



LIVING TREE PROGRAM

The Living Tree Program is designed for those persons or organizations desiring to commemorate a particular event by the planting of a tree. The event might be an anniversary, birthday, wedding, birth, reunion, graduation, retirement or death of a loved one. The person or group chooses a tree from the designated list. The prices listed are the City's expected cost for that tree. The tree will be planted by the Parks Division. Larger trees or other park items are available.

Registration

Interested persons or groups must order and pay for a tree in the Parks Maintenance Center located at 3170 Valleywood Drive, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those purchasing a tree will need to meet on site with parks personnel to pick the exact planting location and variety. It is often easier to meet before the registration form is completed and payment is made.

Civic Commons Park has been a popular Living Tree site since it was developed. All available tree locations have been planted except for a few large trees or designating an existing tree.

A letter acknowledging the gift will be sent to the honoree if requested.

Planting

The tree will be planted in Kettering on public land including areas such as parks, medians, churches, hospitals or public buildings. The tree may not be planted on residential property, businesses or other areas private in nature. The donor may request a particular planting site which will be followed if possible. The Parks Superintendent may make any necessary changes.

The trees will be ordered and planted in the spring or fall by the Parks Division. An effort will be made to contact the donor when the tree is planted so they might attend the tree planting if they so desire.

Plaques

Bronze 8" x 10" plaques may be ordered for ground level installation next to the Living Tree. The cost will be borne by the purchaser. The plaque will be installed by the Parks Department. Cost for plaque is \$275. In order to provide consistent quality and aesthetics, only plaques purchased through the City will be allowed.

Tree Care

Parks personnel will care for the tree after planting. This includes watering, fertilizing, mulching and trimming as needed. Bulbs and flowers can be planted in the mulch at the base of the tree. All bulbs and flowers must be approved before planting. If a particular flower variety and color is being planted in that park, all other flowers will need to match. The planting, watering and care of the bulbs and flowers will be the sole responsibility of the person(s) planting the flowers.

Decorations

Many Living Trees are planted in memory of loved ones who have passed. While the tree may seem like a memorial, the trees may not be decorated with ornaments, flags, figurines or other decorations. Bulbs and/or flowers may be planted at the base of the tree, as described in the Tree Care section.

If there are any questions, please call the Parks Maintenance Center at 296-2486.

TREE LIST

Listed below are frequently chosen tree varieties and sizes. We also need selected trees in larger sizes and other park amenities such as benches, play equipment, sports equipment and other park items. If these or other items are in keeping with your commemoration, please call for further information.

Hawthorne 2"	\$265.00	Maple 2"	\$265.00
Crabapple 2"	\$260.00	White Oak 2"	\$295.00
Ornamental Pear 2"	\$275.00		
Honeylocust 2"	\$265.00		

This list is effective from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.