

# WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

The Woodridge Park District Memorial Tree program provides residents the opportunity to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion. Your participation in the Memorial Tree program will not only provide a lasting memory, but will also help to beautify our parks and trails. In addition to the tree, a bronze plaque is available and may include the name of the tree, year of dedication, name of person the memorial is for and a brief personalized message.

## TREES

All trees and locations must be pre-approved by the Woodridge Park District. The Park District can suggest locations and tree species, or an appointment can be arranged to have a staff member assist in selecting a specific location for your memorial tree. The memorial site must be located on Woodridge Park District property. Generally, trees purchased for planting by the District are 2" - 2-1/2" caliper trees. Trees of that size typically range from \$200 to \$400, depending upon the species and availability. If approved by Park District staff additional tree sizes may be considered to fit specific budgets or for personal preference. Planting of the tree can be completed either in the Spring, typically before June 1st, or in the Fall, before November 15th. Recommended trees include: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Black Tupelo, Hybrid Elms, Horsechestnut, Catalpa, Ginkgo, Kentucky Coffee, and various Oak species.

## PLAQUES

The 4"x11" bronze plaques are 1/4" thick with etched graphics and text. The plaques are affixed to flagstone with unseen mounting pins on the backside of the plaque. The plaques can take two to three months for delivery from the time of order. This should be kept in mind while planning your memorial tree project. Typical plaque inscriptions/graphics include: the name of the tree, year of dedication, name of person or persons memorialized, and small sayings, poems or dedications. Any text or graphics to be included on the plaque must meet the approval of Park District staff prior to being issued for fabrication. The average cost for the plaque is \$350. Although cost can vary in event that the size of the plaque is altered or if material prices increase. An additional \$25 fee is included to cover incidental cost for installing the plaque including the stone and the material to affix the plaque to the stone.

## PARK DISTRICT SERVICES

For any memorial tree purchased Park District staff will coordinate the purchase and installation of the tree and unique memorial plaque. In addition to the planting, Park District staff will establish, maintain, and guarantee the replacement of the tree in the event that it is no longer viable. No additional cost will be assessed for these services. A staff member can assist in locating the site, selecting the tree, and assisting with word selection for the plaque. Prior to placing orders for the materials the District requires payment in full.

*Payments can be made at the district office by credit card or by checks payable to the Woodridge Park District.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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### Disclaimer

*Due to potential future park improvements at a park site that may conflict with the existing location of a planted memorial tree, the District reserves the right to relocate and/or replace any memorial tree within the same park as long as the new location is in keeping with the overall park design, or elsewhere at an alternate park site. Reasonable efforts to contact the initial requestor will be made in advance of any relocation/replacement efforts.*

In living memory of

**Jonathan 'John' Doe**

August 23, 1957 - March 2, 2019

Dedicated with love by  
his Family and Friends



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