

Mountain Lakes Shade Tree Commission (STC) Honorary and Memorial Trees and other donations

Planting honorary and memorial trees in the Borough is a wonderful way to preserve the original vision of Mountain Lakes as a community in a park-like setting. While honoring your loved ones you also provide a valuable addition to our tree planting program. Thank you for your donation.

The type of tree planted, location, date, wording on the certificate and honoree's name will be recorded. No plaque, commemorative marker, or ornamentation, whether permanent or temporary, may be put on or near trees in accordance with Borough Council policy.

The donated tree becomes the property and responsibility of the Borough of Mountain Lakes and as such, will be maintained, pruned and if necessary, removed by the Borough. In case of the tree's demise, the STC is not responsible for its replacement or for notifying the donor and/or honoree.

The following list of guidelines will help you through the process...

1. Fill out the following form and submit to shadetree@mtnlakes.org.
2. The donation is \$350 per tree which covers the cost of the tree and its planting. The price is subject to change. Other donations are also very appreciated and will go toward purchasing trees for Borough properties. Checks should be made out to the **The Shade Tree Fund, Borough of Mountain Lakes** and sent to Borough Hall along with a copy of the form.
3. There will be a one time, annual autumn planting for these trees, or at the discretion of the STC.
4. All trees will be planted on borough owned property. The STC will consult the donor for site preferences but the final site is determined by the STC.
5. A request of flowering or non-flowering tree or particular tree species may be made by the donor and will be considered, but final selection will be made by the STC depending on availability and chosen location.
6. Wording on the certificate will be determined by the donor and/or the STC. Certificates will be issued after the donation is received and the tree is planted. The certificate can then be picked up at Borough Hall.
7. Contact the Shade Tree Commission at shadetree@mtnlakes.org if you have any questions in regard to purchasing an honorary or memorial tree.