

# A LIVING MONUMENT

“A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless.”

Theodore Roosevelt

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J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, said "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."

In the spirit of Arbor Day, the City Forestry Division offers a program to provide trees as living monuments for citizens and businesses. This program is a unique way to commemorate a special event such as a marriage or the birth of a child or grandchild. A tree can be dedicated to honor an anniversary, recognize a milestone in your business or a special employee, or as a memorial to a deceased friend or relative. An organization may wish to simply donate trees for the betterment of a park and the community.

George Bush, in a speech encouraging tree planting and care, said "... the forests are the sanctuaries not only of wildlife, but also of the human spirit. And every tree is a compact between generations."

All city parks are available for this program. Commemorative trees are special park trees and will receive yearly inspections and extra, individual attention in care and maintenance. Replacement is guaranteed if the tree dies.

Each commemoration is entered in the permanent LIVING MONUMENT record book located at the City Forestry office and on a brass plaque located in the Greeley Recreation Center. A certificate will be issued to the donor with a map showing the location of the planting. Additional notification cards may be sent as requested.

# TREES AS LIVING MONUMENTS

Trees have been held in high regard throughout the ages. They have held a special place in many cultures and traditions. They have been used as religious symbols and as landmarks.

Trees are amazing creations that do much to enhance and benefit our daily lives. They provide the aesthetic qualities of beauty, color and form, especially in our urbanized landscapes. They provide resources for food and shelter for people and animals. More importantly they function to improve our environment. Trees shade us from direct sunlight and protect us from strong winds. They absorb carbon dioxide and provide us with oxygen we need to breathe. Trees are one of the most important things we can provide in our efforts to reduce air pollution and control global warming.

Trees, therefore, are a logical choice as monuments to the special events and people that have affected our lives. They are a living tribute that will affect the lives of generations to come.

## NEW PLANTING FEES

DECIDUOUS TREES - Consider oak, maple, honeylocust, linden, ash, or others.

SIZE (caliper inch)	FEE
2 inch	\$250.00
3 inch	\$350.00

EVERGREENS - consider spruce, fir, or pine.

5 - 8 feet tall - \$40.00 per foot.

The fee includes tree cost, planting materials, labor and future maintenance.

## ESTABLISHED TREES

If desired, existing trees in city parks can be chosen for dedication. Perhaps a tree has a particular significance to someone or you would just prefer to select a large, established tree. A fee of \$300.00 covers permanent recording as a LIVING MONUMENT, a certificate and map showing the location of the tree, and one guaranteed replacement with a 2" caliper tree if the tree should die.

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