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# *Examiner*

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"IF I WERE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER OR A NEWSPAPER WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT, I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CHOOSE THE LATTER." THOMAS JEFFERSON

**75 cents**  
**July 11, 2018**

**Tree-lined streets are cool**

Dear Editor,

Twenty years ago, I first turned the corner onto my Bartlett street and was struck by the gorgeous tree-lined view. It was exactly our vision of a Midwest neighborhood, and we were thrilled to settle here. Over the years, most of the other parents we met seemed to feel the same way. It seemed that the tree-lined streets fit their vision of Mayberry.

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So I have been very disappointed that after the emerald ash borer infestation, so few of my neighbors have replaced their trees. We lost 28 trees just on our block. In full disclosure, my husband and I have not replaced the three we lost either, but this is because they were all in our backyard, and we don't have room to put other comparable-sized trees. We have planted large shrubs in those spots instead.

These days as I turn onto my street, I am saddened by the lack of parkway shade. So I checked into the village statistics: Bartlett had 5,811 ash trees—representing 38 percent of all the trees in Bartlett—we lost all but 171 of them. Those 171 are in one neighborhood, which was able to take advantage of a late-coming pesticide solution. Most of Bartlett was hit early in the infestation, when removal was still the best option. Even today, the insecticide option is costly, though it seems to be working.

But overall we have only replaced about 2,800 of our ash, according to village

records. That's only 48 percent. Meaning that we have lost almost 24 percent of the tree coverage in Bartlett.

According to the US Forest Service, there are lots of financial benefits to trees:

- Children who live in neighborhoods with more street trees are less likely to have asthma.
- Homes in neighborhoods with mature trees sell for 3.5 to 10 percent more than in neighborhoods without trees.
- Many health care providers are now writing "nature prescriptions" "to help treat a variety of medical conditions, from post-cancer fatigue to obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes." (webmd.com.)
- Trees collect rainwater on their leaves and channel it into the soil. The US Forest Service estimates that 100 mature trees intercept about 250,000 gallons of rainfall per year.

With our first heat wave of the season behind us, I would like to remind my neighbors that tree cover is also a great energy saver for the summer months. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, trees "reduce summer air conditioning costs by up to 35 percent." Now that's cool!

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**August 29, 2018**

**Staying focused on important topic**  
Dear Editor,

Since my last letter about the Tree Replacement Program, there has been a little bit of progress to report. In case your readers haven't seen it, I would urge them to go to the Village of Bartlett website and click the new link taking them to an information page about available trees.

When I saw this, I was pleased to see that serviceberry is offered. This is one of the new trees that we planted in our backyard to replace one of our ash trees.

You may be aware, that according to the village's own records, our recovery from the emerald ash borer infestation has been slow. As of this summer, Bartlett is still suffering from 24 percent fewer trees than

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before the infestation. This percentage represents roughly 2,840 fewer trees than before.

So, you can imagine, that when I received the latest Bartletter, I was pleased to see a reminder article...and even thrilled when I went to our village site and saw a new link on the landing page leading to an information page with photos! Fantastic!

So why am I telling you what you may already know? I am urging you to follow through and purchase a tree, if you have not already done so.

Esteemed neighbors, if we are still 2,840 trees short, consider the following statistic:

\* According to the U.S. Forestry service, just 100 mature trees channel 7.1 million gallons of rainwater into the soil, per year.

\* Without these trees, where is this water going now?

*I hope you can see the urgency of moving quickly on a decision to replace any trees that you lost. In fact, - let's keep going until Bartlett replaces every last tree that was lost. It's easier than ever with the new link on the village home page.*

Mary Carol Ghislin

→ printing error; should be 2,840



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## *Thinking about trees*

Dear Editor,

*I am still thinking about Bartlett trees, and hoping that neighbors are thinking about it too.*

*Dear Neighbors, are you hesitating because you think \$100 is too much for a tree, and you don't have time to do any other research to confirm your hunch? Well don't worry about it...I have done the research for you!*

*A nearby nursery is having a 50 percent off sale on many of their 2-inch diameter trees. This brings many of the trees down to about \$80. Looks like it's cheaper than buying a tree through the village program...but wait...*

*In order to qualify for the nursery to plant your tree, your purchase must total \$225. These fees include a delivery fee, planting fee and the cost of the tree itself.*

*But perhaps you would prefer a maple, and you know that the village is not planting maples this fall, due to the needs of the village tree diversity plan. You could buy a maple and plant it yourself...but all the maples at this nearby nursery are \$249. Each. Yikes...and you still have to pay the delivery and planting fees.*

*Looks like the village tree replacement program is a great bargain. Trees are only \$100 and the village plants them for free.*

*You do have to hurry though. They are only accepting orders through September 30.*

*Happy planting!*

*Mary Carol Ghislin*