



**Agenda**  
**City of Geneva Shade Tree Committee**  
**Thursday January 22nd, 2026 Noon**  
**Geneva Welcome Center Conference Room**

**Approval:** Minutes from December 18th, 2025

**Old Business:**

- Hosting [www.genevatrees.com](http://www.genevatrees.com) on the city website
- Membership updates **Shadetree Committee (9 Members): 3 Years**

Charles Rouse December 31, 2028  
Jeremy Busch December 31, 2028  
James Norwalk (Chair) December 31, 2028  
Tom Burrall December 31, 2028  
James McCorkle December 31, 2026  
Daisy Hoyt December 31, 2026  
Jay Freer December 31, 2027  
James Anderson December 31, 2027  
James Engel December 31, 2027

Staff Liaison – Joe Venuti, Director of Public Works  
Council Liaison – John Brennan

- Report on problem trees and removal list
- Update on scheduled pruning
- Summary of annual costs for STC projects requested by Councilor Brennan.
- Discuss requirement for a 3-year Shade Tree Report. (February meeting?)

**Shade Tree Committee**

- DEC Community Reforestation Grant 2026:  
<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/urban-and-community-forestry/urban-and-community-forestry-grants>
- Planning Arbor Day tree giveaway 2026
  - Shrubs: Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago), American Hazlenut (Corylus americana), Black Chokeberry (Aronia melanocarpa)
  - Small trees: Downy Serviceberry (Amelanchier arborea)
  - Large trees: Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor), Bur Oak (Quercus macrocarpa), White Oak (Quercus alba), Tulip Poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera), Red Mulberry (Morus rubra), Black Gum (Nyssa sylvatica), White Spruce (Picea glauca), White Pine (Pinus strobus)
- Tree City USA application
- REMINDER: When Committee members are approached with tree complaints, The Dept. of Public Works director asked that they be instructed to send an email to [complaints@geneva.ny.us](mailto:complaints@geneva.ny.us) or call the Engineering Dept. at 1-315-789-3101. Emailed complaints should cc the resident's ward representative.

**New Business:**

- Arbor Day 2026 planning (Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Planning WWTP nursery work.
- Castle Street removals

**Next Meeting:** NOON February 19th, 2026 at the Finger Lakes Welcome Center Conference Room