

Winterville Tree Commission

Tree People Project

Overview:

The Winterville Tree Commission is beginning a new project called *Tree People*. The project involves collecting stories about local trees that highlight a special bond or experience someone has had with a tree. For example, a tree that someone:

- Climbed as a youth
- Had regular picnics under
- Planted in a loved one's memory
- Picked fruit/ nuts from
- Planted to commemorate an event
- Finds beautiful
- And much more...

The goal of *Tree People* is to demonstrate the important role trees play in our lives. Along with the story, the project recognizes a tree with a ribbon or sign.

Story instructions and requirements:

1. The tree must be in Winterville
2. The tree must be on your property
3. You can either write the story yourself or the Tree Commission can write it for you (following a short meeting to talk about the tree). The story can be as simple or detailed as you like. It can be just a few sentences or 1-2 paragraphs. All stories, however, must be 300 words or less in length. With the author, the Tree Commission will assist in editing the story.
4. A contributed story must be accompanied by your name, address, phone number and email address
5. A high-resolution picture of the tree must be included with the story (sent via email or copy). The Tree Commission can take this picture
6. Please send story and picture to either: the Tree Commission email address (wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com) or it can be placed in an envelope and dropped at City Hall (write c/o Tree Commission written on envelope)

Contributed Stories:

After meeting all instructions and requirements and editing is complete, *Tree People* stories will be featured on the Commission webpage and the Winterville Gazette (with available space), and the tree will be recognized for a 3 month period with a ribbon or sign to place on or near the tree.

For questions on submitting a *Tree People* story, please email: wintervilletreecomm@gmail.com