



Village of Round Lake

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Residents and Property Owners of Round Lake

REF: Urban Forest Management Initiatives within the Village of Round Lake

Dear Residents and Property Owners,

The purpose of this letter is to share with you some important and positive information regarding three initiatives that we started last year and are continuing to better manage and enhance our "Urban Forest" commonly referred to as "Parkway Trees". These initiatives are:

1. Removal of approximately 700 dead or dying Parkway Trees and replanting new trees as funding allows.
2. Trimming Parkway Trees to eliminate sight obstructions and low hanging branches which will improve the trees health, visual character.
3. Removal of hazardous trees and branches to provide better public safety.

Attached you will find several documents that will explain this second initiative, i.e. The Parkway Tree Replacement Program:

1. Tree Replacement Program Description.
2. Cost Sharing Program.
3. Likely asked Questions.
4. Approved Replacement Tree Species List and Pictures.
5. Order Form.

For 2014, Our intention is to remove and replace approximately 150 of the 700 dead and dying Parkway Trees in the October time frame. Therefore, we encourage you to thoroughly review this information and contact our Public Works Department at 847-546-0962 with any questions you have as well any interest in participating in the Cost Sharing Program. Participation will be used to prioritize which trees are replaced this year. Due to the limited funding available this year, this will result in the Tree Replacement Program being a 3 to 5 year effort.

In summary, we are determined to manage our Urban Forest which in turn will enhance the appearance of our Community. Trees help define the character of a community and clearly provide substantive benefits for all of us. We want to be a Community that is proud of our Urban Forest and we need your interest, involvement and support.

Sincerely,



Dan MacGillis,
Village President

Attachments

1. Tree Replacement Program Description
2. Cost Sharing Program
3. Likely Asked Questions
4. Approved Replacement Tree Species list with pictures
5. Order form

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COST SHARING PROGRAM for PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT & PRIORITIZATION PROGRAM:

Village funding is insufficient to replace the approximately 700 affected Parkway Trees in a timely manner. Financial participation by Residents and Property Owners (RPO) is necessary to assist in the replacement program. Below are the four categories of the Cost Sharing Program. Residents and Property Owners who select Category/ Priority 1 will be the first to receive a new tree.

A. CATEGORY/PRIORITY 1:

RPO pays 100% of the total cost to remove the existing tree, purchase and plant the new tree. (Approximate total cost: \$350.00 - \$425.00 depending on tree species).

B. CATEGORY/ PRIORITY 2:

RPO pays 100% of the tree purchase cost. The Village pays 100% of the cost to remove the existing tree and plant the new tree. (Approximate R/PO cost for tree purchase: \$150.00 - \$250.00).

C. CATEGORY/ PRIORITY 3:

R/PO pays 50% of the tree purchase cost. The Village pays 50% of purchase cost and 100% of the removal, planting cost. (Approximate RPO cost for 50% of the tree purchase: \$75.00 - \$125.00).

D. CATEGORY/ PRIORITY 4:

RPO is unable or unwilling to participate financially and therefore The Village will replace the dead/dying as funding allows.

Note: For all four of these categories it is **CRITICAL** that the **NEW TREE** is **WATERED** to insure its survival and growth.

SIGNING UP

If you choose to participate in Category/Priority 1, a replacement tree will be provided this year (fall of 2014 planting). We encourage you to decide in a timely manner. If interested in Cost Sharing, please contact us (Public Works) 847-546-0962 to arrange a time for us to meet with you on site. A signed agreement (attached) with payment will be used to secure the tree replacement and the time frame for planting.

LIKELY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM

1. **What is the Parkway Tree Program?**

The Village has four programs to choose from to replace the dead/dying Parkway Tree in front of your home. You pick your level of participation.

2. **May I select any kind of tree I want?**

Consulting Arborists have selected nine different tree species for planting. The list and description of those species are included in this packet of information.

3. **How many parkway trees may I order?**

The current number of trees in the parkway abutting you property.

4. **Will you plant a tree if I purchase it?**

Trees must be purchased according to the guidelines of the replacement program.

5. **Will you plant trees for me in areas other than my parkway?**

No

6. **Who takes care of my parkway tree?**

Caring for a newly planted tree is critical. Each tree will be properly planted, mulched and watered at time of planting. Each new tree will also come with a "watering bag" to help keep the soil moist. We ask for your cooperation in caring for this new tree by weekly watering and periodic mulching. We will provide a brochure on proper care at the time of planting. We definitely need your involvement to ensure success for every tree planted.

7. **What if this new parkway tree dies?**

Our contract for tree purchasing and planting will include a provision for replacement at the contractor's expense but only if we can establish that the tree has a disease or was improperly planted. If we cannot demonstrate such "defect", the cost of replacement will be our joint responsibility.

8. **What if I have more than 1 dead parkway tree?**

We will remove and replace all the dead, dying trees as funding allows assuming the two or more trees are within the nominal 50 foot spacing standard

9. **What if I want to replace more than one tree?**

Please refer to the Cost Sharing information.

10. What if I want a larger diameter tree?

Larger size trees will only be considered under Category/Priority 1. Our intended replacement trees will be in the range of 1 ½ - 2 ½ inch diameter at the ground level.

11. If I cannot afford to participate in the Cost Sharing Program, Will the Parkway tree still be replaced?

Yes, however given the limited funding available, this Tree Replacement Program is likely to take three to five years to complete. Priority for tree replacement this year will be given to those participating in the Cost Sharing Program. All other replacement will be based on Subdivision ranking of number of dead, dying trees divided by total number of Parkway Trees”.

Village of Round Lake Tree Replacement Species

1. Swamp White Oak
2. Red Oak
3. American Linden
4. Redmond Linden
5. Skyline Honey Locust
6. Autumn Blaze Maple
7. Kentucky Coffee
8. Hackberry
9. Triumph Elm

Village of Round Lake Parkway Tree Replacement List:



Autumn Blaze Maple

Height: 40'-50'

Spread: 40'

Growth Habitat: Upright, Spreading

Exposure: Sun, Part Sun

This Silver-red cross grows in higher alkaline soils than rubrums will. It has all the vigor of a silver maple with slightly smaller leaf, but not the narrow branch angles that cause wind breakage. Its brilliant orange-red fall color is borrowed from the rubrum parent, ranking this new cultivar one of the best.



Skyline Thornless Honey locust

Height: 50'-60'

Spread: 40'

Growth Habitat: Pyramidal

Exposure: Sun, Part Sun

Broad pyramidal form with tighter branching. Vigorous grower. Compact dark green foliage. Yellow fall color. Seedless and thornless.

Village of Round Lake Parkway Tree Replacement List:



Kentucky Coffeetree

Height: 70'

Spread: 40' – 50'

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a medium to fast growth rate

Exposure: Sun, Part Sun

Narrow young growth broadens with age. New foliage is pink-tinged turning dark blue in summer. One of the latest in spring to leaf out. Fragrant white flowers panicles. 10" reddish-pink leathery seed pods served as early Kentucky settler's coffee beans. Adapts to alkaline soils, city conditions and is drought tolerant.



Red Oak



Height: 60' - 75'

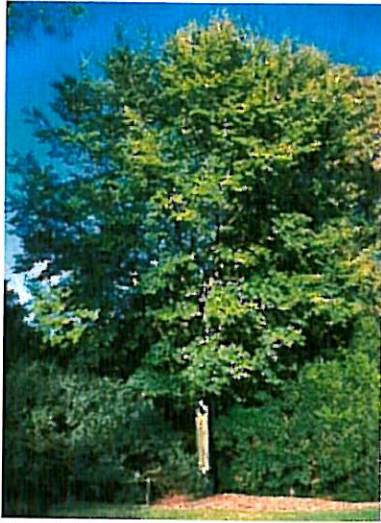
Spread: 45' at full maturity.

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a fast growth rate

Exposure: Sun, Part Sun

Bristle-tipped leaves turn red in the fall. The leaves have 7 to 11 waxy lobes. A good street tree, tolerates pollution and compacted soil. Grows as much as two feet a year for 10 years.

Village of Round Lake Parkway Trees Replacement List:



Elm, Triumph

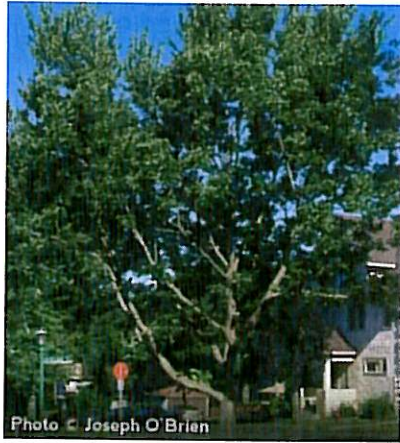
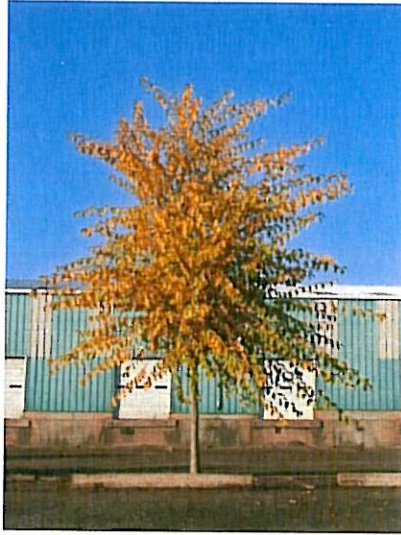
Height:55'

Spread:45' at full maturity.

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a fast growth rate

Exposure:Needs full to partial sunlight.

Triumph has remarkably dark green and glossy foliage and a sturdy, symmetrical growth habit. Disease tolerant to Dutch Elm disease and Phloem Necrosis.



Hackberry

Height:40'-60'

Spread:50'

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a medium to fast growth rate

Exposure:This Hackberry does well in full sun.

Tolerant of a wide range of conditions, the Hackberry is a good landscape choice. Grows to a broad crown with arching branches, not unlike the American Elm. Well-suited to urban areas, it withstands wind and city conditions.



Village of Round Lake Parkway Tree Replacement List:



American Linden

Height:40'-50'

Spread:25'

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a medium to fast growth rate

Exposure:Needs full to partial sunlight.

American Linden trees feature simple, heart-shaped leaves that are green on the top and paler green on the underside. In the fall, the green leaves turn bright yellow before falling to the ground. In the spring, the tree produces pendulous cyme of three to seven creamy white or light yellow flowers



Redmond Linden

Height:65'-75'

Spread:30'-35'

Growth Habitat: This tree grows at a medium to fast growth rate

Exposure:Needs full to partial sunlight.

The leaves of the tree are dark green and heart or teardrop shape. In June or July, the tree bursts into small yellow flowers that have a fragrant smell. The flowers are very small and look like large baby's breath.



Village of Round Lake Parkway Tree Replacement List:



Swamp White Oak



Height: 50' - 60'

Spread: 30'-35'

Growth Habitat: Slow to moderate growth rate.

Exposure: Needs full to partial sunlight.

A majestic tree all year long. In the spring, the new leaves and flowers combine for a pastel tint on the limbs. In the summer, it is a superior shade tree. In the fall, the leaves are rich with color, and the acorns attract an array of wildlife. In the winter, it presents a stately silhouette with light gray platey bark and a wide open crown. The white oak is a tree for large spaces, parks and other recreational areas, golf courses, campuses, cemeteries and other pastoral landscapes. The white oak can live for centuries becoming more picturesque with age.

PARKWAY TREE COST SHARING PROGRAM
FALL 2014 PLANTING ORDER FORM

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT:

Parkway Tree Cost Sharing Program to:

Village of Round Lake or Public Works Department
442 N. Cedar Lake Rd. 751 W. Townline Rd.
Round Lake Round Lake

Please make checks to the Village of Round Lake

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

1) TREE SPECIE: _____

Option # _____ Tree size _____ Same Location yes _____ no _____

2) TREE SPECIE: _____

Option # _____ Tree size _____ Same Location yes _____ no _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY (please send copy to PW)

CHECK # _____ \$ _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ BY _____