



Quercus Macrocarpa Bur Oak

**VILLAGE OF MEDINA
MUNICIPAL TREE BOARD
600 MAIN STREET MEDINA, NEW YORK 14103**

Roots in the past, planting for the future."

March: Time to Think Trees!

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Plan your tree plantings well in advance...

Winter is not quite gone. The daylight hours are still too few. There's no sign of spring anywhere, but March *is* the time to think trees. The municipal Tree Board will be kicking into high gear putting the finishing touches on Arbor Day plans and planting schedules for April. If you are looking to buy a tree, either as an application for a right of way planting or as a memorial tree, ***now is the best time to make those plans.***

Weather permitting, April is an optimum time to plant while the tree is dormant. This will ensure the longest possible growing season, allowing the tree to establish well before winter sets in. It will also allow a better selection of "special order" trees which may have to be dug from the ground while dormant. *If you intend to have a right-of-way tree planted, the process should begin now so trees may be ordered along with mass orders being placed by the village for Arbor Day sites.*

There are a couple of ways a citizen may go about getting a tree planted on a right-of-way in front of their home. Please read the following information carefully, and determine which option best suites your tree planning and planting needs. One way or another, the Municipal Tree Board is here to assist you in any way possible.

Here's what to do...

For memorial, commemorative, trees or for trees donated in honor of...

- Simply drop into the Bank of Castile and see Marsha Winters. Marsha is a member of the Tree Board and coordinates all donated funds. She will provide you with all the necessary information for you to donate the funds for a memorial or honor tree. Your donation \$250 – \$300 will purchase a tree *located somewhere in the village forest*, and an inscribed granite brick in the Memorial Tree Garden. Installation of the garden is set for Spring 2008.

The donor may suggest a location for the tree, but the Tree Board reserves the right to select the site based on current needs and landscape plans.

[Donations can be made all year around for spring planting, and make wonderful living gifts for any occasion.](#)

This option allows village residents to have a tree planted somewhere in the village forest in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a birth or important life event, or in honor of an achievement such as a college graduation or Eagle Scout honor.

Only 1–2 orders for bricks will be placed per year as the company desires a multi-order. Bricks will be placed annually in the garden for Arbor Day.

For residents wishing to plant a tree in a village right of way...

- For spring planting (April–May) all applications should be for right of way plantings should be made to the Building Dept. by no later than the second week of March for April planting, and the second week of April for May planting. In order to facilitate review by the Tree Board, applications must be in no later than these dates. There is no such thing as too early! The earlier, the better. Don't be afraid to submit an application for spring planting months ahead of time! Extra time allows for careful planning!

Simply request an application from the Building Department, fill it out and return it. The Tree Board will contact you to do a site

assessment, help you select a tree, and inform you of the cost. Once a tree is approved, an order will be placed. The tree will be released for planting upon payment to the Village Clerk. The DPW will then plant your tree.

For additional information about right of way planting or if you have questions about filling out your application, call Code Enforcement Officer and Tree Board member Marty Busch located in the Village Building Department at 798-0770.



Arbor Day 2006 - Medina NY

Hundreds of school children from Oak Orchard Elementary School look on as a White Swamp Oak is planted on West Avenue. This tree planting was sponsored by the Bank of Castile, an official sponsor of Arbor Day Medina.