



Dear Resident,

Thank you for your interest in donating a tribute tree to the Village of Hinsdale. Trees are vital to the quality of life and are major capitol assets in our community. Often taken for granted, trees provide many desirable benefits and serve a multitude of purposes, actually playing a role in the very air we breathe. Without trees our Village would be a sterile landscape of concrete, brick, steel, and asphalt. Trees make communities livable for people by reducing air pollution, modifying local climate, reducing wind speeds, noise reduction, and providing privacy. Trees increase economic stability; people linger and shop longer in tree-lined business districts. Healthy trees can add up to 9% percent to residential property value. (Valuation of Landscape Trees, Shrubs, and Other Plants. 1988.) A healthy urban forest provides beauty to landscaping, with summer shade, spring flowers, and fall colors and helps people relax. A well-managed community forest contributes to a sense of pride and ownership.

A contribution to purchase or a donation to the tree fund is a way to honor family members or friends at special times such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, personal accomplishments, as well as sympathy. The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy for the planting of tribute trees on Village property. A copy of that policy is attached.

The enclosed material outlines the species available and ordering procedures. Please read over this material, make your selection, and submit your payment to the Village Hall, along with your completed order form. The arrangements for the planting of the tree will be made with Hinsdale Nurseries and the Village Forester. Planting usually occurs the months of April or May for spring planting and October or November for fall planting. The Forestry staff will confirm the planting seasons for your tree with a letter.

If you wish, you may visit Hinsdale Nurseries to select the tree species. Hinsdale Nurseries is located at 7200 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook, IL.

Your interest is appreciated. Your donation is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by the law. Donors should check with their advisor or accountant. All proceeds will go to the Hinsdale Tribute Tree Fund to be used for future tree projects within the Village. Together we can keep Hinsdale's forest growing.

Sincerely,

John Finnell
Village Forester

Tribute Tree Policy

The Village of Hinsdale will gratefully accept contributions of trees from private individuals who wish to plant a tree as a dedication on public grounds subject to the following guidelines:

Location

Individuals who wish to make a donation of a tribute tree may contact the Village Forester and request that the tree be planted at a specific site. The exact location of the tree will be left to the discretion and approval of the Village Forester to determine how the tree best fits with the use and conditions of the site.

Tree Selection

All tribute trees shall be of a minimum size and of specie selected from the Village's list of approved parkway trees. Other species, including evergreens, may be considered for approval by Village staff if the site and uses permit.

Tree Planting, Guarantee, and Maintenance

All costs for the tree and its planting are included in the contribution. The Village will not assume any costs associated with the planting of the tree, nor make any guarantees beyond those offered by Hinsdale Nurseries. Regular maintenance, such as watering and pruning, will be completed by Village Staff in accordance with current Village policy. The Village reserves the right to remove any diseased or damaged trees which may pose a hazard to other trees or users of Village properties. Any tree so removed will not be replaced.

Markers

Items such as rocks, plaques, or other markers will not be allowed due to the on-going maintenance which they may require. A small tree tag up to 3" x 5" will be placed from a limb to designate the tree as a tribute tree. The tag will specify the tree species, date of planting, and name of honoree.

Suitable Trees for Parkway Plantings

Trees with large mature heights (>50 feet) for areas with adequate side and overhead space	Planting Season	Thrives in exposed areas
Elm, disease resistant (<i>Ulmus</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Yes
Oak (<i>Quercus</i> spp.)	Spring Only	Varies
Hackberry (<i>Celtis occidentalis</i> .)	Spring and Fall	Yes
Hickory (<i>Carya</i> spp.)	Spring Only	Varies
Hophornbeam (<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)	Spring Only	No
Kentucky Coffee Tree (<i>Gymnocladus dioclus</i>)	Spring and Fall	Yes
Beech (<i>Fagus</i> spp.)	Spring Only	No
Black Gum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)	Spring Only	No
Maple, excluding silver and other softwood species, (<i>Acer</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Varies
Turkish Filbert (<i>Corylus colurna</i>)	Spring and Fall	Varies
Linden (<i>Tilia</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Varies
Gingko, male selections (<i>Gingko biloba</i>)	Spring and Fall	Yes

Trees with mature heights of 15 to 50 feet or columnar forms for areas with limited growing areas (all should be tree form)	Planting Season	Thrives in exposed areas
Buckeye (<i>Aesculus</i> spp.)	Spring Only	Varies
Crabapple, selections without large fruit/disease problems (<i>Malus</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Yes
Dwarf Maples (<i>Acer</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Varies
Hawthorn, selections with no thorns or disease problems (<i>Crataegus</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Yes
Katsuratree (<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>)	Spring Only	No
American Yellowwood (<i>Cladastris lutea</i>)	Spring Only	No
Blue Beech (<i>Carpinus</i> spp.)	Spring Only	No
Pear, cultivars other than Bradford (<i>Pyrus</i> spp.)	Spring Only	Yes
Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier</i> spp.)	Spring Only	Yes
Tree Lilac (<i>Syringa</i> spp.)	Spring and Fall	Yes

Trees for naturalized areas or special landscape situations	Planting Seasons	Thrives in exposed areas
Bald Cypress	Spring and Fall	Yes
Catalpa	Spring and Fall	Yes
Honeylocust	Spring and Fall	Yes

Non-Suitable for Parkway Plantings

Trees not recommended due to unsuitability to urban conditions

- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
- Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

Trees Prohibited for Parkway Planting

- Ash (*Fraxinus* spp.)
- Boxelder Maple (*Acer negundo*)
- Elm, not disease resistant (*Ulmus* spp.)
- Evergreen Conifer, any species
- Poplar (*Populus* spp.)
- Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*)
- Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
- Willow (*Salix* spp.)

**Village of Hinsdale
Tribute Tree Order Form
Hinsdale Tribute Tree Fund**

The Village of Hinsdale is offering a Tribute Tree Planting Program. Residents interested in purchasing a tribute tree should review all information available before completing the following order form. The deadline for the spring planting is March 31st and the deadline for the fall season is August 31st. All applications received after the deadline will be considered for the following planting season.

Trees and planting are supplied by Hinsdale Nurseries, Inc. Donors are encouraged to visit the nursery yard at 7200 S. Madison Street, Willowbrook, IL to choose a tree. Otherwise the Village Forester will select an appropriate tree for the planting location. Trees can only be planted on Village property. Village staff will determine appropriate planting locations. Trees will be guaranteed for one year by Hinsdale Nurseries. Village staff must approve the final selection of tree and location. For questions, please contact the Village Forester, John Finnell, at 630 789-7043 or jfinnell@villageofhinsdale.org

To participate in the tribute program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village Hall, 19 East Chicago Avenue. Please make checks payable to the Village of Hinsdale. Any proceeds, including general donations will go to the Hinsdale Tribute Tree Fund to be utilized for future tree projects within the Village. Donations will be tax deductible as allowed by the law. Please check with you tax advisor.'

Your Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Name of Honoree or Event: _____

<u>Tree Species:</u>	
First Choice: _____	Size: _____
Second Choice: _____	Size: _____

<u>Location:</u>	
First Choice: _____	
Second Choice: _____	

Tree Size	Cost*
2.5" to 3.0" Caliper	\$500.00
3.5" to 4.0" Caliper	\$1,000.00
4.5" to 5.0" Caliper	\$1,500.00
5.5" to 6.0" Caliper	\$2,000.00
Adopt an Existing Tree (In park or prominent Village location)	\$2,500.00 and higher**
*Includes tree tag with name of honoree, tree name, and event.	
**Depending on Species and Location	

Hinsdale Tribute Tree Fund:	General Donations of \$25 or more
Amount of Donation: _____	