

COMMEMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM



Planting Trees For Special People and Occasions

Trees represent a valuable economic, environmental and social resource to people around the world. Because trees serve as a living link to our past, a wonderful asset in the present, and a wise investment in our future, the Upper Arlington Tree Commission offers to all the opportunity to participate in the Commemorative Tree Program.

Commemorative Trees serve as permanent living monuments and links to the past. These monuments grow in importance, visibility and value as the years pass, while improving our quality of life in countless ways. Planting a tree in honor or in memory of a special person or event is a lasting tribute and gift.

How to Order Commemorative Trees

Commemorative Tree orders are taken any time of year. The trees are ordered and planted by the City in the Spring and Fall of each year. Trees are approximately two inches in caliper. Larger sizes may be available upon request, based on availability and contribution amount. The minimum contribution to plant a Commemorative Tree is \$350. Contributions include the cost of planting and caring for the tree. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. For more information please call 614-583-5340.

Special Occasions

The Commemorative Tree Program provides an opportunity for any person to recognize, memorialize, honor or celebrate a special person, place or event. Trees can be planted to commemorate an almost endless variety of occasions among family, friends, neighbors and others.



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Examples of occasions to commemorate:

- Births
- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- In memory of loved ones
- Retirements
- Special achievements (athletic, academic, professional)
- Dedication of new buildings, facilities or programs
- Welcomes or goodbyes
- Congratulations
- Thank yous
- Special events (championships, conferences, visits)
- Family reunions
- Graduations
- School reunions
- Celebration of special days (birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, or other holidays)
- Arbor Day and Earth Day

Planting Locations

Commemorative trees may be planted in City Parks, at the Municipal Services Center, the Upper Arlington Public Libraries, the Upper Arlington Public Schools or on other public land in the City. Donors may select the area in which they wish to plant a tree. Final location will be determined by the City or other public landowner in consultation with the donor. Donors often choose to plant trees in areas which have a special family or personal significance. Please note that some Parks may have limited availability or may be fully planted.

Tree Species

There are dozens of different trees available for planting in Central Ohio. However, every species has unique site preferences and aesthetic qualities. The City works with donors to select a tree which will thrive in its specific location, and provide the flowers, fruit, fall color, shade or other characteristics desired. For creative donors, trees can sometimes be matched to the person or event being commemorated.

Maintenance and Guarantee

Commemorative trees planted on City property are included in the City's tree maintenance program which includes pruning, watering, mulching, etc. Trees planted on other public property are maintained by the controlling institution or organization. The City will transplant or replace any Commemorative Tree on City property that dies, or is threatened by land use or site changes during the anticipated lifetime of the tree.



Recognition

All Commemorative Tree donations are registered in the Commemorative Tree Book. This classic book records the tree donor, tree species, location, date of planting and the person or event commemorated. The Commemorative Tree Book is kept on permanent closed reserve in the Reference Department of the Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Road, where it is easily accessible to the public. The Commemorative Tree Registry can also be found on the City's website at upperarlingtonoh.gov. All participants also receive a Commemorative Tree Recognition Certificate. Plaques are not permitted next to trees in City parks.

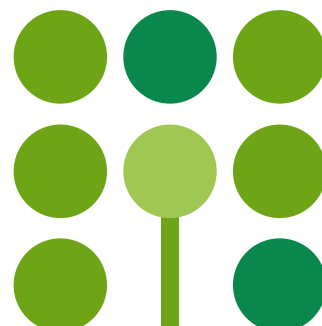
Upper Arlington Tree Commission

The Upper Arlington Tree Commission is a group of seven residents appointed by the President of Council. The Commission's purpose is to advise City Council on urban forestry issues, to educate residents and to work with professional staff in support of a comprehensive municipal forestry program. Members serve three-year terms, and meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month. The goal of the Upper Arlington Tree Commission is to guide and facilitate the operation of a comprehensive municipal forestry program which enhances the quality of life for all Upper Arlington residents. Programs include:

- Cost Share Street Tree Program
- Commemorative Tree Program
- Tree Treks
- Arbor Day Celebration
- Volunteer planting projects
- Street tree maintenance and replacement
- Park tree maintenance and replacement
- Emerald ash borer management



Upper Arlington has received the National Tree City USA award each year since 1990. Thank you for your interest in a greener, more sustainable Upper Arlington.



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