

Tree Conservancy of Darien Has Now Planted 600 Trees in Town, Gets New Board Members

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Tree Conservancy of Darien celebrated the significant milestone of installing over 600 trees in town at its year-end Board of Directors meeting on Dec. 5.

In addition to reviewing agenda and budget items for the coming year, the local nonprofit also welcomed two new members to its board: Jimmy Ma and Sara Zagrodzky, both of Darien

— *an announcement from the Tree Conservancy of Darien*

Since its inception in 2010, TCD has planted trees at Interstate 95 Exits 11 and 13, the Darien train station, along Ledge Road, Darien town beaches, Spring Grove and Veterans cemeteries and Town Hall.

It has donated trees to all of Darien's public schools, Post 53, Darien Community Association, the Bird Sanctuary at the DCA, First Congregational Church, Darien Nature Center, Selleck's Woods, Olsen Woods, Beautification Commission, Tilley Pond Park and Center Street north and south parking lots.

Its most recent installments in the fall of 2017 include 138 trees and shrubs at Tilley Pond Park, Weed Beach, Veterans Cemetery, the Darien Police Station, Center Street north parking lot and the Darien Community

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Association.

Additionally in the past year, TCD hosted two forest bathing walks, co-hosted an educational lecture at the Darien Library and sold over 90 trees in its annual tree sale.

Its committee members have also walked various streets in town with Eversource officials, helping to reduce the number of trees slated for removal along power lines.

The two new board members will join current members Sig Buchmayr, Diane Farrell, Joanne Gabriel, Karen Hughan, Eileen Montellese, Ginger Morgan, Gwynne Tibbetts, John Wilson, board president Sabina Harris and advisor emeritus Cindy Ryan in working toward the goals of the group: educating the community about the value of trees and their care, replacing trees lost to disease, construction and storms, maintaining the care of new and existing trees and building partnerships with town organizations.

To donate, volunteer, sign up for its newsletter, or find out more about Tree Conservancy of Darien, visit [the website](#) or email info@treeconservancyofdarien.org. (Donations may also be mailed to Tree Conservancy of Darien, 25 Old King's Highway North, Suite 13, #166, Darien, CT 06820.)