

# Arbor Day and Memorial Tree Policy

## Criteria for Tree Donation

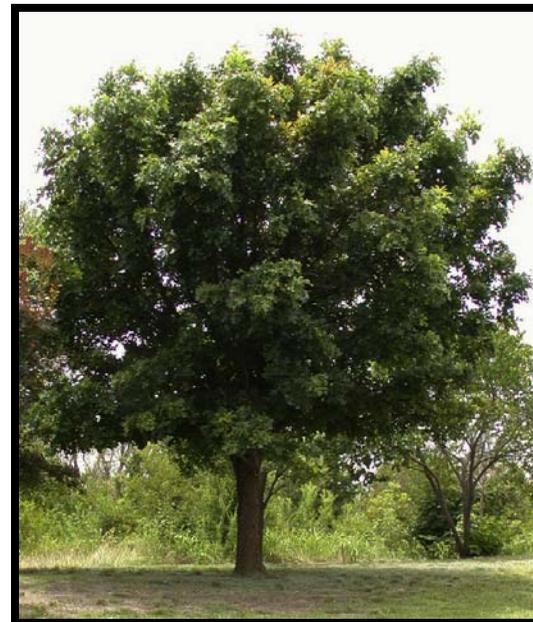
Size, variety and location must be approved by Parks Department Horticulturist and Supervisor.

### TREE SIZE

Minimum tree size is 1 ½ inch caliper.

### TREE VARIETY

Variety-Bur Oak (official city tree), Swamp White Oak, Shingle Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Pin Oak, English Oak, Red Oak, Sawtooth Oak, White Oak, Catalpa, Black Gum, Sugar Maple (Green Mountain, Legacy), Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, White Pine, Norway Spruce, Cleveland Select Pear, Chanticleer Pear, Ky Coffee Tree, Bald Cypress, Dawn Redwood, Ginkgo (male only), Serbian Spruce, Norway Maple, Paw Paw Service Berry, Pecan, Shagbark Hickory, Rose of Sharon and Hornbeam.



### LOCATION

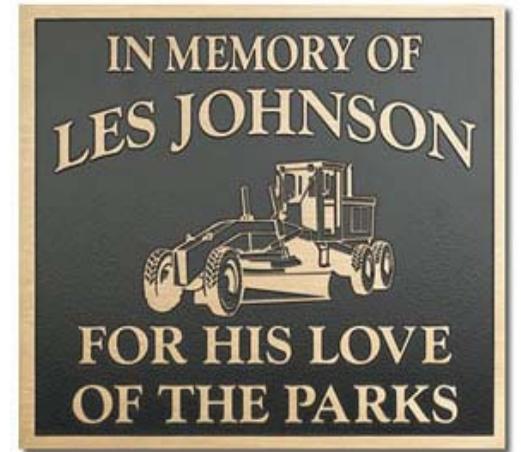
Location to be approved prior to planting.

### PLANTING

Will be planted by nursery of Park Maintenance staff if time permits. If the tree provider wishes to plant the tree, the planting must be supervised by the Park Horticulturist.

### DONATED TREE

Will be mulched and staked according to Missouri Department of Conservation guidelines.

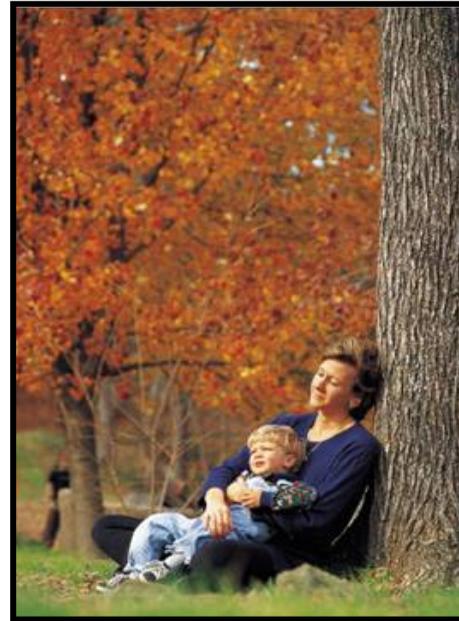


### MEMORIALS

Memorial plaques must be brass, bronze or granite. For maintenance purposes, memorials must be flush with the ground and approved by the Parks Horticulturist and Supervisor prior to installation. A monument company must perform installation.

For additional information contact:  
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# *City of Independence Parks & Recreation Department*



## **Park Gift and Memorial Program**

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## **Memories that Last a Lifetime**

The beauty of our Parks and the recreational opportunities they offer enrich the lives of those who visit them in many different ways.

The City of Independence respects the desires of individuals to commemorate special events or the lives of loved ones by accepting special gifts and placing memorials in our Parks in a way that is mindful of others, enhances the park space and meets the needs of the donor.

The Park Gifts and Memorial Program guide donors through a thoughtful process that helps to ensure the donation meets this goal.



## **How the program works**

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Any party wishing to locate a gift, memorial or tribute in a City of Independence Park or Green Space must consult with the City's Parks Department staff. Based on the consultation, the party must submit a completed proposal form to the Parks and Recreation Director for review. The Parks Commission will also review proposals that exceed a \$2,400 donation. Upon completion of the review, a letter will be sent informing the donor of the decision. If the memorial is approved, the letter will also provide information regarding the purchase, installation and care of the donation.

The proposal form is easy to use and takes only a few minutes to complete. The form will be provided to the donor during the consultation. Please remember that any new gift or memorial proposal is required to cover the total cost of the project, be sensitive to all park users, complement its surroundings and consider long-term maintenance needs.

# Gifts and Memorials

The following items have been pre-approved for placement in Independence Parks.

The price of each item includes the direct purchase cost, shipping and installation.

## PARK BENCH - \$500

Memorial benches are a very traditional way to remember a loved one. From tennis courts, ballfields or spraygrounds, to alongside quiet trails or under the shade of a tree, a properly placed bench speaks volumes.



## PICNIC TABLE - \$700

Picnic tables are staples in most of our parks and the demand always seems to out-weigh the supply. New picnic tables can be placed in a variety of locations to provide many different experiences from a convenient place to grab a quick lunch to quiet spaces to enjoy a picnic dinner.



## PARK TREE - \$250 - \$500

We are proud of the trees that flourish in our parks. These living memorials are an excellent way to honor an individual or bring recognition to a very special event.

The need for replacement and new trees is constant.

## DRINKING FOUNTAIN - \$2,400

Drinking fountains are a popular item in all of our parks and facilities. There are a number of designs and colors available. Many existing locations could be enhanced with the installation of a new fountain.



## PICNIC SHELTER - \$24,000

Our shelters receive a great deal of use. Most of the shelters are reserved well in advance. As a place where families and neighbors gather to enjoy each other's company, the thought of adding an additional shelter is always welcome.



## MEMORIAL BRICK - \$100

The Veteran's Courtyard located at the Truman Memorial Building is home to the Independence Memorial Brick Program. Inscribed bricks may be purchased for Veterans, individuals, family members, organizations or anyone that you would like to honor. The bricks are limited to three lines of text with each line containing up to fourteen characters and spaces.



## PLAYGROUNDS - \$5,000 - \$100,000

Playground equipment options are virtually unlimited. Opportunities exist for new playgrounds and playground pieces in many park locations.

