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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 and check for each parkway tree requested.

Your completed order form and payment must be received no later than Monday, April 7th, 2025. 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,

Matt Cullen

Dan Peloquin

Village Arborist

Public Works Director

**VILLAGE OF MOKENA  
50/50 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FORM – SPRING, 2025**

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, considering the Village's goal of diversifying the parkway tree population.

Rank	Species	Resident Cost
	Swamp White Oak	\$137.50
	Exclamation London Planetree	\$137.50
	Shumard Oak	\$137.50
	Espresso Kentucky Coffee tree	\$137.50
	Elm (Hybrid)	\$137.50
	China Snow Peking Lilac	\$137.50
	Ivory Silk Tree Lilac	\$137.50
	Silver Linden	\$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 **April 7, 2025**. 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 – SPRING, 2025**

*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 orange-gold to yellow in mid-autumn.

**Exclamation London Planetree**

Exclamation London Planetree is a large tree with beautiful peeling bark in a mottled pattern of green, tan, and brown. The alternate leaves are large (6 to 7 inches long and up to 10 inches wide) and palmately lobed. The medium green leaves change to yellow and brown in autumn.

**Shumard Oak**

Shumard's oak is native to the southern tip of Illinois. Found in both dry, upland sites and bottomlands. Bark is gray and broken into broad plates and fissures at maturity. Simple, alternate leaves with deep sinuses and bristle-tipped lobes are 6 to 8 inches long. Medium green in summer, they change to red in fall. Acorns, 3/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches long are topped with a saucer-shaped cap.

**Espresso Kentucky Coffee tree**

Native to the Midwest, Kentucky Coffee tree has dark brown, rough bark. Seedless! 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.

**China Snow Peking Lilac**

This is a Chicagoland Grows® introduction that is both hardy and beautiful, with attractive, exfoliating, amber-colored bark and a rounded habit. It is a dependable urban tree and a great choice even for parking lots, boulevards, and parkway plantings.

**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.

**Silver Linden**

The Silver linden has leaves that are dark green above and silvery-white below. It can be used as a street tree and the fragrant flowers that bloom in late spring or early summer are very attractive to pollinators.

