

Sponsored and Memorial Trees

Because the Emerald Ash borer destroyed numerous Ash trees in Waterfront Park, many new trees were needed this year. Ludington's Department of Public Works (DPW) began the spring planting of city trees on Ludington's Arbor Day, May 17th, by planting trees in Waterfront Park. Students from Longfellow, Lakeview, and Foster Schools assisted in the planting.



Left to right: Joe Stickney (Parks Superintendent), Mike Van Dyke (DPW Crew Leader) and John Shay (City Manager) look on as the DPW crews work with the students to replace Waterfront Park trees.

Ludington's spring tree planting is now complete in the city parks and street right-of ways. Anyone interested in sponsoring one of the new trees planted in Waterfront, Copeyon, or Rotary Park, please contact Sharon Bradley-Johnson (a member of the Ludington Tree Advisory Board) at 989-854-2740 for information. Sponsored trees include a plaque with two lines of information of the sponsor's choosing (e.g., The Tom and Jean Smith Family, Terry,

Joan, and Scott). A third line on the plaque indicates the type of tree. Local businesses can sponsor a tree in the parks as well. For memorial trees wording on the plaque is of the sponsor's choosing such as Susan Foster, wife, mother, and grandmother (2016). The name of the type of tree is included on this plaque also. Cost of sponsoring a tree varies with the type of tree selected. The cost for a sponsored or memorial tree is \$60 for the plaque plus the cost of the tree. This year the cost of a tree in the parks varied from \$80 to \$200. The trees can be selected from newly planted trees in Waterfront, Copeyon, or Rotary Park. Money from sponsored and memorial trees will be used to purchase trees for next year's planting season.

The Ludington Tree Advisory Board