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## **Keith Barker to be Commemorated After Trees Planted at Tilley Pond Park**

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*A Tree Conservancy of Darien [announcement](#):*

Please join us to commemorate our new tree planting at Tilley Pond in honor of Keith Barker: Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.

When Keith Barker, who had owned The Gardener's Center and Florist for 35 years, passed away suddenly this summer, his family and friends designated the Tree Conservancy of Darien as a benefactor of memorial gifts and requested Tilley Pond as the planting site.

Keith was a long-time supporter of our town, sponsor of the Darien Beautification gardens, and a well-respected garden mentor in our community. Keith's former home overlooks Tilley Pond, where he and his

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dog, Anna were frequent park visitors. Five trees have been planted there as a memorial in Keith's honor.

The memorial request was the inspiration and impetus for the Tree Conservancy to select Tilley Pond as the site of our 2015 planting. Tilley is a beautiful park in the center of town and utilized daily by dog walkers, commuters, exercise groups, and as a site for town events.

The park has endured a loss of mature trees during super storm Sandy, and due to old age and disease. We have planted a total of 30 trees and numerous shrubs and bulbs to replace lost trees, and to enhance the very well utilized town park.

Generous contributions by our donors and The Growing Concern, Designs by Lee and The Gardener's Center and Florist made the planting possible.

All are welcome to celebrate and commemorate our planting, bringing new life to our historic park.

Ceremony will be held rain or shine ~ dogs are welcome!

Tree Conservancy of Darien is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the tree and forest resources of Darien for the benefit of the community, its health and its quality of life.

Remember Tree Conservancy of Darien in your end-of-year-giving.

Donations may be made by mail at:

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25 Old King's Highway N.  
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