

Tree Care Tips

The Village of Lancaster has recently been awarded a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, totaling \$16,032 for tree trimming and maintenance. This grant will help fund the continued care and special attention that the Village of Lancaster pays to its trees and urban forest. AJ's Tree Service has been selected to prune 70 trees that were identified in need of maintenance with this grant money. Residents may see this maintenance occurring between November and March dependent upon weather and DPW availability as they will be assisting with disposal of the debris using their chipper. A list of tree locations that will be pruned as part of this project will be placed on the Village website when the project commences. Pruning of trees is an important part of maintaining healthy and long-lasting trees.



NEEDED – SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The Village of Lancaster is accepting applications for the position of substitute school crossing guard for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a part time position with morning and afternoon shifts between 7:00am – 9:00am and 2:00pm – 4:00pm on an as needed basis. If you are interested, please contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-683-2105, or email mstegmeier@lancastervillage.org with any questions or to request an application.

Pruning Tips:

Proper pruning technique is important for a healthy tree. Light pruning and the removal of dead wood can be done anytime, otherwise there are certain times throughout the season to do so.

Winter: Winter is an ideal time to prune, so trees will flourish in the spring. It is best to wait until the coldest part of winter has passed.

Spring: If a tree blooms in spring, wait until the flowers fade to prune. If the flowers bloom mid-summer, prune in winter or early spring.

Summer: If you are looking to redirect growth of branches, or slow the development of the tree, summer is a good time to prune. Pruning in the summer is also good for corrective purposes.

Fall: **DO NOT** prune in the fall months. Decay fungi spread in the fall, and cuts on the trees do not heal as fast.

Lancaster Fire Department Awards

Row 1 (L-R) - Don Sullivan – 50 Years of Service, Steve DeMarzio – Administrative Member of the Year, Marissa Enser – Chief's Award, Sarah Feldmann - Firefighter of the Year, Alexis Nowak – Rookie of the Year
Row 2 (L-R) - Chief Mark Stonebraker, Chief Eric Feldmann, James F. Volpe – 52 Years of Service.
Not Pictured – Richard Siejak – Firefighter of the Year, Gerry Smith – 50 years of Service

