



## Attend the Installation

Trees will be planted in either the spring or the fall planting season and will receive professional care. If you would like to be present at the planting of your memorial tree or installation of your memorial bench, please indicate this on the form and a representative will contact you to schedule a date. Along with your memorial donation, the Foundation will provide a certificate of appreciation recognizing your contribution to our beloved parks.



*"If benches could speak, they would tell of how we spend our life by sitting and daydreaming of our love together."*

– Aditya

## Memorial Trees & Benches are the Ultimate Gift of Giving

Trees and benches are a gift of a lifetime. Consider purchasing a special tree or bench as...

- An honor making an achievement or special event.
- A tribute in the memory of a loved one.
- A distinctive recognition of an individual, family or local business.
- To celebrate the arrival of a new family member.
- Anniversary, birthday, retirement or any special occasion.
- Or simply sponsor a tree to be planted in any one of our parks!

*"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."*

– Nelson Henderson

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**TREE**  
& Memorial  
**BENCH**  
**PROGRAM**

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# Springfield Parks Foundation

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The Springfield Parks Foundation (SPF) was formed in 1991 as a not-for-profit fundraising organization dedicated to enhancing the use, growth and preservation of our parks. Springfield has nearly 40 neighborhood, community and regional parks. The Foundation works closely with the Park Board, City of Springfield, other state and local agencies, the business community and individuals to provide support and funding for many park projects. Foundation projects include park restoration, landscape improvement and commemoration.

## Mission:

The Springfield Parks Foundation is a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the use, growth and preservation of our parks.

## Want to Make a Difference?

Interested in becoming a SPF Board Member or Volunteer? For more information on the SPF Board and volunteering, please email

[info@springfieldparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@springfieldparksfoundation.org)



## Generations Tree Program

The Generations Tree Program is a cooperative program between the Springfield Parks Foundation and the Springfield Park District. It was created to provide an opportunity for individuals, families, businesses and groups to establish a living, long-lasting and beautiful tribute for someone they wish to honor.

The SPF is dedicated to preserving and restoring native vegetation within our parks. We work with the Springfield Park District Arborist to establish an approved tree list that meets restoration criteria.

## Memorial Bench Program

Our Memorial Bench Program offers the opportunity to purchase a custom historic designed black metal bench with a brass placard for engraving. These benches can be seen throughout our park system and create a dedicated space to commemorate a special person in your life or celebrate a special event with a Memorial Park Bench. The benches serve as a beautiful lasting remembrance that will benefit the community for years.

For information regarding Tree or Bench Memorials, contact:  
**Stephen Flesch,**  
Director of Finance & Administration  
**Phone: 217-544-1751 ext. 1003**  
**Email: [sflesch@springfieldparks.org](mailto:sflesch@springfieldparks.org)**



## TREE OR BENCH ORDER FORM

### Memorial Tree or Bench Terms & Conditions -

1. The District Arborist or their designated staff reserves the right to select the location and species of a memorial tree and/or bench in the selected park or property. Springfield Park District staff will work with the person purchasing the memorial to find a mutually agreeable tree species and bench location where applicable.
2. Scheduling of the tree planting also will be at the discretion of the Park District Arborist or their designated staff. Springfield Park District will work with the person purchasing the memorial to find a mutually agreeable date for either the Spring or Fall Season.
3. A \$200 donation per tree will be applied to the purchase of the tree(s), it's planting and initial maintenance. A \$2,500 donation will be applied to the purchase of a memorial bench, memorial inscription, installation and initial maintenance.
4. The District shall use best management practices to assist the memorial tree so that it survives and thrives. However, the District does not guarantee that a memorial tree will survive or be damaged due to natural disaster, disease or pestilence..

**Applicant must read the terms & conditions listed above. By signing below, the applicant understands & accepts the terms stated herein.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wording on Certificate of Appreciation -

(Please check the appropriate box and enter the wording as you would like it to appear on the certificate)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend the memorial installation. ☐ yes ☐ no

**Please enclose your payment with your order form and mail to: Generations Tree and Memorial Bench Program, Springfield Parks Foundation, Bunn Park, 2500 S. 11th St, Springfield IL 62703. Attn. S. Flesch: 217-544-1751 ext. 1003**

The Springfield Parks Foundation is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit charity, and your gift to the organization in support of The Generations Tree and Memorial Bench Program is tax-deductible to the extent of the law.