

COMMEMORATIVE GROVE PROGRAM

History:

The City Council in its approved annual work program for 1988-90, called for a Donor Tree Planting Program:

To “Develop and implement a pilot Donor Tree Planting Program specifically in and around the Laguna Lake Park area and provide a method of recognizing the donors.”

On February 7, 1989, this program was approved by the Council and the Commemorative Grove was dedicated at the Arbor Day Celebration, March 4, 1989. A total of nine commemorative trees and thirty-eight windbreak trees were planted at this dedication.

Purpose of Program:

This grove will allow the planting of trees by citizens or special interest groups who wish to commemorate some special event or person in their life. These trees commemorate significant events in the lives of the people of San Luis Obispo and act as living monuments for present and future generations.

Location and Description:

The location of the Commemorative Grove is on both sides of the entrance to Laguna Lake Park. This area is very visible and somewhat more protected from the wind than other areas of the park. The walking and jogging trails act as passageways through the grove. The entrance to the Commemorative Grove features a monument and dedication plaque. Urban Forestry staff will assist with finding a planting site. A donor's plaque will be placed at each commemorative tree identifying the donor and the commemorated person and or event.

Cost to Donor:

The cost is \$378.10 for a 15 gallon-size tree and plaque and includes installation, root protection, stakes, and mulch. The 7 tree species available for planting in the Commemorative Grove are listed on the [Street Trees Master List](#) and are identified with “G” Characteristics. Urban Forestry staff will prep the selected site and plant the tree, or you can plant the tree in a prepared site yourself.

Maintenance:

The City will provide all maintenance to the commemorative trees such as pruning, watering, weeding, etc. The City may replace trees due to vandalism or other conditions but will not be responsible for replacement of damaged plaques.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMEMORATIVE GROVE APPLICATION

The Commemorative Grove at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo has designated areas where trees are planted with custom engraved plaques. Each tree is unique and has a special meaning often expressed on the plaques themselves. The template below is a sample guideline for how you would like the plaque to be inscribed. You will be sent a proof for final approval prior to ordering.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMEMORATIVE GROVE	
This _____	_____
	Variety of tree
_____	_____
	Reason for planting
_____	_____
	Name of person
_____	_____
	Dedicated by
_____	_____
	Date

The plaques are approximately 4" x 6" and are made of durable aluminum. Your inscription is laser etched on a black background and attached to a metal stand to allow placement at the base of your newly planted tree. Special planting arrangements can be made in advance with the site manager for the Commemorative Grove. Each purchase includes a 15-gallon size tree, hole preparation, root protection, custom engraved plaque with stand, mulch, and support stakes for the newly planted tree.

Name _____ \$378.10 (Cash or check only)
Address _____ Check # _____ Cash _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ Date paid _____
Phone _____ Email to send proof _____

Mail completed form with payment to address below. Make checks out to the City of San Luis Obispo.

City of San Luis Obispo
Attn: City Arborist
25 Prado Rd.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For questions about the program call the Corporation Yard at (805) 781-7220

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