

GIFT A TREE

If you would like to honor someone, why not have a tree planted at one of the Park District's sites? This program offers individuals, families, and friends the opportunity to plant a tree to recognize a special person, event, or organization. Trees give a sense of permanence and continuity. This is a program of the Prospect Heights Parks Foundation, recently formed 501(c)3 non-profit to enhance local programs, parks, and facilities.



HOW ARE TREES AND LOCATIONS SELECTED?

You choose from a variety of trees with different sizes and characteristics: colorful blooms, shade fullness, charm to the landscape, etc. Trees are planted in the spring and/or fall each year and Park District staff will help choose the tree and location based upon your preferences. The Park District is responsible for acquiring, planting, pruning, fertilizing, and watering the trees. The Prospect Heights Park District is responsible, if it becomes necessary, for replacing any gifted trees.

TREES

Listed within are several trees recommended for planting based on the Park District's 2022 Urban Forestry Management Plan. The Tree Plan includes a more diverse, robust, and resilient tree population for Prospect Heights. These certain tree species are adapted to our Midwest climate and are not invasive. Special requests can be discussed with the Superintendent of Parks.

PROCESS

You may contact the Superintendent of Parks (847-394-2848) to discuss tree choice, location, and costs. Planting occurs during the spring and/or fall of each year depending upon the tree selected. Planting sites are determined and monitored using the District's tree inventory, in conjunction with Park District staff input. Each tree will be maintained in accordance with the District's Tree Management Plan. An acknowledgment will be mailed to the family of the person or organization being honored upon request. After the tree is planted, you will be notified by Park District staff.

COST

The cost varies from \$300-\$700 depending upon availability, species and maturity of tree selected. The cost includes the tree, its installation, and an inscribed gold leaf to be included in the Tree of Life display, located in the Recreation Center located at 110 West Camp McDonald Road in Prospect Heights. There is an additional cost for a memorial plaque to be planted adjacent to the tree.

A few of the approved species listed below for the Park District based on the District's 2022 Urban Forestry Management Plan

1. BEECH-AMERICAN
2. CATALPA
3. DAWN REDWOOD
4. DOGWOOD-PAGODA
5. ELM-HYBRID
6. GINKGO
7. HACKBERRY
8. HONEYLOCUST
9. IRONWOOD
10. LILAC-TREE
11. LINDEN - AMERICAN
12. OAK - SHINGLE
13. PINE - LIMBER
14. PLUM - AMERICAN
15. SPRUCE-WHITE

**All planting stock shall be grown within 250 miles of the City of Prospect Heights*

