

## **WHAT IS A TOWN TREE? WHAT IS A PRIVATE TREE?**

A town tree is a tree owned by the town of Stoneham. A private tree is a tree on private property. The Stoneham Department of Public Works (DPW) manages all town trees; all private trees are the responsibility of private lot owner unless an agreement with the original homeowner was documented in writing when a tree was planted on private property. There are fines for pruning, cutting or removing town trees; only the Town of Stoneham is permitted to prune/cut/remove town trees.

When in doubt, please contact the DPW to determine if a tree is private or a town tree. In general, the following factors determine if a tree is a town tree:

- Tree is located between the sidewalk and the curb
- Tree is located in a park or public space.
- If there is no sidewalk or curb, the owner should contact the Department of Public Works to determine if the tree is on Town property.

## **WHO DO I CALL IF A TOWN TREE NEEDS TO BE TRIMMED?**

Call the Department of Public Works at 781-438-0760. The Tree Warden will look at the tree to prioritize its condition in relation to other tree requests. *Only the Stoneham DPW is permitted to prune town trees.*