

## Commemorative Bench and Tree Program

The Western Springs Park District Commemorative Bench and Tree Program was developed to provide a lasting means to honor a loved one, mark an anniversary or recognize a special occasion. Your memorial gift also contributes to the beautification of our parks and the improvement of our environment.

Planting trees benefits us all by:

- ❖ Stabilizing the soil and preventing erosion
- ❖ Providing food and shelter for wildlife
- ❖ Improving air quality
- ❖ Conserving water

Trees and benches may be purchased at any time during the year; however trees are planted in the spring and fall seasons in conjunction with our annual reforestation program. Benches are installed when weather permits. You will work with a Park District staff member to coordinate your tree selection and location. Please note all species are not available throughout the year and some species do not do well in our planting region. Tree selection will be determined based upon the planting location, local soil conditions, type of tree needed for the chosen park site, as well as availability. Trees will be monitored and maintained by our staff.

You may choose from shade trees, conifers and ornamental trees. Below is a sample list of trees for each category:

**Shade Trees** - A shade tree is any tree grown for its shade. This term usually applies to large trees with spreading canopies. Some of the most popular shade trees are oaks, maples, lindens, and elms.

**Conifers** – These trees tend to keep their leaves all year round and include the pines, firs, spruces, hemlocks, cypresses, junipers, and yews.

**Ornamental Trees** – Smaller in size than the shade tree, these types of trees may be flowering, or provide interesting fall color. Examples of these types of trees include crab apple and pear trees.

Please contact our Park District staff at 708-246-4225 or via email at [westernspringspark@yahoo.com](mailto:westernspringspark@yahoo.com). Please leave your name and a contact number where you can be reached.



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Application Form

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### COSTS

Shade & Flowering Trees	\$500
Conifers	\$400

You will receive a call from our staff who will work with you in choosing an appropriate type of tree for the location selected. We will work with our nursery to determine what varieties are currently available in our area and suitable to the parks. Our staff will install the tree and a memorial plaque.

Benches	\$750
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Your donation will include a park bench and a memorial plaque to be installed by our park staff. You will receive a call from our staff to select your park site and location. For continuity, we will coordinate your bench based on the current theme used in the park.

Please make your check payable to “**Western Springs Park District**”.

**Mail your check and form to: Western Springs Park District  
Bench and Tree Memorial Program  
P.O. Box 630  
Western Springs, IL 60558**

If you have any questions, please call 708-246-4225

### Official Use Only

Tree/Evergreen selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Bench selected(Model # and Manufacturer): \_\_\_\_\_

Park Location selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Installed: \_\_\_\_\_