



Village of Homewood
T.R.E.E. Committee
2022 Annual Report

Landscape & Maintenance Building
18355 Pierce Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430

1. **Purpose:**

The Tree Committee provides educational outreach to residents and surrounding communities, develops stronger public relations, establishes award programs, expands and reinforces reforestation, helps develop viable resource management tools and makes recommendations on urban forest issues affecting the Village that requires action by the Village Board.

2. **Membership:**

Jason Baldauf – Chairperson
Deborah Baldauf
Maureen Guger
Carolyn Bury
Janet Hernandez
Paul Kramer
Karl Persons
Regina Zohfeld
Tony Greep
James Grubman

3. **Accomplishments:**

- A Kentucky Coffeetree was planted at Churchill School for our Arbor Day tree planting, and the Arbor Day Art Bag program was a success.
- The Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA signs that the Tree Committee helped clean and refurbish were placed in updated locations throughout the Village, promoting the Village's dedication to our urban canopy.
- Began the process to become a Bird City Illinois community, and hope to finalize next year.
- The Poarch Creek Tribe was contacted offering a tree for the new casino as a gift welcoming the new business to the Village.
- The Green Thumb Saturday program was presented in person as well as via Zoom. We had many talented speakers, and it was well attended. The committee's first tree tour was completed as part of the program, highlighting parkway tree plantings and diversity.
- The second year of our new format for the Fall TreeShare was a success. Trees were sold and picked up by residents at the Farmer's Market, providing them with the opportunity to see and pick their own trees. The committee was able to learn and adapt from last year's event, improving the process for all involved. The event was extremely well attended, with 49 trees being sold in one weekend.