

## HOW TO BEGIN

If you or your organization would like to donate a tree or park bench, please contact Jim Vaughan, Parks and Recreation Department, at (952) 924-2699 or [jvaughan@stlouispark.org](mailto:jvaughan@stlouispark.org). The process will be explained to you and you will be mailed the application form. Forms are also available on the City's website at [www.stlouispark.org](http://www.stlouispark.org).

## For more information -

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- City of St. Louis Park  
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# Memorials & Commemorations

*The City of St. Louis Park welcomes the donations of trees and park benches. These generous donations grace our parks and public areas for decades while providing organizations, families and individuals with a unique opportunity to mark a notable event or honor a special person.*

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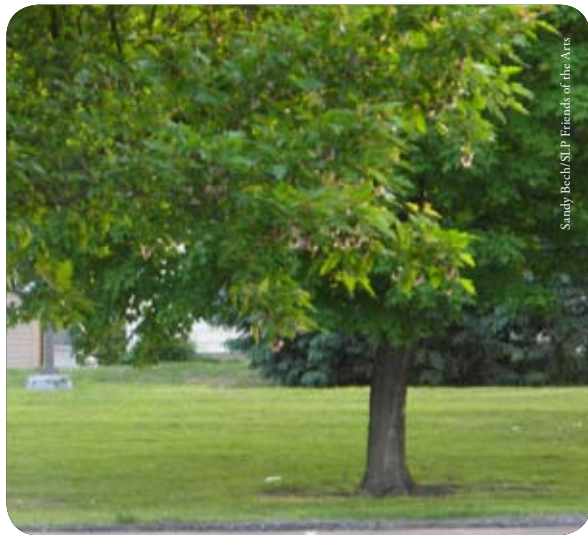
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## DONATING TREES

Donating a tree is a wonderful opportunity to beautify our community while also fulfilling your organization's service project or honoring an event or individual. Your donation makes it possible for the City of St. Louis Park to plant more trees than it could otherwise afford.

The City Forester will work with you or your organization to select a tree that's well suited to the planting site and our climate. With guidance from the City Forester, donors can select the park and tree species.



Sandy Bech/SLP Friends of the Arts

### About the tree -

- You may select either a shade tree or an evergreen. Deciduous trees are usually about eight to ten feet tall and conifers are about six feet tall. Your choice of tree species has been selected for suitability to our northern climate and urban conditions.
- Your tree is guaranteed for one year after planting.
- To ensure optimum growing conditions, trees are planted in the spring and fall. City crews will plant the tree for you or you may help plant the tree. If you wish, we will notify you of the planting date and time (between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday

## DONATING PARK BENCHES

A park bench is another way to enhance our community while honoring a special person, remembering a loved one, or marking a special memory or occasion.

The donor may select the park, with guidance from the City staff. City staff will then select the optimum location within the park. Donors provide the text for the plaque inscription. (Due to plaque size, the text must be 50 characters/letters or less.) Benches are installed between June and October. If you wish, the City will notify you when the bench will be mounted onto the concrete base.



### Style of bench available -

A DuMor metal bench can be selected for placement in all parks including Westwood Hills Nature Center. This is a traditional garden-style bench with a graceful arched back. The six-foot long, green bench is made of steel and is mounted onto a concrete slab. A custom-cast bronze plaque is inlaid into the back of the bench.

*Experience GIVING in the Park.*



### About the cost -

- The cost of a tree is \$300.
- The cost of the DuMor steel bench is \$2,200.
- Your contribution covers the cost of purchasing the tree or bench (includes tax and shipping) as well as the cost of a plastic tree guard for trees or a concrete base for the bench.
- The price reflects the City's wholesale discount.
- There is no labor charge for the City to plant your tree or install your bench.

### Donors are asked to -

- Sign paperwork and pay for the tree or bench before it is ordered.
- Help water the tree during its first growing season, if feasible.

### Donors will receive -

- A certificate commemorating the donation. Donors are welcome to provide the City with text noting the person, organization, or event being honored.
- Due to the potential for damage, no markers or signs are placed at the planting site.
- A letter documenting your donation will be provided for a tax deduction.