

Alsip Park District



Plant a Living Tree Memorial Informational Packet

ALSIP PARK DISTRICT
PLANT A LIVING TREE MEMORIAL

PURPOSE

- TO ALLOW ALSIP RESIDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR AND/ OR MEMORIALIZE RELATIVES AND/OR FRIENDS WITH THE PLANTING OF A TREE IN A PARK DISTRICT PARK OR FACILITY.
- TO ASSIST THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT WITH THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW TREES PROVIDING YEARS OF SHADE, BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

- **CRITERIA**

- THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT SHALL IDENTIFY PARKS AND GENERAL LOCATIONS IN EACH PARK WHERE TREES MAY BE PLANTED. CONSIDERATION WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE LOCATION REQUESTS FROM THE DONOR.
- TREES SHALL BE PLANTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT OR THEIR DESIGNATED AGENT. MAINTENANCE OF TREES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARK PROCEDURE ON TREE MAINTENANCE. DONORS MAY, AT THEIR EXPENSE, PROVIDE MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE.
- THE TREES SHALL BE PLANTED AT THE APPROPRIATE PLANTING SEASON.
- THE DONOR MAY ASSIST THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT WITH THE SELECTION OF THE TREE, HOWEVER, THE FINAL DECISION SHALL BE THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT'S.
- THE DONOR MAY BE PRESENT AT TIME THE TREE IS PLANTED.
- MEMORIAL MARKERS MAY NOT BE PLACED AT THE BASE OR ON THE TREE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOUNTAIN HILLS GOLF CLUB. MEMORIAL MARKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE LOCATION ONCE APPROVED AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE.
- TREES VANDALIZED OR DESTROYED BY NATURAL CAUSES MAY BE REPLACED BY THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT ON AN AS CAN BASIS. REPLACEMENT TREES WILL NOT BE THE SAME SIZE AS THE TREE'S MOST CURRENT SIZE.

- MINIMUM SIZE OF TREES SHALL BE A MINIMUM TWO INCH CALIPHER. DONOR MAY SELECT TO CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR A LARGER TREE.
- ALL TREES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT.
- PRICE OF THE TREES WILL FLUCTUATE ACCORDING TO MARKET CONDITIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE COST AT THIS TIME WILL NOT EXCEED \$250.00 PER TREE.
- RECOGNITION
DONORS WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT THANKING THEM FOR DONATING A TREE. AT THE DONORS REQUEST, THE DISTRICT WILL BE PLEASED TO SEND A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING THE DONATION TO PERSONS BEING RECOGNIZED. D.
- THE DISTRICT WILL ESTABLISH A DONOR TREE IN THE APOLLO RECREATION CENTER RECOGNIZING ALL TREE DONATIONS.

AUTHORIZED TREES*

- White Oak
- Burr Oak
- Red Oak
- Skyline Thornless Honey Locust
- Hackberry
- American Linden
- Bradford Pear

* Recommended by the Forest Preserve

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White Oak	\$190.00
Burr Oak	\$190.00
Red Oak	\$190.00
Skyline Thornless Honey Locust	\$175.00
Hackberry	\$190.00
American Linden	\$180.00
Cleveland Select Pear	\$160.00

****Please note that prices are subject to change at any time due to market conditions or seasons. The above price is intended to give an estimate of cost to purchase the above mentioned trees.**

Trees will be scheduled to be planted in early spring (May 15-June15) or early fall (September to late October.)

Burr Oak

Quercus macrocarpa



Burr Oak Facts

Mature Height :	70-80 feet
Mature Spread :	70-80 feet
Mature Form :	Broad crown
Growth Rate :	Moderate
Sun Exposure :	Full sun
Soil Moisture :	Widely adaptable
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	Yellowish green insignificant
Foliage Color :	Green
Fall Color :	Yellow
<u>Zones</u> :	3-8

About the Burr Oak:

The Bur Oak tree, *Quercus macrocarpa*, is a long-lived majestic oak tree. It is also called the Burr Oak. The Bur Oak is a tall, fairly slow-growing, long-lived tree, highly desirable for windbreaks, shelterbelts and ornamental use. It has an impressive crown with a massive trunk, which makes it a picturesque specimen. Bur Oak trees adapt to various soils where other oaks may fail.

This deciduous tree is tolerant to urban conditions. Autumn colors are yellow-green, yellow, and yellow brown. The tree will bear acorns in the nursery in ten years.

Hackberry

Celtis occidentalis



Image Courtesy Missouri Botanical Garden

Hackberry Facts

Mature Height :	50-75 feet
Mature Spread :	25-40 feet
Mature Form :	Upright vase shape
Growth Rate :	Rapid
Sun Exposure :	Sun to partial shade
Soil Moisture :	Widely adaptable
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	Green inconspicuous
Foliage Color :	Green
Fall Color :	Yellow
<u>Zones</u> :	3-9

About the Hackberry :

The Hackberry tree, *Celtis Occidentalis*, is a superior tree that withstands heat, drought, wind, and alkaline soils. The Hackberry tree is tall, and has similar spread, with ascending arching branches, and some drooping branches. Hackberry trees have a large spreading crown with red-orange fruit in the fall.

This deciduous tree has low water requirements, and a high tolerance to salt and alkali soils and urban conditions. Light green summer foliage turns to a yellow fall color. The Hackberry is a moderate growing rugged tree. The trunk takes on a corky appearance as it matures.

Northern Red Oak

Quercus borealis



Northern Red Oak Facts

Mature Height :	50-60 feet
Mature Spread :	50-60 feet
Mature Form :	Round
Growth Rate :	Rapid
Sun Exposure :	Full sun
Soil Moisture :	Widely adaptable
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	Yellowish green insignificant
Foliage Color :	Green
Fall Color :	Red
<u>Zones</u> :	3-8

About the Northern Red Oak :

The Northern Red Oak tree, *Quercus borealis*, is known for its strength and brilliant fall color. Northern Red Oak trees are used as a specimen tree and also for wildlife. It has moderate water requirements and has a moderate tolerance to salt and alkali soils. The form of this tree is rounded and the ascending, usually massive branches, tend to branch low to the ground.

Fall colors are from yellow-brown to russet-red and bright red. New leaves have a reddish tinge in the spring. Commercially valuable wood. They will bear acorns in 10-12 years in the nursery. Does best in well-drained soils. A very widely planted tree.

Thornless Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos inermis



Image Erv Evans
NC State University

Thornless Honeylocust Facts

Mature Height :	50-75 feet
Mature Spread :	40-50 feet
Mature Form :	Upright vase spreading
Growth Rate :	Rapid
Sun Exposure :	Sun to partial shade
Soil Moisture :	Drought tolerant
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	Greenish yellow - fragrant
Foliage Color :	Green
Fall Color :	Yellow
<u>Zones</u> :	4-9

About the Thornless Honeylocust :

The Thornless Honeylocust tree, *Gleditsia Triacanthos*, is fast growing as a young tree and will grow 2' or more a year over a 10-year period. Readily transplanted, it withstands a wide range of conditions although it reaches maximum development on rich, moist bottomlands or on soils of a limestone origin.

This deciduous tree is tolerant of drought conditions, high pH, and is salt tolerant. Thornless Honeylocust trees are an excellent lawn tree for filtered shade. The fine small textured leaves casts a light shade and usually do not need raking in the fall.

White Oak

Quercus alba



White Oak Facts

Mature Height :	60-100 feet
Mature Spread :	50-90 feet
Mature Form :	Broad, massive, spreading
Growth Rate :	Slow
Sun Exposure :	Sun to partial shade
Soil Moisture :	Drought, heat tolerant
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	Yellowish green insignificant
Foliage Color :	Green
Fall Color :	Red
<u>Zones</u> :	3-9

About the White Oak :

The White Oak tree, *Quercus alba*, is a great majestic long-lived tree that will last for generations. It is an excellent wildlife source of food mass in the form of acorns. This deciduous shade tree has moderate water requirements and has a moderate tolerance to salt and alkali soils. Does best on deep, moist, well-drained, acid soils. This tree grows at a moderate pace. The White Oak is pyramidal in youth and then develops broad crown with age.

The dense foliage is bluish-green, to reddish-brown in fall. The White Oak is the tree from which the phrase "The Mighty Oak" was coined. It is an excellent specimen tree needing plenty of room to mature properly. Advantages of the White Oak are that they are easily transplanted when young and they have a high resistance to ice breakage and oak wilt. They require very little maintenance.

American Linden



- ** Fast growing shade tree
- ** Yellow fragrant flowers in June
 - ** Prefers deep soils
- ** Will grow in drier heavier soils
- ** 75-90' Tall by 40-50' Width

Cleveland Select Pear

Pyrus calleryana, 'Cleveland Select'



Cleveland Select Pear Facts

Mature Height :	25-35 feet
Mature Spread :	10-15 feet
Mature Form :	Upright conical
Growth Rate :	Rapid
Sun Exposure :	Full sun
Soil Moisture :	Drought, heat tolerant
Soil Type :	Widely adaptable
Flower Color :	White
Foliage Color :	Dark Green
Fall Color :	Purple-Reddish-Orange
<u>Zones</u> :	5-9

About the Cleveland Select Pear :

The “Cleveland Select” pear trees (*Pyrus calleryana* “Cleveland Select”) belong to the Callery pear family, noted for their early spring bloom and glossy green leaves. This particular variety grow 25 to 35 feet tall and 15 feet wide in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 5 through 9. It has some advantages over the related “Bradford” pear (*Pyrus calleryana* “Bradford”), which grows in the same USDA zones.

This attractive, narrow, pyramidal shade, making it better fit for narrower spaces than wider, can tolerate heat and pollution, which makes it suited in the yards and along the streets of urban areas. It flowers densely in spring with white blooms and its leaves turn a striking red-orange color in fall.

References

www.naturehills.com

www.westpinetreefarm.com

ALSIP PARK DISTRICT LIVING TREE MEMORIAL APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

TREE TO HONOR: _____

RELATION TO APPLICANT: _____

Name to appear on plaque: _____

COMMENTS: _____

LOCATION OF TREES PLANTING: _____

All efforts will be made to meet request. Final decisions shall be the Park District's.

Do you wish to be contacted prior to tree planting: Yes No

Please circle your preference on tree to be planted:

White Oak	Burr Oak	Red Oak	Skyline Thornless Honey Locust
Hackberry	American Linden	Cleveland Select Pear	

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For Office Use Only

Cash _____ Check _____ Charge _____

Date Received _____ Check # _____

Amount Paid \$ _____

Cardholder # _____

Cardholder Name _____

Expiration Date _____

Amount Charged _____

Authorization Signature _____