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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **City Tree Sponsorship Program Provides ‘Instant Shade’**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will be at Burden Park on Dubuque’s North side on Friday to witness the transplanting of a group of trees purchased with donations through the City’s Tree Sponsorship Program. Buol plans to be on hand at 10 a.m. Friday, April 17, as the Autumn Blaze Maple he and his siblings sponsored is transplanted at the park they frequented in their 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, 22 trees have been sponsored. Sponsorships are still being accepted.

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](mailto:gspence@cityofdubuque.org).

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