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A Message from The City of Avon Tree Commission



Tree City USA pole banner art.

Our committee is comprised of dedicated individuals who care deeply about our city and preserving the landscape of it. We have worked hard to have Avon recognized as a Tree City USA®. We even hosted our first Arbor Day celebration last fall. Please join us this fall for our 2nd annual celebration on October 7th. It will be even bigger than our first one.

We are a resource to you. If you are planning on planting at your home or business and

have questions, please feel free to contact us. Please utilize the QR code to stay up to date on events and information regarding the Tree Commission. You will find trees that are recommended to be planted in Avon as well as trees that are harmful. Together we can keep Avon beautiful!



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Tree Commission Information

TREE COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Mary Berges, Chairman Pro Tem
- Alex Boccabella
- Shannon Laurenzi
- Tony Moore, Chair and Council's Designee
- Matt Smith, Mayor's Designee
- John Traxler
- Richard Varga, Certified Arborist, non-voting member
- Liesa Wetzig

To contact a member of the Commission, please send an email to Treecommission@cityofavon.com. It will be sent to the appropriate member for response.



Members of the City of Avon Tree Commission.

THE MISSION OF THE TREE COMMISSION

The mission of the Tree Commission is to study, advise and encourage the adoption and then implementation of a comprehensive plan for the proper planting of new and replacement trees and maintaining the health of existing trees in the urban forest. The Tree Commission will also provide resource materials and information pertaining to proper tree selection and care.



*Hearts of Gold Red Bud
(City of Avon Tree)*

LIST OF RECOMMENDED TREES (SUITABLE FOR OUR HABITAT)

- Paperback Maple
- Summer Sensation Red Maple
- State Street Maple
- Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry
- Armstrong Red Maple
- European or Common Hornbeam
- Brandywine Red Maple
- Katsura
- Crimson Cloud Hawthorn
- Autumn Gold Ginkgo Biloba or Maidenhair
- Princeton Sentry Ginkgo Biloba/Maidenhair
- Prairie Rose Crabapple
- Royal Raindrops Crabapple
- Redbud Crabapple
- Wildfire Blackgum (Sour gum)
- Persian Ironwood
- Sargent Cherry or North Japanese Hill Cherry
- Regal Prince Oak
- Japanese Fragrant Snowbell
- Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac
- Signature Japanese Lilac
- Greenspire Harvest Gold Linden
- Princeton American Elm
- Emerald Sunshine Japanese Elm
- Green Vase Japanese Zelkova
- Hearts of Gold Red Bud (City of Avon tree)



Bradford Pear (banned)

LIST OF DISCOURAGED TREES (DISRUPTIVE ROOTS, BAD LONGEVITY AND INVASIVE)

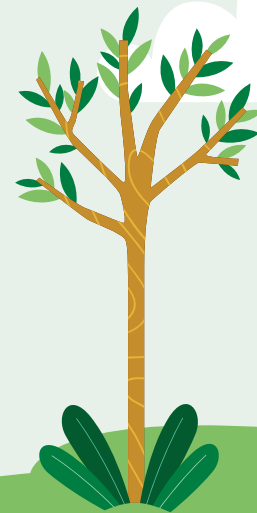
- Boxelder
- Silver Maple
- Tree of Heaven
- Russian Olive
- Modesto Ash
- Female Ginkgo
- Thornless Honeylocust
- Mulberry
- White Poplar
- Cottonwood
- Lombardy Poplar
- Bradford Pear (legally banned in Ohio)
- Willow
- American Elm
- Siberian Elm

Memorial Tree Program

Residents are invited to purchase a tree in memory of a loved one, to dedicate to a friend or family member, or to commemorate a special event as part of the City of Avon Memorial Tree Program. Neighbors and guests in our parks share that remembrance and harmony for present and future generations. For more information and to find the form, please scan the QR code.



Scan QR code for Memorial Tree Form



“The best friend on earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on the earth.” — Frank Lloyd Wright

Avon Designated as a Tree City USA®



Earlier this year, the City of Avon was designated as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. Avon City Council passed legislation forming the Tree

Commission and supporting its initiative to apply for Tree City USA certification. The legislation also set aside a budget allocation to initiate and maintain a community forestry program.



Avon City Council with proclamation from Mayor Jensen urging all Avon residents to celebrate Arbor Day.

15 Reasons to Become a Tree City USA®

1. Encourages better care of community forests.
2. Touches the lives of people within the community who benefit daily from cleaner air, shadier streets and aesthetic beauty that healthy, well-managed urban forests provide.
3. Recognizes and rewards communities for annual advancements in urban forestry practices.
4. Increases public awareness of the many social, economical and environmental benefits urban forestry practices.
5. Provides education to improve current urban forestry practices.
6. Builds cooperation between public and private sectors to effectively manage urban forests.
7. Encourages, supports and strengthens effective urban forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide.
8. Can make a strong contribution to a community's pride.
9. Serves as a blueprint for planting and maintaining a community's trees.
10. Puts people in touch with other communities and resources that can help them improve their program.
11. Brings solid benefits to a community, such as helping to gain financial support for tree projects and contributing to safer and healthier urban forests.
12. Helps present the kind of image that most citizens want to have for the place they live or conduct business.
13. Tells visitors, through signage, that here is a community that cares about its environment.
14. Sometimes gives preference over other communities when allocations of grant money are made for trees or forestry programs.
15. Provides a way to reach large numbers of people with information about tree care.

2023 Goals of Tree Commission

There are **three main goals** for the Tree Commission this year. **Inventory trees, tree canopy and tree planting.**

Under the direction of the city arborist, we will identify trees that are dead or decaying and mark them for removal.

Trees that are blocking right of way areas will also be marked for pruning or removal. A tree canopy refers to the part of a city that is shaded by trees. Again, under the direction of the city arborist, we will evaluate the density of tree coverage in green space areas, our City Parks and impervious areas. Finally, we will suggest planting in green spaces throughout the city, parks, right-of-way areas and the Commemorative Memorial program.



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SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate Arbor Day October 7

Plan to celebrate with the Tree Commission on Saturday, October 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Every Child's Playground for the 2nd annual Arbor Day celebration. This free community event is fun and informative. Come and learn about tree planting and pruning. There will be fun activities for children too, with a scavenger hunt and a tree-themed book reading in the Storybook trail. Come and visit with friends and meet new ones too. There will be live music, pizza and beer available to purchase. Donations will go to the Avon Lions Club. We will be celebrating our Tree City USA designation. If you would like to help sponsor this event, please reach out to: Treecommission@cityofavon.com.



2022 Arbor Day Celebration