



# BIG TREE CHAMPIONS CONTEST

In honor of Arbor Day, the Homer Glen Environment Committee is looking for the biggest trees in the Village of Homer Glen. Nominations for every species of living tree that exists are encouraged to be submitted. Verification of measurement will be made by the Environment Committee. The largest tree of each species (such as maple, oak, pine, etc.) will receive recognition. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to search in forests, parks, and private property with permission of the property owner in the Village of Homer Glen.

## **RULES and GUIDELINES**

If any tree is larger than those listed on the current Illinois Big Tree Register, the tree will be submitted for nomination.

- A maximum of five nominations may be submitted by an individual.
- If the tree identification is not known, the tree measurement and location may be submitted.
- Guidelines for measuring trees must be followed.
- Photographs are encouraged but are not necessary.
- Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2021.

## **MEASUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

Trees are to be measured using a flexible tape measure. The circumference of the tree is to be measured at four and one half (4 ½) feet from ground level. If the tree forks at or below 4 ½ feet, record the smallest trunk circumference below the lowest fork. Record the height at which the measurement was taken.

## **CURRENT BIG TREE CHAMPIONS**

- Ash - 72"
- Bald Cypress - 60"
- Black Walnut - 146.5"
- Burr Oak - 173"
- Common Buckeye - 50"
- Eastern Cottonwood - 99.5"
- Hard Maple - 99"
- Hedge Apple – 133 ¾"
- Japanese Maple - 35"
- Musclewood - 11"
- Norway Spruce – 62"
- Red Oak - 128"
- River Birch - 46"
- Shagbark Hickory - 65.5"
- Shingle Oak – 26.75"
- Silver Maple - 132"
- Sugar Maple - 122"
- Sycamore - 50"
- Tulip - 94.5"
- Weeping Willow - 67"
- White Oak - 137"
- Wild Black Cherry - 102"



HOMER GLEN

# Big Tree Champions 2021 Application

Submit by May 1, 2021

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

TREE SUBMITTED  
SPECIES \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MEASURED AT 4 ½ FEET FROM GROUND YES NO

MEASURED BELOW FORK (See Instructions) YES NO

Height Measured \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMITTED YES NO

Use another sheet of paper if more information is to be shared.

A separate application should be submitted for each tree.

Submit Application to Melissa King at: [mking@homerglenil.org](mailto:mking@homerglenil.org)

Or Mail to Melissa King at: **Village of Homer Glen, 14240 West 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491**

For more information call 708-301-0632

