

# MISSION OAKS RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MEMORIAL TREE



## **Memorials trees:**

Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District is proud to share its Memorial Tree Planting Program. Planting a tree in a Mission Oaks Park is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and provides a gift to the whole community. Trees that are planted in public parks can be enjoyed by everyone. A memorial tree can be planted for many occasions: in memory of someone who has passed away; in honor of a dedicated service member; to celebrate a birthday, graduation, wedding, retirement, or other occasion. Many work groups give trees instead of flowers for funerals or as memorials.

## **Why Plant a Memorial Tree?**

A memorial tree can be a living remembrance of a loved one or a celebration of a happy event. It provides a sense of belonging and community and the trees are intended to become a part of the native, natural landscape within the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District and become a Community Legacy. These trees will increase the beauty of our park system, provide food & shelter for wildlife, and bring a sense of peace when visiting Mission Oaks Parks.

The benefits of the Memorial Tree Program include:

- A unique gift
- A lasting tribute
- Beautify the parks
- Clean the air
- Control erosion
- Ease noise pollution

## **Who does the planting?**

The Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District staff will plant the trees. After planting, District Staff will take care of watering, pruning, mulching, and any other necessary tree maintenance. The donating family will be invited to hold a planting ceremony to honor their loved one.

## **Where will my tree be planted?**

Memorial Trees will be planted in one of the designated parks that have been selected for this program. These parks include: Ashton Park, Eastern Oak Park, Gibbons Park, Maddox Park, Mission North Park, Oak Meadow Park, Orville Wright Park, Shelfield Park, Swanston Park, Valley Oak Park and Windemere Park. Staff will work with you to see that the tree will be placed in a strategic location within the park that provides shade, shelter, and an aesthetically pleasing landscape. Site and location will also be determined by the tree species, giving the tree every opportunity to survive and become a healthy living part of our park system. No Plaque or Monument will accompany any tree. The tree will serve as the memorial gesture.

**Who chooses my tree?**

Memorial Trees will be chosen by the person or family dedicating a tree. You will have the option of choosing from a list of recommended trees from the Sacramento Tree Foundation and SMUD (Shady Eighty) Program at [www.sactree.com/plant](http://www.sactree.com/plant). Each of the trees on this list have proven to do well in our region. Trees also must be readily available in the local nursery supply inventory. Trees will be offered by the Parks & Recreation Department at a cost of current market value.

**What happens if my tree doesn't live?**

Each tree is guaranteed for one (1) year and will be replaced the Parks and Recreation District at no extra charge should it die within that year. It is understood once planted; the tree is the exclusive property of the District which is responsible for watering, fertilizing, pruning and mulching it as necessary.

**How will my tree be recognized?**

A Public Declaration of the donation and tree planting will be made at an upcoming Advisory Board Meeting.

**How do I get involved?**

Anyone interested in donating a memorial tree should contact the Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District office at (916) 488-2890.

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