



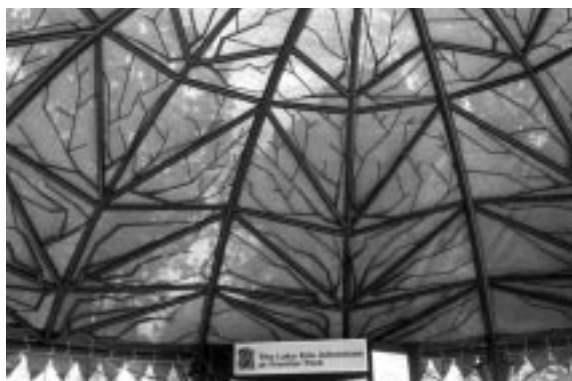
## Pamper Your Trees

As spring arrives, our thoughts turn to the outdoors. We see our beds that need cleaning and the lawn that needs some overseeding. We also need to look at our trees. The easiest and best thing you can do for your trees is to place a 4 inch layer of mulch around the base. Be careful not to mound it higher - avoid creating a volcano of mulch. The mulch can be composted wood chips, leaves or other organic matter that duplicates the mulch which nature provides in the forest. The mulch ring should be a least three feet in diameter and kept away from the trunk of the tree. The benefits of mulch are many. Mulch conserves moisture, cools the soil, and prevents erosion. A mulch ring also guides you when mowing your lawn, helping your tree trunk stay knick free.

## Park Spruce-up

LEAF will once again join forces with the SONS of Lake Erie for a clean-up of Frontier Park and Cascade Creek. After the long winter, trash and debris has gathered in the park and stream. Please join us on Saturday, April 6th at 9 a.m. for this fun and rewarding event. The more volunteers, the faster the job gets done. Dress for the weather and bring a pair of gloves. We will provide the bags and the SONS will provide hotdogs and drink after the cleaning is complete.

*The gazebo canopy at LEAF.*



## An Income You Can't Outlive

There are many ways to support LEAF. One that some of you might consider is a charitable gift annuity. With the support of the Erie Community Foundation, LEAF is able to offer this method of philanthropy to our supporters. A charitable gift annuity provides the giver with income for the remainder of their life and an income tax deduction when the gift is made. For more information on how a charitable gift annuity will provide you with income for life and help LEAF for generations, contact Kathy at LEAF, 825-1700.

## Monthly Arboretum Walks to Resume

The monthly walks through the arboretum were a great success last summer. We will resume these in 2002. The walks are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, from May to August. We will gather near the kiosk off West Sixth Street and spend one to two hours exploring the arboretum. A different topic will be the focus each month. We hope many of you will put the second Saturday on you calendar and join us at LEAF.

*May 11*  
Pruning the Small Tree  
..... Jerry Dahlkemper

*June 8*  
Arboretum Tour ..... Dan Dahlkemper

*July 13*  
Evaluating Mature Tree Structure  
..... Scott Sjolander

*August 10*  
..... TBA

Dear LEAF Members,  
With the momentum seen in 2001, we are looking forward to a great 2002 at LEAF. The newly planted trees are irrigated and we are anxious to watch their growth this season. A wedding is scheduled at the gazebo, one of the first of many activities that we expect to see at this beautiful structure. Landscaping will be added to the outdoor classroom area and groups should find this a lovely area to use for small gatherings. The signage for 85 sponsored trees will soon be in place. We have had some problems with the tree identification signs but this is being rectified by the manufacturer and the new signs should last for a very long time. We have met with the new administration from the City of Erie and we are looking forward to working with them to continue improving Frontier Park for all park users.

We are awaiting word on whether we will be granted funding for construction of the remaining pathways in the park. This funding is important for the future connection of the Frontier Park pathways to the Bayfront Bikeway.

The Bayfront Bikeway is scheduled to be extended into the park this summer. This will eliminate the dangerous pedestrian and bike crossing of the Bayfront Highway at Cranberry Street as well as directly link LEAF to the bayfront.

We are anxiously awaiting spring and the emergence of flowers and leaves on the deciduous trees. Spring will be a beautiful time at the park. We hope you are able to visit the park and see the beauty of the improvements made by your support.

Treefully Yours,

Dan Dahlkemper

## LEAF Calendar

April 6 at 9 am	Park Clean-up
April 26	Arbor Day
May 11 at 9 am	LEAF Walk
June 8 at 9 am	LEAF Walk
July 13 at 9 am	LEAF Walk
August 10 at 9 am	LEAF Walk
September 7 at 10am-4pm	LEAF Festival

## Hiring a Tree Expert

by Scott Sjolander, Extension Urban Forester

Pruning trees is the most common practice we take in maintaining our trees. Tree work can be an unfamiliar and stressful project. The tree we have in mind may be valuable, and if so, we want it to remain a healthy asset to our property. It may be expensive and we want to be satisfied without spending too much money.

We first want to find a person who knows the science and art of tree care. This profession is called arboriculture. An arborist, one skilled in the profession, can determine what type of pruning is necessary to improve the health, appearance and safety of our trees. A professional arborist can provide the services of a trained crew with all of the required safety equipment and liability insurance.



There are some things to consider when selecting an arborist:

- **Membership in professional organizations such as the International Society of Arboriculture, the National Arborist Assoc., or the American Society of Consulting Arborists.**

- **Certification through the ISA Certified Arborist program.**

A list of certified arborists around the world is available on the International Society of Arboriculture website at <http://www.isa-arbor.com>.

- **Proof of insurance.**

Ask for a certificate of insurance.

- **A list of references.**

The best arborists are often referred by those whom they have served well.

- **Avoid using the services of any company that advertises sub-topping as a service.**

Knowledgeable arborists know that stub-topping is harmful to trees. An alternative is the practice of reducing a tree's height to well established lateral limbs. This is called crown reduction. Even when using accepted practice, avoid removing more than 25% of the tree's live crown unless removing a structural defect or performing an emergency practice.

- **Avoid allowing an arborist to use tree climbing spikes to climb a valuable tree that you want to remain disease and defect free.**

Climbing spikes can damage trees and their use should be limited to trees that are being removed.

## Tree of the Season: Three-flower Maple

*(Acer triflorum)*

Many gardeners plant trees and shrubs that will brighten the fall garden with their beautiful display of color. One underused and excellent tree variety with spectacular fall color is the Three-flower Maple.

The grass-green foliage of this tree is elegant in spring and early summer, but its dazzling spectacle of oranges, scarlets, purples and golds are what sets it apart in autumn. *Acer triflorum* is a small deciduous tree, native to Manchuria and Korea. It is a small specimen maple, reaching heights of 20 - 30 feet, making a nice lawn specimen, a focal tree in border plantings, or a small street tree. This tree has exquisite peeling bark that is light brown in color. The flowers emerge in clusters of three, hence its common name. The three-flower maple grows well in full sun or part shade. It prefers moist, well-drained, acidic soils, but performs well in heavier soils and is drought tolerant once established. If you are looking for a beautiful small tree with multi season interest, the three-flower maple is such a tree. You can see this tree at LEAF, located south of the creek, just west of the sidewalk and the bridge. This tree has been sponsored by Larry and Carole Bush in honor of their family.



## Memorialization/ Donations

### *New Tree:*

#### **Autumn Blaze Maple**

In memory of Gerald C. Clark, SR.

Donated by: His family

#### **Three-flower Maple**

In memory of Mabel & Larry Masiroff,  
Loretta & Larry Bush, and Aunts Betty  
& Esther

Donated by: Larry & Carole Bush

#### **Bald Cypress**

Donated by: Paul Newell

#### **Japanese Tree Lilac**

In memory of Betty Waite

Donated by: Numerous friends

### *Existing Tree:*

#### **Pin Oak**

In honor/ memory of the Campbell  
Family

Donated by: Rosemary Campbell

#### **Red Maple**

In memory of H. Robert Fischer

Donated by: Carolyn & John Bauman

#### **Common Alder**

In memory of Marcia Caravaglia

Donated by: Jean Duncombe, Dianne  
Stansell, David & Lynn Yusz

#### **Karpick Red Maple**

In honor of the Hessong, Eiler &  
Johnson families

Donated by: Kimberly Hessong

#### **Honeylocust**

In memory of Esther L. Patton

Donated by: Gary Masiroff

#### **Littleleaf Linden**

In honor of Thomas McCarthy

Donated by: Colleen McCarthy

### *Paver Donations:*

O.L.C.S. Class of 2003

Dave & Kathy Wagner and Sons

Pamela Jean Griesbach

Donated by: Leah & Mark Murphy

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World Resource Recovery Systems

In memory of Eugene Fuhrer

Donated by: Dahlkemper Landscape  
Architects & Contractors

### *Cash Memorials:*

In memory of Betty Waite

Don & Jeanne Wonderly

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In memory of Richard Buseck

Sally Buseck

In memory of Paul Kraus

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## Contributions:

### **\$5000 or greater**

Dick & Joan Cross

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Edward P. Junker Fund of ECF

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members

### **\$500 or greater**

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### **\$30 Membership**

*Thank you to our supporters  
who supported LEAF at the  
membership level.*

## Sponsor a Paver: \$50

Brick pavers ring the two information kiosks. These pavers can be sponsored with the name of the individual or business engraved on the paver. Location of the paver can be at the kiosk of the donor's choice.

## **L.E.A.F. Board Members:**

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## **Celebrate Arbor Day – April 26**

### *Arbor Day Facts:*

- First Arbor Day: 1872
- First State to celebrate: Nebraska
- Founder: J. Sterling Morton
- Number of trees planted the first Arbor Day : more than 1 million
- National Arbor Day Foundation is located in Lincoln, Nebraska
- Arbor Day became a tradition in most states by 1900
- Pennsylvania's Arbor Day is the last Friday in April

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