

Plaque Inscription

The plaque that will accompany a tree will include the common and botanical name for the tree species on the **first two lines in the shaded box below**. A maximum of 5 additional lines of text with 30 characters (letters, numbers and spaces) per line is available for your inscription. Please use both upper and lower case letters.

Shaded box for tree species name (lines 1-2)

Five dashed lines for inscription (lines 3-7)

A tree or bench makes a lovely gift or memorial and also contributes to the beauty and variety of the park landscape. A tree spreads its strength and beauty across the years to become a lasting recognition or remembrance.

Results Program

- ❖ The cost is based on current tree, bench and plaque prices. It includes the purchase, planting and upkeep of the tree and plaque or the purchase, installation and upkeep of the bench and plaque.
- ❖ You will receive a certificate of appreciation from the Wheaton Park District with a park map showing the location of your memorial which may be passed along to the recipient's family.

Plaque

- ❖ The plaque is a 5" x 8" permanent cast bronze plate with raised letters. Planning staff can direct you to a convenient sample. The plaque could include your loved one's name and some special wording from you. The plaque holds a total of seven lines of text with 30 characters per line. The botanical and common name of the tree is included on the first two lines of all tree plaques.
- ❖ The plaque is mounted on an attractive boulder base that has a sealer applied to reduce weathering. The face of the base is slanted to present the plaque attractively. The base and plaque are installed within the mulched area after the tree or bench has been planted or installed.

Ordering Information

To order a tree or bench, please call the Wheaton Park District Planning Department at 630.653.5429. We will assist you with the process of selecting a tree or bench, deciding on the wording for the plaque, and choosing a fitting location for your memorial.

"Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven."

-Rabindranath Tagore, Fireflies, 1928

- ❖ Park district staff will do our best to select the right tree for the right location and will provide a full guarantee for one year.
- ❖ Tree replacement beyond one year will be considered in instances such as: inability for tree to become established, stress due to extreme weather, damage, district plans that affect the location or disease/pest. In these instances, the original donor will be requested to provide direct costs of replacement – cost of tree and plaque where applicable. Labor fees will be waived by the district.
- ❖ If the district or original donor chooses not to replace the tree, plaques will be provided to the donor or their designate.
- ❖ Trees or benches will not be replaced after 10 years without applying to the current program in place and all applicable costs.

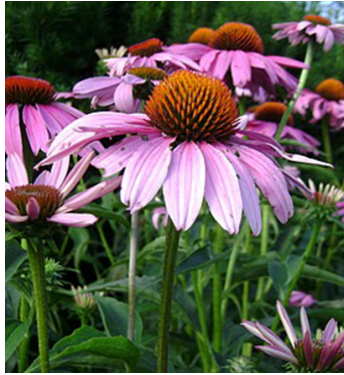


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Wheaton Park District Tree & Bench Commemorative Program



Celebrate a special occasion, honor someone you hold dear or remember a loved one by donating a tree or bench.



Park Bench

❖ The memorial bench style will be chosen by a planner in order to maintain consistency throughout each park.

❖ The Park Planner will assist you in selecting a park and location for the bench.

❖ Benches require an 8 to 10-week lead time from date of the initial order to final installation.

Price – \$1,600 (includes installation and memorial plaque)

Tree Selection and Location

❖ A tree may be selected from a variety of species chosen for the beauty of their growth and fall color. The park district plants these trees in spring (**March 1 deadline**) and fall (**September 1 deadline**) depending upon the appropriate planting season for the species selected.

❖ The Park Planner will assist you in selecting a tree and a park and planting location.

❖ The final location of a tree or bench will be based on the Wheaton Park District Master Plan, at the discretion of the Planning Department. The park district reserves the right to move or replace any donated items. The park district only guarantees to replace a tree within one year of the planting date. Each tree will be maintained in accordance with our tree maintenance program.



Shade Trees

These trees provide large canopies, lose their leaves in fall and usually grow to more than 50 feet:

(color) in parenthesis indicates fall color
* indicates spring planting only

- Ohio Buckeye** – *Aesculus glabra* (yellow/orange) native
- Accolade™ Elm** – *Ulmus japonica x ulmus wilsoniana* (yellow) native
- Ginkgo** – *Ginkgo biloba* (yellow)
- Kentucky Coffee Tree** – *Gymnocladus dioica* (yellow) native
- Littleleaf Linden** – *Tilia cordata* (BF)
- Sugar Maple** – *Acer saccharum* (yellow/orange) native
- Bur Oak** – *Quercus macrocarpa* (yellow/purple) native*
- Chinkapin Oak** – *Quercus muehlenbergii* (russet) native*
- Northern Red Oak** – *Quercus rubra* (russet) native*
- Bicolor Oak** – *Quercus bicolor* (yellow) native*
- Tulip Tree** – *Liriodendron tulipifera* (yellow) native*

Tree size – 2-1/2 to 3-inch trunk diameter
Price – \$800 (includes planting and memorial plaque installation)

An existing, established tree can also be chosen for the same price. This donation is used toward the planting of trees in other parks.



Evergreen Trees

These trees have needle-like leaves that remain on most species year round. They are pyramidal in shape and grow to more than 50 feet:

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- Bald Cypress** – *Taxodium distichum* (russet) drops its needles, native*
- Douglas Fir** – *Pseudotsuga menziesii*
- White Fir** – *Abies concolor*
- Black Hills Spruce** – *Picea glauca*
- Norway Spruce** – *Picea abies*

Tree size – 5-7 feet tall
Price – \$800 (includes planting and memorial plaque installation)

Due to the popularity of this program, several parks are not available for additional trees or benches. These include:

- American Legion (benches available)
- Arrowhead Golf Club
- Briar Knoll Park
- Central Park (pending redevelopment)
- Cosley Zoo
- Memorial Park
- Prairie Path Park
- Rathje Park
- Seven Gables (around pond; other areas available)
- Sunnyside Park (benches available)

Dedicated to . . . _____

Donor . . . _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Donated on behalf of . . . _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Total Amount of Donation \$ _____

Bench (\$1,600) Tree (\$800)
(Checks should be made payable to The Wheaton Park District)
*Pricing effective January 1, 2009.

Preferred Tree Species _____

Preferred Park Location _____

Please return this form to:
Wheaton Park District
Attn: Planning Department
1000 Manchester Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Phone: 630.653.5429
Fax: 630.665.8946

A receipt for your donation and a proof of the plaque inscription will be forwarded to you.

Trees will be planted either in the spring or fall of each year as weather permits, depending upon the species of tree. Application deadline: **March 1** for spring and **Sept. 1** for fall.

Benches require an 8 to 10-week lead time from the date of the initial order to final installation.