

## **Trees for West Concord**

### **In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day “A Day of Service”**

West Concord will be prioritizing community pride and sponsoring several community events over the next several months. The first project will have a twofold result. The first to combat diseased tree loss and the second to increase our tree diversity and shade canopy both beautifying the city and increasing aesthetics. Emerald Ash Borer is unfortunately making its way into our community. As a result, it has been estimated that the city’s ash tree population will be decimated within 10 years. To be proactive rather than reactive the city has placed processes into effect to help mitigate this tragedy. The city alone has 41 ash trees on city land, this is not counting the private ash trees. You can imagine what this will do to our urban forest, much like that when we lost our Elm trees many years ago. The cost is also overwhelming. Therefore, the city is applying for a grant to replant not only these 41 trees that will be affected but also introduce 40 more onto our public land. More information will come if we are awarded this grant.

In the meantime, the city has partnered with our local organizations (West Concord Historical Society, Lion’s Club of West Concord, Cardinal Club of West Concord, Friends of West Concord, and Friends of the Library) on ways to help. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, “a day of service;” our organizations are holding an ongoing fundraiser (January-May) to help with this tree initiative. If you would like to sponsor a tree in memory or dedication, to someone, you can do so for a \$50 donation. Your memory or dedication will be printed (in May 2022) in the newspaper and on posters around the city. If you wish to participate please complete the following and return to the Cardinal Club of West Concord at PO Box 333 or drop off at City Hall. All checks made out to the Cardinal Club of West Concord.

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#### **Trees for West Concord**

Person Making Donation (Name/write anonymous if you want unlisted): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: (Name/one per tree): \_\_\_\_\_

**or**

In Dedication of: (Name/one per tree): \_\_\_\_\_

Check (Made to the Cardinal Club of West Concord/\$50.00 per tree please write **tree project** in the memo line) total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note tree location and choice will be the decision of the Park and Recreation Committee with expert advice to both diversify for disease resistance and achieve planting goals. No plaque or ongoing memorial will be maintained aside from printing names once in the newspaper and on posters throughout the community. The dedicated or memorialized tree will not have a tracker placed for what specific tree was in memory of or dedicated to.*