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NEWS RELEASE

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City Tree Sponsorship Program Provides ‘Instant Shade’

First group of established trees will be transplanted beginning Monday

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will be at Burden Park on Dubuque’s North side today to witness the transplanting of the first trees purchased with donations through the City’s Tree Sponsorship Program. Buol plans to be on hand at 2 p.m. on today, Dec. 1, as the Autumn Blaze Maple that he and his wife, Debra, personally sponsored is transplanted at the park he frequented in his youth.

The Dubuque City Council established the tree sponsorship program last summer to fund the transplanting of 119 trees in Dubuque parks and other properties maintained by the City. To date, 21 trees have been sponsored. Sponsorships are still being accepted to transplantings this fall.

The trees are 16 to 25 feet tall and four inches in diameter and will dramatically impact the appearance of the sites and provide “instant shade.” Beeler Tree Farm and Breitbach Tree Farm have offered these trees to the City for \$250 each, which includes transport and placement of the tree. Tree varieties offered include: Single Stem and River Birch, Accolade Elm, and Maples – Armstrong Columnar, Autumn Blaze, Autumn Fantasy, Autumn Flame, Emerald Queen, October Brilliance, October Glory, Pacific Sunset, and Sienna Glen.

This sponsorship program allows individuals, families, service clubs, and companies to “adopt” a site and pay the cost to transplant the tree. The sponsorship fee is \$250 per tree. Requests to sponsor trees at the identified parks and City properties will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, or would like additional information, please contact Leisure Services Manager Gil Spence at 589-4263 or gspence@cityofdubuque.org.

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