



Tree Board

~Agenda~

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Clerk of Council
937-535-1005

	August 19, 2025	5:15 PM	Payne Recreation Center
I.	Call to Order		
II.	Approval of Minutes		
	A. Tree Board Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2025		
III.	Business		
	A. Tree City USA Application Approaching - September 2025		
	B. New Tree City Signs with New City Entryway Signage		
IV.	Other Business		
	A. OCISA - Tree of the Month Article		
V.	Adjournment		

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Tree Board

Held June 17, 2025

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 5:20 PM.

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Member	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Present
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane; City Planner Nick Sorice; Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Approval of Minutes

Tree Board Minutes - April 15, 2025

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the April 15, 2025, Tree Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

2025 Arbor Day - Thank you Parks & Recreation Department

City Planner Nick Sorice said Kelly Stricker, along with the Parks and Recreation Department, put on an Arbor Day event on April 25, 2025. He said Ms. Stricker did a great job with the event and there were a lot of fun activities for all ages.

Mrs. Duff said the event was a lot of fun.

Mr. Sorice said this event is a big component of the City's Tree City USA status, and it is important this event is held each and every year. He said 12 saplings were given away to the first 12 people who had signed up and participated in the event. He said Schmidt's sausage truck was also present at the event.

Forestry Educational Article

Mr. Sorice provided an article in the packet which covers the impact of whether planting trees helps cool the planet. He said he has never looked into the effects of trees cooling the planet before, and he thinks this is a neat article to learn about different areas and think about different countries where there is deforestation. He read a portion of the article to the board members.

Other Business

Mr. Sorice reported he would like to add a section to the Tree Board meetings called Business Updates that are going on in the City. He said in terms of new development within the City, the developers have to follow landscape regulations with the Moraine Codified Ordinances that he and Mr. Carpenter review. He said this includes trees, shrubs, and evergreens. He stated this new information will keep the board members updated on what is going on in the City. He said he has been working with TNT Fireworks, which is going in at 2770 East River Road and is a new address. He reported the location will be a warehouse and retail store. He said there will be a temporary dumpster around the 4th of July for residents to take old fireworks. He said TNT is still under building review. Mr. Sorice discussed the landscape plan for the new Arco gas station on Dryden Road and Springboro Pike. He said Public Storage bought Moraine Self Storage on Dryden Road and Arbor Boulevard.

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He said the next meeting is on August 19, 2025.

Mrs. Harlow remarked it will be nice to know when a new business is opening in the City.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Tree City USA Application Approaching - September 2025

Department: Community Development

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

Each year, the City of Moraine applies for the Tree City Status and performs various duties throughout the year to stay in compliance.

Attachments:

New Tree City Signs with New City Entryway Signage

Department: Community Development

Request: Staff Report

Item Background and Purpose:

In the last week of June and first week of July, new City Entryway signs were installed throughout the City at the corporation limit entrances. Along with this, thanks to Corey Jones in the Streets Department, I added Tree City USA signs to the new City Entryway Signage to showcase our effort on this status.

Attachments:

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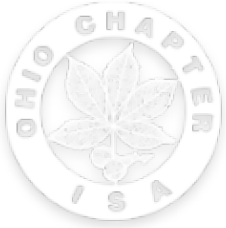




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Tree of the Month

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Turkish Filbert



*In our continuing effort to promote tree benefits through research, technology, and education, the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) provides Tree-of-the Month articles. This month's tree is *Corylus colurna*, commonly known as Turkish Filbert.*

SPECIES: As the common name implies, Turkish filbert is not native to Ohio or North America. But, because of its unique growing characteristics it is increasingly being planted in our urban forests, and is regularly used by municipal arborists as a street tree, especially for "difficult" sites.

Turkish filbert (*Corylus colurna*), sometimes called Turkish hazelnut, naturally occurs in mixed temperate forests from Romania, through the Balkans, northern Turkey, Transcaucasia, and Northern Iran. It has a pyramidal shape with a strong central leader and a horizontal branch structure. The tree withstands air pollution, compacted soils, high winds, heat and cold, is pH adaptable, and once established is quite drought

tolerant. Add the fact that it is non-suckering, and you can see why municipal arborists confidently include this tree as part of their diversified urban forests.

LEAF: The deciduous bright glossy green leaves of Turkish filbert are alternately arranged on its twigs. These broad simple leaves are 3 to 6" long by 3 to 6" wide, doubly serrated with a tapered point, and heart-shaped base. Deep veins give it a somewhat corrugated appearance. Its fall color is an unexceptional yellow.

TWIG AND BUDS: The thick slightly zigzagged young twigs can be hairy before become grayish brown and corky with age. Turkish filbert buds are alternately arranged, large (1/3 of an inch), with a brown to greenish-yellow color.

BARK: Turkish filbert bark is light gray to brown. With age, it becomes corky and furrowed giving it an interesting winter appearance.



FLOWERS: Turkish filbert is monoecious, with male and female flowers present on the same plant, but in different locations. While the reddish female flowers are difficult to discern from a distance, the cluster of 2 to 3" long yellowish male catkins provide an early March treat.

FRUIT OR SEEDS: The genus name *Corylus* is derived from the Greek word *korylos* or *korys* meaning helmet, which refers to the unique covering enclosing the nut. These nuts occur in clusters of 3 to 6 which are submerged in a frilly medusa-like husk which matures from a green to brown color. Although edible, because of their size and difficulty to extract, nuts are normally left to small mammals, especially squirrels.



MATURE HEIGHT: Turkish filbert is generally considered a medium size tree that slowly grows to a height of 40 to 50', with a branch spread of roughly 25–35'. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Champion Tree registry, Ohio's largest Turkish filbert resides in Franklin County and measures 74' in height, with a 47' crown spread, and a trunk circumference of 98".

SHAPE: Turkish filbert has a tight pyramidal shape with a strong trainable central leader and horizontal branch structure. Its architecture not only gives Turkish filbert a formal appearance but also makes it quite wind resistant.

CULTIVAR: The Purple Leaf Turkish filbert, *Corylus colurna* 'Purple Leaf', has similar characteristics to Turkish filbert, but as the name implies, it boasts attractive deep purple leaves with a slight tinge of green.

COMMENTS: For urban trees to effectively bestow the essential quality of life functions we all want and require, they first must survive and thrive in often harsh sites. Municipal arborist constantly seek trees that can tolerate heat, cold, drought, pollution, wind, pests, and variable pH soils, while simultaneously and significantly contributing to our urban forest canopy. Turkish filbert is just this type of tree.

"Turkish Filbert is one of those great shade trees that I wonder why isn't planted more often. They are really tough and can grow in most places, even tree wells in our business districts. Everything about Turkish Filbert has texture; the leaves, the bark, even its catkins. I recommend Turkish Filbert to the southwest Ohio communities I serve, but it is good State-wide as a reliable approach to address environmentally harsh sites as well as helping diversify our forest canopy coverage." ODNR, Division of Forestry Regional Urban Forester Wendi Van Buren

Tree Selection Tips

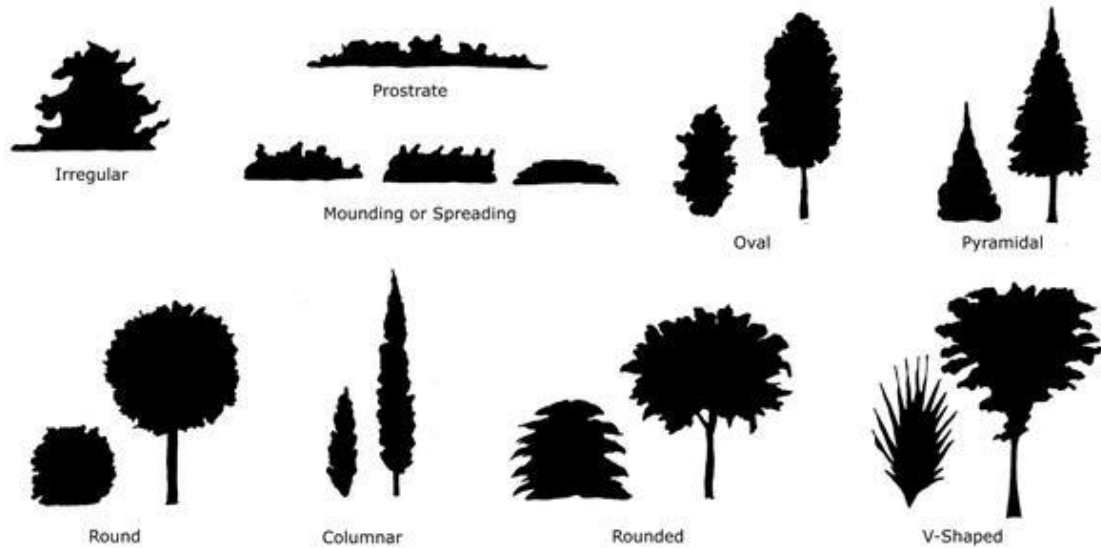
The Ohio Chapter ISA recommends working with an ISA Certified Arborist when selecting or caring for any tree in your landscape. To better guide you on the vital plant information for the American Sweet Gum use our friendly user's guide below:

Genus	Corylus
Plant Family	Betulaceae (birches, alders, and hornbeams)
Life cycle	Perennial woody
Origin	Southwestern Europe to Western Asia
Habitat	Full Sun
Tree form	Straight trunk with pyramidal shape
Does it produce shade?	Yes
Soil	Moist well-drained soils, but once established will tolerate a wide range of soils
Bloom season	Usually starting in March
Fruit/Seed	Edible nut, about 1/2 inch diameter
Plant height	40-50 feet
Plant spread	25-35 feet
Growth rate	Slow to Medium
Suitable for planting under or near electric (utility)	No
Potential Concerns	None.

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Woody Forms



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