

PLANT A TREE FOR OTHERS

Town of Wilton's Tree Donation Program Sponsored by the Wilton Tree Committee

Through the Town of Wilton's Tree Donation Program, Wilton residents have an opportunity to plant a tree in someone's memory or to celebrate the life of another by making a donation in that person's name. Such trees are a living tribute that benefits present and future generations. In addition to carrying forward the name of those honored, these trees can inspire energy, faith, devotion, and courage and will serve as an active participant in nature's plan for decades to come. To date, more than 70 trees planted through the Town of Wilton's Tree Donation Program enrich Wilton's landscape.

[INSERT PHOTO OF BEAUTIFUL TREE HERE]

How the Tree Donation Program Works

All donated plants will be native species. Donors have a choice of planting a shade tree (such as a Northern Red Oak, Silver Maple, American Sweetgum, Northern Catalpa, Tulip Tree, or Weeping Willow, to name just a few) or understory tree (including the Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, American Hornbeam, Eastern Red Cedar, American Holly, or Witch Hazel, among others). Alternatively, donors may choose to plant a grouping of shrubs (such as Ninebark, Spicebush, Blueberry bushes, Summersweet, Serviceberry and many [different] kinds of native Viburnums).

The Wilton Tree Committee, a subcommittee of the Town's Conservation Commission, will determine the best species of trees or shrubs to plant and will select an appropriate location in town in accordance with the current Master Plan for Wilton. Numerous factors are taken into consideration when selecting the species (plant characteristics and requirements, size at maturity, and life expectancy) and eventual location (amount of space, aesthetics, foot traffic, public access, and safety).

Donated trees or shrubs are generally planted in the fall to help ensure their establishment with the least environmental or seasonal stresses. At the time of planting, An engraved brick will be placed at the base of the tree or group of shrubs indicating its taxonomy (both common and Latin names), the year of planting, and

the name of the person being honored. Registration to donate a tree or shrubs can be made at any time of year and the funds will be held in a marked account pending their planting.

Whether commemorating the loss of a loved one or celebrating the life of another, a vibrant, beautiful trees and shrubs benefits everyone in this life and for generations to come.

To donate a tree to the Town of Wilton in memory or honor of someone, please complete the form below and return it with a check in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to "Town of Wilton" to the following address:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Town Annex
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Please note "Tree Donation Program" on the check. A member of the Wilton Tree Committee will contact donors to discuss their tree or shrub preference and to coordinate a date for planting.

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Name of Person to be Honored _____

Plant Preference (check one) _____ Shade tree
_____ Understory tree
_____ Grouping of shrubs