



**OREGON**  
*Park District*

# Memorial Tree & Bench Program

Sponsored by the Oregon Park District, the Memorial Tree and Bench Program allows groups and individuals to donate trees or benches to commemorate special events, honor individuals or agencies, or as memorials to loved ones to be placed in park district parks. The criteria for tree and bench styles is based on park design, function, aesthetics, and maintenance.

There are two benches and ten different trees and bushes available for memorials.

## *Park Locations:*

- Oregon Park West
- Oregon Park East
- Fairgrounds
- Veterans Park
- Williams Park
- Mix Park
- Lions Park
- Kiwanis Park
- Carnation Park
- Jack's Landing
- Reading Nook

## *Memorial Process:*

- Contact the Superintendent of Parks and Facilities at 815-732-3101
- Trees are planted in Spring and Fall according to grower recommendations for the particular species. Trees will be closely monitored and professionally maintained by Park District staff.
- Exact locations in each park will be left to the discretion of the Parks Department.
- Recognition Plaques are also available. Plaques will be placed on the bench or attached to a rock or stand to be placed by a memorial tree.
- Costs for the memorial benches and trees vary. Please contact the Parks Department for more detailed information.

## *Memorial Bench Donations*

### **Charleston Bench**

- Lengths: 4, 6, & 8 feet
- Frame: 1.5 inch Aluminum Cast
- Hardware: Stainless Steel
- Manufactured with a steel contour seat.



### **Charleston Recycled Bench**

- Lengths: 6 & 8 feet
- Frame: 1.5 inch Aluminum Cast
- Hardware: Stainless Steel
- Manufactured with recycled plank seat.



**Creating fun for a lifetime!**



# Memorial Tree Donations

## Sugar Maple

- Family: Acer Saccharum
- Height: 50-70 feet
- Spread: 30-45 feet
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Magnificent fall color, beautiful and hardy shade tree, delectable maple syrup.



## Silver Maple

- Family: Acer Saccharinum
- Height: 50-70 feet
- Spread: 40-60 feet
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Uncommon beauty with a variety of uses.



## Autumn Blaze Maple

- Family: Acer Fremanii
- Height: 40-60 feet
- Spread: 40-60 feet
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Won several "Tree of the Year" awards for its amazing, unequaled qualities.



## Red Maple

- Family: Acer Rubrum
- Height: 40-60 feet
- Spread: 40-60 feet
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- One of the first trees to color in fall, quickly cloaking itself in vibrant red shades.



## Red Oak

- Family: Quercus Rubra
- Height: 50-60 feet
- Spread: 50-60 feet
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- One of the fastest growing Oaks-would be a perfect shade tree for the parks.



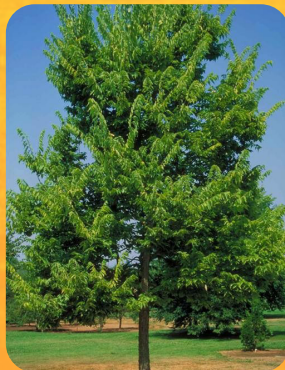
## Swamp White Oak

- Family: Quercus Bicolor
- Height: 50-60 feet
- Spread: 50-60 feet
- Growth Rate: Moderate
- Their sweet acorns are eaten by deer, wood ducks, wild turkeys, squirrels & more.



## Hackberry

- Family: Celtis Occidentalis
- Height: 50-70 feet
- Spread: 40-50 feet
- Growth Rate: Rapid
- Impressive shade tree with ornamental appeal. Edible fruit is a fun and useful addition.



## Burning Bush

- Family: Compactus
- Height: 6-8 feet
- Growth Rate: Moderate



## Lilac Bush

- Family: Syringa
- Height: 48-60 inches
- Growth Rate: Moderate



## Weigela

- Family: Weigela Ghost
- Height: 4-5 feet
- Growth Rate: Medium



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815-732-3101

# Memorial Tree and Bench Application



## Applicant Information

Main Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, St \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Donation

☐ **Memorial Tree - \$300 Donation**

Select Tree Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Plaque Inscription: ☐ In Memory Of ☐ In Loving Memory Of ☐ In Honor Of ☐ Other\*

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Other Message (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving Details: 6 lines Maximum - 50 Characters per line

Proposed Location of Memorial Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Memorial Bench - \$1,300-\$1,500 Donation**

Select Bench Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Plaque Inscription: ☐ In Memory Of ☐ In Loving Memory Of ☐ In Honor Of ☐ Other\*

Honoree's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Other Message (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving Details: 6 lines Maximum - 50 Characters per line

Proposed Location of Memorial Tree: \_\_\_\_\_



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Any request or submittal of application does not constitute approval.

## MEMORIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Sponsored by the Oregon Park District, the Memorial Tree and Bench Program allows groups and individuals to donate trees or benches to commemorate special events, honor individuals or agencies, or as memorials to loved ones to be placed in Park District parks. The following information is intended to clarify the terms, conditions and requirements for the memorials to be placed within the Park District.

1. The Superintendent of Parks and Facilities or their designated staff reserves the right to select the location and species of a memorial tree and/or bench in the selected park or property. Oregon Park District staff will work with the person purchasing the memorial to find a mutually agreeable location and tree species where applicable.
2. Memorial trees are typically planted during the spring or fall when the planting success rate is best. Scheduling of the tree planting also will be at the discretion of the Superintendent of Parks and Facilities or their designated staff. Oregon Park District staff will work with the person purchasing the memorial tree to find mutually agreeable date and location, which is also contingent of weather and soil conditions.
3. All Oregon Park District ordinances and local municipal rules must be followed, and should any part of this policy be found to be in conflict with ordinances, park rules or other laws, then this policy shall not govern but the applicable law or park rule shall govern.
4. A \$300 donation will be applied to the purchase of a memorial tree, its planting and initial maintenance. The fee is subject to change and may be dependent of species selected. A \$1,300-\$1,500 donation will be applied to the purchase of a memorial bench, memorial inscription, installation and initial maintenance. The fee is subject to change.
5. The Oregon Park District shall use best management practices to assist the memorial tree so that it survives and thrives. The Park District will be responsible for care and maintenance of trees and benches for the initial five (5) years. However, the District does not guarantee that a memorial tree will survive and is not responsible for the replacement of a memorial tree after the initial five (5) years. After five (5) years the organization or family will be responsible for any necessary replacement or repairs to plaques and/or benches. Repairs or replacement of trees or benches due to vandalism will be the Park District's responsibility.
6. The Oregon Park District may be required to move or relocate a memorial tree or bench in future years. Relocation may be required due to park use and planning, required telecommunications or utilities requirements or health and safety measures. The District will contact the organization or family to discuss the relocation and will work with primary contact to find a suitable location for the tree or bench.

Applicant must read the terms and conditions listed above. By signing below, the applicant understands and accepts the terms and conditions stated herein.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_