

# Our Brownsboro Village Initiative Continues: The 2023 Tree Giveaway!

In June 2022, our Commissioners established a Village Tree Board (now the Tree Initiative) to grow and preserve our tree canopy. Last year, they generously provided funding for 12 neighbors. This fall, we're awarding up to twelve (12) canopy trees, larger scale trees that provide lots of shade. And, like last year, there will be no cost to the homeowners!

**Why invest in trees?** Planting trees is one of the most efficient and economical long term strategies for keeping our village cooler and increasing property values.

Walking around BV during hot summer days, we race toward shady spots when we're in an area with no trees. And consider how relieved we are to find a parking space under some trees. Sometimes we forget just what a difference shade makes!

**Environment:** Shaded surfaces may be 20–45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded materials.  
<https://www.arborday.org/trees/treefacts/>

**Worried about your energy bills?**

**Energy Conservation:**  
Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce AC needs by 30%.  
~ USDA Forest Service

**Property Values:** Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value. ~ USDA Forest Service

Research shows that "tree-filled communities are safer and healthier" (lou.ky.gov). Trees beautify the village, and foster civic pride. And villagers are more likely to participate in and care about a city they are proud of.

**If you're interested in being considered for this initiative, complete the application on the back. If selected, you will work with a licensed arborist who will assist you in selecting a tree for your front yard...and *plant it* for you, too!**

## 2023 BROWNSBORO VILLAGE TREE APPLICATION

For those interested in a canopy tree, but unsure of which to choose and where to plant it, no worries! Our arborists will assist homeowners in choosing an appropriate species and location for their front or (for those with corner lots) side yards. Choose from any of these \*canopy trees:

\* **White oak** \* **Willow Oak** \* **Bald Cypress** \* **Catalpa** \* **Tulip Poplar**

*\*For details about these trees, go to (post to our Tree Initiative site). There you'll find photos, links, and places around BV where you can see them.*

Trees will be harvested (15 gallon container, 2 inch diameter) once they go dormant. They will arrive "balled and burlapped," ready to be planted by our arborists in early December.

TO APPLY, visit [www.brownsborovillage.org](http://www.brownsborovillage.org) under the Tree Initiative tab, or complete this form and mail it to Tree Initiative Chairperson: 303 Sprite Road, Louisville 40207. Applications may also be dropped off.

**Deadline: Wed, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.** Applications will be considered in the order (date and time) they are received.

**Winners will be announced at the Brownsboro Village Block Party,  
Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 PM**

**In future years, BV homeowners might be required to share the costs of planting new trees. Don't wait! Apply this year!**



## 2023 BROWNSBORO VILLAGE TREE APPLICATION

Homeowner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If rental property, the homeowner must request the tree.*

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

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your Brownsboro Village Tree Initiative  
~ Celebrating & Expanding Our Tree Canopy Since 2022*