

Dear Village of New Bremen Resident,

The Village of New Bremen is offering a Tree Lottery program available to its residents. This program is a great way to provide trees to anyone wishing to have a tree on your private property. By investing in trees, you are helping our mission of preserving and beautifying our tree resources in the village. A few benefits of trees are listed below:

- Increased Property Value
- 10-40% Home Energy Savings in the Summer with Mature Trees
- Air Cooling and Purification
- Beautification of the Village
- Helps Prevent Soil Erosion and Reduces Storm Water Runoff

If you desire to enter the lottery and are selected through a random drawing, the Village will plant a tree on your private property within certain guidelines. The tree and the planting will be free of charge to the residents selected. Trees will be planted by the Village and you will be responsible for the ongoing watering and care of the tree after planting.

Guidelines that must be followed to be approved for a tree include:

- The tree can NOT be planted in the street tree lawn (grass area between street and sidewalk)
- Trees cannot be planted near old stumps or where dead trees were removed.
- The tree must be planted in the front or any side of the property facing a street. **Not the backyard.** The Village reserves the right to modify at their discretion.
- Underground utility lines will be checked before planting and the tree must be clear of any utility lines underground or overhead.
- The lottery tree winners may select the type of tree from a recommended tree list provided by the Village of New Bremen. Only trees on the list may be used.

If you are interested in entering the Tree Lottery, please fill out the entry form and return to the Village Office by September 15, 2022. We plan on announcing the winners during the Pumpkinfest festival. The winners will be contacted via their contact information that they provide. The Village must approve the tree site selected before final tree planting plans are confirmed. If you are not a winner this year, we encourage you to try again next tree lottery.

If you get selected for a free tree, a list of recommended trees will be provided for you to select from and the Village will check the planting site to determine if the tree selected will comply with the Village's Tree Ordinance planting regulations. The cost and planting of the tree will be paid for by the Village through the Tree Lottery program. These trees will be scheduled for planting late fall 2022.

After the planting is completed, the property owner is responsible for the ongoing care of the tree. The Village is no longer liable for the tree, caring for the tree and/or removing the tree if it doesn't survive.

If you have any questions, you may call the Village Office at 419-629-2447 during normal working hours of 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. We would like to thank you for your interest and participation in this year's Lottery,

Sincerely,

The Village of New Bremen