



## **Large Shade Tree Replacement Program – Spring 2019**

Many of the largest trees in Haverford Township have been lost over the past 20 years. For the most part, they have reached the end of their expected life cycle, since most were planted 75-100 years ago when our Township neighborhoods were developed. While the Township has planted replacement street trees over the years, the species have generally been small and medium-sized varieties, such as the Bradford Pear, Flowering Plum, Crabapple, and Kwanzan Cherry.

Large-species trees enhance the environment exponentially over smaller varieties. Every leaf on a tree creates oxygen and filters pollutants in the air. Each foot of shade-providing canopy reduces the work of air conditioners in the summer. Each inch of root mass improves storm water management and the filtration of water-borne pollutants. In addition to environmental benefits, the grandeur of large trees creates a sense of history and place for the Township, enhancing the quality of life and raising property values.

In order to protect our tree cover, Haverford Township Tree Tenders, an all-volunteer tree planting group has been working with the Township on replacing those largest trees. This year, we are offering 30 free trees to residents who will plant the largest sized shade trees (50' or taller at maturity) in their front yard.

- Trees are subject to availability and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis – usually one per address. Spring 2018 planting days are Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Interested residents must fill out and return the order form with a signed waiver by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Free trees are large-species trees only. Trees available this year (each in limited supply): Freemanii Maple 'Autumn Blaze', Heritage Oak, London Plane Tree, Ginkgo 'Autumn Gold' and Buckeye 'Autumn Splendor'.

- Trees must be planted on the lawn side of the sidewalk unless your planting strip is 48" or wider.
- Trees may not be planted directly under wires, but may be set back into the lawn if wires are present.
- Residents should mark the spot with a stake where you would like the tree planted before April 15<sup>th</sup> so Public Works can dig the hole in advance. Please make a hose or large bucket of water available on the planting day.
- Resident must agree to water the tree once a week in mild to hot weather when we don't have significant rainfall that week. After planting, trees should be watered weekly until November, and again in the spring, summer, and early fall of 2020.
- Contact Tree Tender Coordinator Jeanne Angell at [angellsrus@comcast.net](mailto:angellsrus@comcast.net) if you have questions.



## Free Large-Species Tree Request Form – Spring 2019

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Trees are subject to availability and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited quantities of each variety. Please mark 1 for your first choice, 2 for second choice, and 3 for third choice:

\_\_\_ Freemanii Maple    \_\_\_ Heritage Oak    \_\_\_ London Plane  
\_\_\_ Ginkgo                \_\_\_ Buckeye

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Dear Resident,

Haverford Township is providing this tree at no cost to you. Acceptance of this tree removes all responsibilities from Haverford Township for the following: all maintenance, all trimming, all storm damage, all tree removal, or any other damage that may be caused by or to this tree. This waiver includes any successor or assignees.

Additional responsibilities:

- Volunteer tree planters will plant your tree on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Residents must mark the spot where you would like the tree planted with a stake by April 15<sup>th</sup>, so Public Works can dig the hole in advance. Please make a hose or large bucket of water available on the planting day.
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Larry Gentile, Township Manager  
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I have read and understand and I will follow the regulations and responsibilities contained above.

Homeowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign below and send this form by 4/1/18 to: Jeanne Angell, Haverford Township Tree Tenders, 25 Tenby Rd. Havertown, PA 19083.