



**VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT**

49 State Street – Brockport, New York 14420 – 585/637-5300

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**Brockport Tree Board Aims for Growth in 2008  
Tree Donation Program Started, Ordinances Drafted, Arbor Day Event Planned**

*Tree Board Partners with the GBDC for Tree Donation Program*

“Over 700 vacant tree spaces exist in the Village, and we have a modest budget for the replacement of trees,” says Margay Blackman, chair of the Village Tree Board.

The Tree Board depends on donations and grants to support the maintenance and replenishment of Brockport’s community forest. Blackman said she hopes to get local businesses and civic organizations to participate in tree planting and to donate trees.

Local individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged to assist in the purchase of trees for the Village streets and parks. Tree Fund donations are administered by the Greater Brockport Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations to the fund are tax deductible. Donation forms will soon be available on the Tree Board’s website, [treeboard.brockportny.org](http://treeboard.brockportny.org), and at local businesses. Donations to the Tree Fund may also be made in person or by mail to GBDC, c/o Ian M. Coyle 49 State Street, Brockport NY, 14420.

General or memorial donations may be made. All donors and their memorial honoree will be recognized on the website, and will be published in the annual Arbor Day program every spring. The cost of purchasing and planting a new tree ranges from \$200-250. All tree species and planting sites must be reviewed and approved by the Tree Board. The selection of tree species is guided by the existing tree inventory and the presence or absence of utility lines at the planting site.

Individuals who have lost street trees in front of their property may request replacements by downloading a “Tree Planting” request form from the Tree Board’s website, or by picking up a form at the Village office.

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### *Village Tree Code & Website Revised*

The Tree Board has also recently completed a draft of a tree ordinance for the Village code. When the Board of Trustees approves the proposed ordinance, the Village will apply to the National Arbor Day Foundation for recognition as a "Tree City USA."

Recognition as a Tree City means the Village has met certain obligations in maintaining its community forest: financial investment, an inventory of existing trees, Village ordinances and a municipal board to oversee the community's forest. Designation as a Tree City makes the Village eligible for grants, which will help the Village continue to maintain its forest.

Please visit the revised Brockport Tree Board website at [treeboard.brockportny.org](http://treeboard.brockportny.org). It is very interesting and informative. The site lists the board's mission, Village tree ordinances, tree facts, suggested tree walks, and a photo gallery. There are links to tree-related sites such as the National Arbor Day Foundation, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and information about urban forestry.

### *Arbor Day Event*

Join representatives of Village of Brockport Tree Board, The College at Brockport, the Brockport Central School System and community volunteers for Brockport's 2008 Arbor Day tree planting on Fayette Street. Pizza and soft drinks to follow at the Welcome Center.

Details:

FRIDAY APRIL 25TH  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm, rain or shine  
Meet at the Park Avenue liftbridge.  
Attire: Dress to dig  
Shovels furnished

For more information, contact Margaret Blackman, [mblackma@brockport.edu](mailto:mblackma@brockport.edu)

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