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Dear Resident,

The Village is offering a program for parkway tree planting and/or replacement. Trees purchased through this program will be cost-shared approximately 25% by the property owner (\$80.00), and 75% by the Village (\$270.00). This fee covers the cost of the tree as well as shipping, and planting. Trees will be planted in the spring or the fall.

**Participation in the Village's tree planting program is offered *first* to residents who have had a tree removed from their parkway. It will then be extended to all Village residents with an appropriate parkway space, on a first-come-first-served basis, until supplies are exhausted.**

Priority based on a removed tree ends on **March 1, 2023**.

If you would like to participate, please complete the order form available on the Forestry page of the Village website, at [wsprings.com/forestry](http://wsprings.com/forestry) to reserve your tree before **April 1, 2023**. Be sure to include all of the requested information. **Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.** Varieties are available on a limited basis, and not all varieties available are suitable for every location. **An invoice for the resident cost sharing will be sent after the tree planting is complete.**

The Village's Forestry Division will visit each site to determine the proper tree for each location, based on Village code. Trees will be 8 to 13 feet in height, depending on their caliper and species. A watering bag will be placed on the new trees, and residents are asked to commit to filling the bag twice a week, weather permitting. All trees are guaranteed for one year and will be replaced by the Village if they fail to survive.

The Village encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to increase the value and beauty of our neighborhood, while ensuring the future health of the urban forest. If you have any questions or would like assistance completing the online order form, please contact Jenny Pesek in the Department of Municipal Services at 708-246-1800 extension 200.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Breakey  
Superintendent of Public Works

