in the Superior Court will move forward this year, along with appeals filed by other intervenors, including Sasco Creek Neighbors Environmental Trust, Inc; Trinity Episcopal Church; Southport Congregational Church; the Pequot Library Association; the National Trust for Historical Preservation, and BJ's Wholesale Club. The City of Bridgeport has also filed an appeal. Because these appeals have just been filed, it is impossible to predict when we will receive a ruling from the Court, but it would not be surprising for this part of the judicial process to extend into 2025.

The Town's application for reimbursement for expenses from the Municipal Participation Account was approved. Under Connecticut law, municipalities that incur expenses in connection with utility projects pending before the Connecticut Siting Council are eligible to receive reimbursement from the Municipal Participation Account. The total amount of the account for any one docket is only \$25,000, which is then required to be divided among municipalities that participate in the docket. Both Fairfield and Bridgeport participated in the UI docket, so Fairfield's total reimbursement is only \$12,500. While the Town is appreciative of the existence of the account, the Town's attorney's fees and expert fees have greatly exceeded the amount reimbursed. The inadequacy of the Municipal Participation Account is yet another example of the deficiencies in the current regulatory process for the approval of these utility projects.

The Fairfield Delegation, State Representatives Jennifer Leeper, Cristin McCarthy Vahey, and Sarah Keitt, and Senator Tony Hwang, are working in the General Assembly on bills to restructure the Council's makeup, mission and rules for considering municipalities' concerns.

We remain committed to holding United Illuminating to reasonable and environmentally sensitive plans to construct the transmission lines, including further examination of undergrounding.

If you want to stay up to date on all the Town's information about United Illuminating, go to the [UI Monopoles News page](#).

If you would like to be a critical part of the grass-roots opposition, please fill out a membership [form for Empowering Fairfield here](#).

Clam Jam: a Fairfield University-Sanctioned Event

Clam Jam is a Fairfield University-sponsored, pre-graduation event that will take place on Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to Fairfield U juniors and seniors. Normally Clam Jam is held at Penfield beach but this year, due to the construction at Penfield, it's been moved to Jennings beach. Planning is done by university staff who work with the Town's Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and DPW staff to organize the event. Fairfield University administrators will be in attendance on-site. For the past eight years since the university has taken over sponsorship and organization, residents have been generally pleased with the results. We expect no change in outcome this year.

If you plan to go to the beach on April 27 and want to avoid the crowd, we have five other beautiful beaches (Penfield, Rickards, Sasco, South Pine Creek, and Southport) that you

may want to visit for a quieter experience. If you do go to Jennings, you can park at the South Benson Marina for easier in and out access.

Penfield Pavilion



The contractor has been making progress digging out the contaminated fill from under the locker room portion and around the building. The soil being removed has started to be shipped out to a licensed disposal facility. Meanwhile, the project team has been working hard, reviewing submittals and addressing any challenges that arise. They are also focusing on planning ahead for the procurement of long lead-time materials to keep the project on schedule.

The team remains committed to the successful and timely completion of the Penfield Pavilion project. We will continue to provide updates as the work progresses.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Spring Paving

Spring road paving began this week, with a list of streets scheduled to be milled and paved [available here](#).

Please note that if your street is on the schedule, the milling machine arrives first, making the street look like grill marks. Within one to two weeks, depending on weather, the paving box arrives. The Department of Public Works will issue a Fairfield ALERT the night before to the affected neighborhood, explaining that milling and paving will take place that week, weather permitting, and that there will be no street parking between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. while crews are working.

If you need to leave your house, workers will flag you out. You can drive on the fresh pavement almost immediately. Everyone will be able to reach their homes after work. If you haven't signed up for ALERTS yet, this is a good time to do so. [You can sign up here](#). Contact the DPW with questions and concerns at 203-256-3177. They're happy to help!



Paving on Curtis Terrace

Perry Green Bulkhead Construction

Perry Green in Southport is an area with beautiful views over Long Island Sound and is a popular spot for walkers, picnickers, dog owners and sightseers. Those of you who have

visited recently may have noticed that the seawall, dating from the 1800's, needs major work. The steel bulkhead that supports the seawall is more than 55 years old and has deteriorated beyond repair. Planned construction will replace the existing bulkhead with a new timber, navy-styled bulkhead, and replace the existing seawall coping with a new concrete coping.

Construction will start during the first week of May 2024 and will dictate closing the park to the public until October 2024. A partial section of the parking area will also be closed. Ultimately, this project will improve conditions for park users and will secure the surrounding park area from erosion and sinkholes.

During construction, boats will be stored at South Benson Marina by the Parks and Recreation Department. For visitors, there are several transient mooring locations in the harbor. Project details and updates will be available on the [Engineering Website](#) beginning in May 2024.





Taxes Due

4th quarter Real Estate taxes, and 2nd installment Sewer Use taxes became due on April 1, 2024, and the last day to pay timely is May 1, 2024. On May 2, 2024, statutory interest accrues at an initial rate of 3%. Per state statute interest accrues at 1.5% per month from the original due date of April 1, 2024. You can [view or pay your bill here.](#)

Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces

Frequently, the First Selectman's Office gets a phone call or an email questioning a particular rule or decision that relates to some area of the Town. Any time you have a question about a particular department, you can go to the [Town website](#) and search by department to find out who might be the best person to answer your question. For example, questions about dogs on the Beach? Call Parks and Rec, Questions about Paving? Call the Department of Public Works. Questions about services for the elderly? Call the Bigelow Senior Center.

Sometimes, there are questions about issues that are decided by a Board or a Commission rather than a Town department. A variety of elected and appointed [Boards and Commissions](#) meet regularly to make rules and decisions that govern the Town departments. Boards and Commissions also dictate many other things around Town, among them beach, dump, and parking fees; placement of road signs; or how land, water, and facilities can be utilized, as examples.

Town citizens have plenty of opportunity to get involved. A number of [Advisory Committees, Coalitions and Task Forces](#), composed of appointed volunteers, meet, research, and attempt

to find solutions to topics that affect Town life, then present their findings and solutions to Town boards and/or officials for further action. Residents can follow their agendas on the [Town website](#), can contact them for information, and can appear before them to make requests. You can also apply to fill a vacancy.

Currently, there are several Board and Commission Openings. Here are the current vacancies for Town residents:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee: [Learn more about this committee here.](#)

Parks and Recreation Commission: [Learn more about this committee here.](#)

[Information on how appointments are made can be found here.](#)

Volunteers Needed for Fairfield-Ukraine Sister City Advisory Board

A new Advisory Board is being formed to represent the Fairfield community in its Sister City partnership with the Ukrainian city of Kostiantynivka. The Town of Fairfield is assisting Ukraine Aid International, Inc. (UAI) in seeking 5-10 engaged, philanthropic-minded residents to serve on the new board.

Experience in non-profit, marketing, finance, and leadership roles is desired, but the most important factor is having a heart for the Ukrainian people and a desire to make an impact on their lives. Online meetings will take place twice a month with representatives of UAI to plan fundraising and educational community events, get regular updates on Kostiantynivka's needs to determine how best to distribute funds, determine opportunities for cultural and educational exchanges, and more.

Interested residents should send their resumes to katya@ukraineaidinternational.org or allyson@ukraineaidinternational.org, and copy jcarpenter@fairfieldct.org.

Background: In May 2023, Fairfield announced a sister city partnership with Kostiantynivka under the leadership of UAI. In October 2023, a group of Fairfield volunteers put together the "Fairfield Stands With Ukraine" event at the SHU Theater and raised enough money to set up water filtration systems capable of supporting more than 10,000 civilians daily with potable water. They also purchased a much-needed crane used to repair vital infrastructure and to serve as a life-saving vehicle in case a bombed building has trapped civilians inside.

New Library Cards!

In celebration of National Library Week (April 8-13), Fairfield Public Library has introduced a newly redesigned Library card for Fairfield readers. The card features a new fox mascot—voted upon last summer by Library users—and a brightly-colored background. Kids are going to love these—and so will adults. If you have a current Library card, you do not need to replace it. And you may not want to if you have your number memorized, as a new card means a new number.



Beach and Park Comfort Stations Opening Dates

Beach Bathrooms: Open for the season on Memorial Day, May 25

Park Bathrooms: Open for the season on April 15



FPS Green Team's Tip of the Week

Please Don't Contaminate Your Recycling!

1. Give your food containers a good **RINSE**.
For caked-on food, let soak overnight.
2. Let **DRY**.
3. **RECYCLE** the clean containers.



**Clean your plastic and metal food
containers BEFORE you recycle them.**

DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS!

Celebrate Arbor Day: Hug a Tree!

The Town's Forestry Committee wants you to know that Fairfield is the longest standing Tree City USA community in Connecticut! A municipality achieves Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day. This year, **Arbor Day is on Friday, April 26.**

A wonderful way to help celebrate is to participate in the Town's Tree Planting Program, which includes a Commemorative Tree Planting component. For \$200 (an incredible bargain!), you get a private consultation with a Forestry Committee expert to help you pick the best tree and location for you, a mature tree planted for you in the right-of-way or other public spaces, along with a gator bag to help with watering and deer protection.

Fairfield is also one of more than 350 towns in North American that are on the Pollinator Pathway. The Pollinator Pathway is a grassroots movement focused on establishing pollinator-friendly habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinating insects along a series of continuous corridors. Trees are important to pollinators, too, as they provide pollen, nectar, and places where bees can rest. There are many private residents' gardens on the Pathway in Town, but you can see public gardens at Lake Mohegan, 1720 Post Road, Mill Hollow Park, Burroughs Roads, and many of our schools.

Help the Town show our love for trees this Arbor Day by giving your favorite tree a hug! Hug a tree, take a picture, and post it to social media with the hashtag #HugATreeFFC, or email your photo to Forestry@Fairfieldct.org, and the Forestry Committee will post it on the town website. Watch for their green signs on all the public-school campuses and throughout Town in public spaces. Don't be afraid to "branch out" into tree hugging—we're "rooting" for you!

Learn more about Arbor Day and the value of trees from the Forestry Committee here. Instructions on posting your huggable tree pic on social media are here.





History of Slavery in Connecticut, Fairfield & First Church: Lecture

Join Town of Fairfield Enslaved Database Co-Creator Alec Lurie in a presentation on the history of slavery in Connecticut.

April 26, 7:30 p.m.

First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Road
Reception to follow.

Inviting All Artists to a Community Conversation on the Arts

The Town of Fairfield's Arts Commission invites all artists, creatives, and interested members of the public to take part in a "Community Conversation on the Arts" to speak with and hear from artists about ways the Town can create a more vibrant and flourishing arts community.

Saturday, April 27—Free of Charge! [Register here.](#)

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Doors open at 9:45 a.m. for sign in and informal networking.)

In The Warehouse at the Fairfield Theater Company
70 Sanford Street
Coffee and light refreshments provided

At this facilitated workshop, attendees can speak with members of the newly formed Arts Commission, participate in roundtable discussions, and learn more about the Commission's plans. Join us for a great conversation!

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

April 27, 8:00 a.m.

Since 2012, The Center for Family Justice has held Walk A Mile In Her Shoes in April, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month to help raise awareness about the need to end sexual assault in the six communities it serves: Bridgeport, Trumbull, Stratford, Easton, Monroe, Fairfield. Take a stand against violence against women and girls. [Learn more and sign up to participate here.](#)

Stop the Bleed: May 20



Would YOU know what to do in case
of a traumatic bleeding event?

Average time
to bleed out



Average time
for 1st responders
to arrive



Trauma-related
deaths worldwide
due to bleeding



FREE Stop the Bleed and Hands Only CPR Training

Fairfield Regional Fire School, 205 Richard White Way, Fairfield, CT

Monday, May 20, 2024—Three Sessions

Morning 9-11 am—Afternoon 1-3 pm Evening—7-9 pm

Session Size Limited—Register Today



MAKE THE CONNECTION:

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR ANTHONY CALABRESE



Q &A with Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese

Q: Parks and Recreation sounds like fun, but your department has many serious responsibilities. Can you give us a summary of what Parks and Rec does for the Town?

A: The Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for overseeing 170 acres of parks, 5 miles of beaches, 36 playing fields, 2 golf courses, 2 marinas, a Fitness Center, 30 asphalt/post-tension tennis courts, a har-tru Tennis Center with 6 tennis courts, 3 picnic areas, 2 waterfront banquet facilities, and the Burr Mansion.

The mission of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department is to provide quality leisure opportunities in safe, clean, and healthy facilities, and to offer comprehensive, inclusive programs at a reasonable cost for residents of all ages. It is our vision to empower our community through vibrant and inclusive recreational experiences. The Fairfield Parks and

Recreation Department envisions a future where every resident, regardless of age or background, thrives in a dynamic and accessible environment.

We aspire to be the cornerstone of our community, fostering well-being, connection, and joy through exceptional facilities and diverse programs, all delivered with a commitment to safety, cleanliness, and affordability. Together, we shape a healthier and happier tomorrow for everyone we serve.

Q: What might people be surprised to find out about Parks & Rec?

A: We're more than just fun and games. We are one of the only municipal Parks & Recreation Departments in the State of Connecticut that actually covers its expenses by the revenue we generate from our programming. While this mindset is at the forefront of how we program, we don't shy away from trying new initiatives when it comes to our programs or events. We are always looking for new ideas and feedback on how to improve our current program offerings.

Q: How did your background prepare you to direct Parks & Rec for Fairfield? What motivated you to seek this as a career?

A: My educational background is in Parks and Recreation Administration. I received my master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. While it is nice to have an educational background in Parks and Recreation, there really was nothing that could have ever truly prepared me for what the day to day of running a Parks and Recreation Department like the one we have in Fairfield. No two days are the same and I rarely know what challenges are going to arise when I come into work. In all honesty, the unpredictability is what I enjoy most about the career. The majority of residents have come to trust and value the Parks and Recreation Department and with that comes a higher expectation.

Q: What are some of the challenges your department faces?

A: The biggest challenge our department faces is funding long-term infrastructure. The Town has so many competing needs between the Town and the Board of Education. Prioritizing those needs is important to running an efficient government and balancing the needs and wants of the community. It's important to realize the value that is added by Parks and Recreation and the services we offer. Many residents chose to call Fairfield home due to the high-achieving school system and the beautiful, well-kept parks and amenities the Town has to offer. Both of these things are essential to keeping property values stable, and as we've seen in recent years, increasing.

Q: How large is your department? How many staff members provide these important services to the Town?

A: Our Parks and Recreation Department is a fraction of the size of most departments for a town of our size. We employ eight fulltime employees on the recreation side of the Department, and thirteen fulltime on the maintenance side. For other towns and cities, it's not unusual to see fulltime staff numbers for Parks and Recreation in the 50+ employees range with much larger budgets. However, we've done our best to overcome the staff shortage by utilizing every one of our staff members to their full potential.

Q: April has some fun events, including the Fishing Derby. Is this a traditional Town event? How long has the Fishing Derby gone on?

A: The Fishing Derby has been an annual Town event since 1965! The first annual Trout Fishing Derby was organized by our Fairfield Police Athletic League. Officers Pat Carroll and Nick Fingelly led the way. The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the

Fairfield Police Benevolent Association and the Fairfield Police Cadets to offer this year's version of the Trout Fishing Derby.

Q: How is the Town celebrating Earth Day?

A: We plan to host our annual Earth Day Cleanup meeting at the Jennings Beach Sail House for an organized community cleanup of our South Benson Marina and Jennings Beach. We provide trash bags and gloves for all volunteers that would like to participate.

For more information on anything you'd like to know about Parks and Recreation, [check out their webpages here.](#)

Reel In The Fun with
Fairfield Parks & Recreation!



Saturday, April 13
Gould Manor Pond
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The Trout Derby is Free and Open to any child 3 -15
years of age. Registration will begin at 8:00 am.

All participants must bring their own fishing
equipment, but a limited amount of bait
will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded in many categories.



IF YOU MISSED IT...

[Here's where you'll find information from previous newsletters.](#)

Join First Selectman Gerber and DOT for an informational meeting on proposed road diet

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 7:00-9:00PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 295 A/B, 501 KINGS HIGHWAY OR TUNE
IN ONLINE ON WEBEX

Join First Selectman Gerber and representatives from Connecticut's Department of Transportation for a presentation on the road diet on Route 1 from Rennell to Beaumont Streets

PLEASE CALL THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE WITH ANY
QUESTIONS: 203-256-3030

Come with questions, to listen, and to learn!



Water Conservation Opportunity with Upcycled Rain Barrels

The Aquarion Water Company is offering upcycled 60-gallon rain barrels for purchase for capturing rainwater. Barrels are \$85; orders must be received by May 1. Pick up will be on Saturday, May 11 at Fairfield Regional Fire School, 205 Richard White Way, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[Information on how to order a rain barrel can be found here.](#)

Aging in Fairfield

Senior and Disabled Homeowners Program for Tax Relief

We are accepting applications for the Senior and Disabled Homeowners program. Applicants can apply in the Assessor's Office from now through May 15, 2024. State and local laws provide real property tax relief programs for Fairfield residents who are age 65 and over or totally disabled and whose annual incomes and assets are within specified limits. These programs are designed to help seniors and the totally disabled remain in their homes. Town tax relief programs are defined in Section 95-15 of the Town Code and are administered by the Assessor's Office. Details can be found here.

Horseshoe Crab Tagging

Please join the Conservation Department and Sacred Heart University Biology Department's Project Limulus.

Information Session: Thursday, May 16

Tagging Session: Saturday, June 8 (Rain date: June 22)

RSVP to Conservation Director Tim Bishop at TBishop@fairfieldct.org

Board and Commission Openings

Here are the current vacancies for Town residents:

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Parks and Recreation Commission: [Learn more about this commission here.](#)

Ukraine Sister City Committee: See information in this newsletter.

[Learn more about the Appointment Process here.](#)

How to Contact Your State Legislators

I encourage you to reach out to your legislators with questions or comments on their legislative work. Click on the name below to contact them at their website.

State Senator [Tony Hwang](#)

State Representative [Jennifer Leeper](#)

State Representative [Cristin McCarthy Vahey](#)

State Representative [Sarah Keitt](#)

Board of Selectmen Meetings

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 4:00 p.m. Meetings are held in Independence Hall and open to public, and you can attend either in person or on Webex. You can also read minutes of previous meetings [here](#).

EYES ON FAIRFIELD

Help us celebrate the unique beauty of life in Fairfield by sharing your photos with your community. We've received so many beautiful photos of our Town—keep them coming! Submit your photos at 300 dpi to firstselectman@fairfieldct.org. We live in such a special Town. Share with us the sites and sights you love.



H. Smith Richardson Golf Course

The tree in the photo is a "Prunus subhirtella 'Pendula,' a Weeping Higan Cherry. The Weeping Higan Cherry grows 20 to 30 feet tall and spreads 15 to 25 feet in a graceful weeping habit. Leaves stay glossy green throughout the summer and into the fall when they turn a vivid yellow. The drooping bare branches lend a soothing grace to the landscape in winter. There is nothing quite like the

Weeping Higan Cherry in full bloom in the spring. The light pink (almost white), one-inch-diameter flowers cover the branches before the leaves emerge, giving the appearance that fresh snow has fallen on the tree. Tree description provided by Tree Warden Jeffrey Minder.

Photo credit: Harry Krausman, a Senior Men's Club member

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