



DOWNERS GROVE PARK DISTRICT

# Tree and Bench Memorials

Tree and Bench Memorials provide the opportunity to celebrate and remember loved ones while enhancing the beauty and enjoyment of parks in the community. Donations made through the memorial program are tax deductible. Park benches and memorial trees are installed twice a year; once in the spring for donations received by February 1 and once in the fall, for donations received by August 1.

## MEMORIAL PARK BENCHES

Dedicate a new or existing park bench in a neighborhood or flagship park. A 15-year park bench donation includes a concrete slab, bench and recognition plaque. Bench style varies by location. Recognition plaques are 8" x 3" with 3 lines (25 characters per line).

- **Flagship Parks:** \$3,000
- **Neighborhood Parks:** \$2,500
- **Corporate Donors:** \$4,000

### Flagship Parks

Belmont Golf Club (formerly Downers Grove Golf Club), Belmont Prairie, Doerhoefer Park, Downer Burial Place, Downers Grove Museum/Wandschneider Park, Downers Grove Recreation Center, Fishel Park, Gilbert Park, Hummer Park, Lyman Woods, McCollum Park, Memorial Park, Prince Pond and Washington Park

### Lifespan and Renewals

The lifespan of our benches is 15 years. After 15 years, a donor may opt to renew their bench. If a donor opts not to renew, the donor will receive the plaque from the original bench. To renew your Park Bench Memorial, email [info@dgparks.org](mailto:info@dgparks.org).



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## MEMORIAL PARK TREES

Donors may select a new tree from a variety of species suitable for planting by the Park District, depending on the season.

A donor recognition plaque is included with the tree memorial.

A tree memorial continues throughout the life of the tree and a minimum of 2 years. Installed near the base of the tree, the cast bronze recognition plaques are 5" in diameter and include a name and year only. A maximum of 10 trees will be installed each spring for donations made by February 1, and a maximum of 10 trees will be installed each fall for donations made by August 1.

- **Flagship Parks:** \$1,000
- **Neighborhood Parks:** \$1,000
- **Corporate Donors:** \$1,500

### **Species and Sites Available** (subject to change)

Our Forester will work with you to select a tree species that will thrive the best in your desired and available location.

**Shade Trees:** Approximately 50 feet tall at maturity and provide cool shade, offer habitats for wildlife and create an array of fall color.

**Ornamental Trees:** Approximately 15 to 30 feet tall at maturity and contribute interest to the landscape with spring flowers, fruit, fall color and form. These trees typically have a 25-30 year lifespan

**Conifers:** Approximately 50 feet at maturity. These cone-bearing trees are mostly evergreens, but some may drop their needles in the fall.



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