

# A **Tree City USA** Community



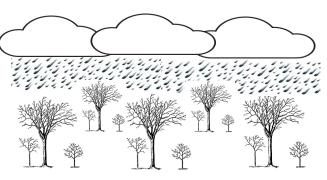
### The Belpre Tree Commission

A Volunteer Group planning & caring for all City trees past, present, and future according to all scientific information available.



#### Leaves Leaves Leaves

Mow, mulch, or compost leaves for a valuable source of organic matter.



According to AmericanForests.Org, a healthy tree canopy significantly reduces stormwater runoff thereby reducing storm water pollution.

#### For More Information

BELPRE CITY BLDG.: 740-423-7592 WEBSITE: WWW.CITYOFBELPRE.COM FACEBOOK: CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO

### **REMEMBER A LOVED ONE.....** MEMORIAL TREES, BENCHES, OR SWINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

#### ORDINANCES

**BELPRE 905 TREES** 

BELPRE 1339.13 LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS



## WHAT TREES DO FOR YOU !

#### **TREES PROVIDE:**

- CLEANER AIR
- WILDLIFE HABITAT
- FOOD LIKE NUTS & FRUITS
- MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS
- SHADE
- RIVERBANK EROSION CONTROL
- INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES

#### **TREES REDUCE:**

- POLLUTION
  - $\Rightarrow$  Sulfur Dioxide
  - $\Rightarrow$  Nitrogen Dioxide
  - $\Rightarrow$  Carbon Dioxide
- WEATHER EXTREMES
- ENERGY BILLS
- STORMWATER RUNOFF & FLOODING
- SEDIMENT EROSION



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Are the trees in my yard my responsibility to maintain? Yes. Anything behind the sidewalk is generally the landowner's responsibility.
- What is a City-owned tree? Trees that are located along streets & City-owned property including public areas.
- Who maintains the City trees? The Belpre Tree Commission in conjunction with the Streets Dept. oversees or completes maintenance.
- How do I determine if a tree is mine or the City's? To be sure, contact the Belpre Safety Service Director @ 740-423-7592.
- Do I need permission to trim or remove a City tree? Yes.
- How do I request a City tree be trimmed or removed? Contact the Belpre Safety Service Director a 740-423-7592.
- Where can I get advice on the type of tree to plant on my property? The Tree Commission offers advice on tree species selection, planting tips, & maintenance.
- Know do I purchase a Memorial Tree, Bench or Swing? Contact the Mayor @ 740-423-7592.

### Did You Know?

- The City of Belpre owns all 500 plus trees located on.....
  - $\Rightarrow$  Lawn strips (area between sidewalks & curb)
  - $\Rightarrow$  City Rights of Way
  - $\Rightarrow$  All City-owned property (example: Parks)

## Dos and Don'ts

- Homeowners & Businesses
  - $\Rightarrow$  <u>Don't</u> trim, prune, or remove city owned trees
  - ⇒ <u>Do</u> contact the Safety Service Director if a tree needs attention: Call 740-423-7592
  - $\Rightarrow$  <u>Do</u> report violations: Call 740-423-7592

# Get Involved

- The City of Belpre Tree Commission
  - $\Rightarrow$  Consists of volunteer residents and city representatives
  - $\Rightarrow$  Provides guidance in the care of trees
  - ⇒ Meets monthly the Second Tuesday @ 11:00 AM
    @ 715 Park, meeting room, citizens are welcomed
  - $\Rightarrow$  Contact via the Safety Service Director

Call 740-423-7592

