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Dear Trees & Public Greenery Committee Members,

Trees and Public Greenery Committee Vice-Chair Dick Adams has sent a letter to Mayor McEachern resigning from the Tree Committee effective at the end of this month after serving on the committee for 20 years.

After our meeting on Wednesday, I think it would be nice if we recognize the deep, but quiet, passion and wisdom and history Dick has brought to every meeting for 2\two decades. Tomorrow, I intend to bake a cake which I will bring to the meeting. I will also bring a card to the meeting and hopefully one of you can discreetly collect committee members' signatures before the meeting gets going at 8:00 AM ish. [The card that I found at Rite Aid on Sunday evening after a 25 minute search is entirely inadequate. If you are looking for a card for someone who is sick, or dead, or getting married, or having an anniversary or having a baby, or having a bar mitzvah, or a graduation, or getting a job or promotion—there are plenty of cards—funny cards, silly cards, solemn cards, clever cards—but none that really apply to someone who is not really retiring—just closing one page in a thick volume of public service in a long and fascinating life.]

I hope that some of you may have better ideas for thanking Dick than I have. I have always realized that I am creatively challenged and with the announcement last week of the new word of the year, I realize that I have long been “rizz” challenged and I did not even know it—so any help you can provide in honoring Dick would be appreciated.

Sincerely, Peter

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