

The 2021 Parkway Tree Program

Each spring ONEN purchases trees from the Colorado Tree Coalition for planting on the parkways of our neighborhood. ONEN residents have planted hundreds of trees over the decades through this program. These trees are free to neighbors who sign up for one. Residents who receive a tree must agree to water the tree. New trees require diligent supplemental watering for the first three years of life. You must apply for a permit to plant a tree in the parkway as it is in the public right-of-way. The application is free and online at <https://coloradosprings.gov/forestry/webform/plant-tree-city-right-way> or you can call City Forestry at 719-385-5942.

ONEN is thrilled to announce that the April 17, 2021 tree plantings will be a collaborative effort between ONEN, Boy Scout Troop 2, Charlie Stevens, and City Forestry.

Charlie Stevens is a 15-year-old Palmer High School student who will be organizing this year's plantings for his Eagle Scout project. He and his fellow scouts will deliver the trees to the residents who have requested a tree and they will plant the trees for the first 10 people to sign up for that service. For more information on this project and to sign up for a tree, see below.

Operation Lorax

Would You Like a FREE Tree for Your “Parkway Area” (Between the Sidewalk and the Street)?

March 2021

Dear Old North End Neighbor,

The Old North End Neighborhood has purchased 37 infant trees to be planted in the right-of-way parking area between the sidewalk and the street. We're giving them away—FREE—to the first neighbors who claim them. Troop 2 Boy Scouts will deliver your tree to your house on Sat. April 17, 2021.

Here's how to claim your FREE parkway tree—please do so by April 10, 2021—it's first-come, first-served:

STEP 1: Go to this [SignUpGenius link](#) to request your tree. (And you can request FREE planting on this form, too.)

STEP 2: Get a free city tree permit online at this [City link](#). It's free, fast, all online—and, importantly, allows the City Forestry Department to track our community's trees.

STEP 3: On April 17, 2021, Troop 2 Boy Scouts will deliver your tree to your house and plant it if you have requested that.

MORE DETAILS:

Deadline: Reserve your tree by April 10, 2021.

The City of Colorado Springs—as part of its 150th-Anniversary celebration—has set a goal to plant 18,017 trees. The Old North End Neighborhood is contributing to this effort with these trees, which are free to the first 37 neighbors who claim them. (They must be planted in the parkway between the sidewalk and the street.)

Boy Scout Charlie Stevens (Troop 2) is organizing this year's parkway tree-planting program as his Eagle Scout project. The Scouts will deliver your tree to you. And they will plant the tree for you if you are one of the first 10 neighbors to ask. You can ask for planting on the sign-up form at the link above.

The trees are of seven varieties chosen by the City's Forestry Department to ensure a diverse canopy. On the sign-up form, you'll have your choice of species:

- Turkish Filbert (6 available)
- Espresso Kentucky Coffee Tree (6 available)
- Pear Chanticleer (6 available)
- White Swamp Oak (3 available)
- Bur Oak (6 available)
- Chinkapin Oak (5 available)
- Shumard Oak (5 available)

The City is tracking its trees—and we want to be sure these 37 are counted in the 150th-Anniversary effort. That is why you need to get a permit. This way the City knows they've been planted and where they are located.

Once you request your tree, we'll follow up with an info sheet and specifics about what to expect when the Boy Scouts drop off (and plant if you've requested that) your tree for you.

And we'll share some guidance on tree care, too. The care is straightforward. The important thing to know is that your tree will need extra water over the first year or so of its life, so you'll need to make sure you're giving it sufficient moisture.

Please claim your free tree at this [SignUpGenius link](#) by April 10, 2021!

If you have any questions, please contact ONEN at parkwaytrees@oldnorthend.org.

For pictures of past plantings, click here:

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