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Mokena

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Dear Resident:

To protect the environment and enhance the value of residential real estate, the Village of Mokena has implemented a 50/50 cost-sharing program to encourage the planting of trees in the community's public parkways.

This program is focused on those wishing to plant new trees in parkways adjacent to their property where trees have not previously existed.

Under this program, the resident pays 50% of the cost for a nursery contractor to supply, deliver, plant, and mulch a new parkway tree. The Village pays the other 50%.

For more information on the program, please see the application form and tree species descriptions below. To participate, simply print off and submit an application form and check for each parkway tree requested.

Your completed order form and payment must be received no later than Friday, September 30, 2024. You may drop off or mail your application to:

Mokena Village Hall
50/50 Parkway Tree Program
11004 Carpenter Street
Mokena, IL 60448

Trees will be planted between mid-April and the end of June, depending on the nursery contractor's schedule.

Should you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our Village customer service representatives.

Sincerely,

James P. Kulesa
Public Works Director

Matt Cullen
Village Arborist

**VILLAGE OF MOKENA
50/50 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM – FALL, 2024**

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	E-mail: _____

The Village of Mokena is pleased to offer a 50/50 Parkway Tree Program to assist those wishing to plant new trees in one of more public parkways adjacent to their property.

Please rank all trees according to your preference (1-8), with number 1 being your first preference. Trees will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into account the Village's goal of diversifying the parkway tree population.

Rank	Species	Resident Cost
	Swamp White Oak	\$137.50
	Sterling Silver Linden	\$137.50
	Heritage Oak	\$137.50
	Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree seedless	\$137.50
	Triumph Elm (Hybrid)	\$137.50
	Ivory Silk Tree Lilac	\$137.50
	Royal Raindrops Crabapple	\$137.50

Please enclose a check made payable to the Village of Mokena. Submit a separate application form and a separate check for each tree requested. Completed order form and payment must be received (or postmarked) no later than **September 30, 2024**. Trees will be planted in available spaces in the parkway consistent with the Village's existing tree inventory. Stock provided will generally be 6' – 9' tall and 2.5" caliper in size, although slight variations are possible due to species and nursery availability. *****Please be advised that the Village will do its best to accommodate your tree preference; however, there are a limited number of species available within each category.***

To assist Village staff and the nursery in planning, please include an explanation or diagram with your application indicating where you would prefer the tree(s) to be planted. We encourage you to contact Village staff at (708) 479-3900 with any questions you may have regarding tree species selection and planting site(s).

AVAILABLE PARKWAY TREES – FALL, 2024

The following descriptions are provided for your information to assist in selecting the tree species desired. The specific variety will be determined by the Village, subject to availability from the nursery.

Swamp White Oak

Swamp White Oak is a striking tree with attractive peeling bark, especially on young trees. The lustrous, lobed leaves have a two-tone appearance—dark green on top, with a silvery-white underside. Fall color is an orange-gold to yellow in mid-autumn.

Sterling Silver Linden

Silver linden is a beautiful shade tree with light gray, smooth bark and leaves that are a dark, radiant green on top, shimmering silver beneath. Extremely fragrant clusters of yellow-white flowers bloom in late June to early July.

Heritage Oak

Heritage Oak is an outstanding, vigorous cross between English Oak and Bur Oak. It has glossy, dark green, tatter and mildew resistant foliage. Pyramidal in form, its leaves are thick and leathery. Autumn color is yellow-brown.

Kentucky Coffeetree

Native to the Midwest, Kentucky Coffeetree has dark brown, rough bark. Leaves are alternate, bipinnately compound with numerous leaflets and measuring 36 inches in length and 24 inches in width. Leaflets are oval with entire margins, blue green color, and mild yellow autumn color.

Elm (Hybrid)

Hybrid Elms generally have excellent disease and pest resistance, as well as excellent drought tolerance. They are adaptable to most soil types. Large, lustrous dark green summer foliage gives way to yellow fall color.

Ivory Silk Tree Lilac

Ivory Silk Tree Lilac is a smaller tree whose leaves and flowers mimic those of common shrub lilacs. It produces small, creamy-white, fragrant flowers in summer. Leaves fall in autumn with little color change. This tree is an excellent choice for planting sites with limited growing space.

Royal Raindrops Crabapple

The Royal Raindrops Crabapple is a smaller tree that is 15 to 20 feet high and wide with rounded form. It has pink flowers in the spring with maroon-red persistent fruit in the fall. The Royal Raindrop has good disease resistance: scab (excellent), fire blight (good), rust (good), mildew (good).

