

A LIVING GIFT – at Royal River Park

Yarmouth Memorial Tree Program

For those interested in donating a tree in memory or in honor of a loved one, the Town of Yarmouth has the Memorial Tree Program. A memorial tree provides a special place of remembrance while improving the quality of life and making a long-lasting contribution to the beauty of our community. Yarmouth's Memorial Tree Program is a way to honor a loved one and add to the appeal of a location for the citizens and visitors of Yarmouth for years to come.

Memorial Trees: \$1,500

Assorted varieties of tree species are available from the approved planting lists as posted with the Town of Yarmouth. According to the site and location details, Yarmouth Community Services staff and Yarmouth Tree Advisory Committee have selected the desired species based on the conditions at each site within Royal River Park. Planting locations within a park or open space are at the discretion of Town staff and will always be planted in public spaces or rights-of-way. Trees are planted, mulched, and watered with Town oversight. Planting occurs between April and September.

Recognition and what is included with a donation:

A map identifying the name and location of each Memorial Tree will be available at the East Elm Street kiosk near the entrance of Royal River Park. In addition to the map, an online inventory of public trees is made available on the Town's GIS database. The inventory includes the year planted, species, and other information allowing for easier maintenance needs and inventory analysis. Within this database, any trees planted in honor or in memory of someone will also be identified in the tree's individual information card.

The donation includes the lifelong care and maintenance of the tree as part of A Living Gift and includes a replacement tree if disease or other conditions make the tree unsustainable.

How it works:

- [Complete the online application](#) or fill out and submit the form to the YCS office.
 - Identify the number of trees to be donated.
 - What happens if this Royal River Park Memorial Tree program becomes over-subscribed:
 - Tree capacity may be reached at any time. In that case, a Memorial Tree request will be put on a list for future plantings, and the donor will be contacted to discuss all possible options.
- Town staff will notify applicants on a rolling basis and discuss details of the donation and location options.

NOTE: Memorial Trees are irrevocable, unrestricted gifts, and the Town of Yarmouth cannot guarantee that a memorial will remain in its original location. If a Memorial Tree must be moved, staff will make reasonable efforts to notify the donor. The value of the donations may be tax-deductible. A receipt will be provided; please consult a tax professional to confirm eligibility.