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## “Largest Tree Contest in Norfolk”



Do you have the largest tree in Norfolk in your backyard? If you think you do, you may want to enter it in the Largest Tree Contest put on by the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board as part of Norfolk’s 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

“This is a good way for us to identify and honor the largest and probably the oldest trees growing in Norfolk,” said Dr. G. Tom Surber, Chair of the Tree Board.

People are encouraged to nominate large trees within the Norfolk City limits, providing estimated measurements and address of the tree. Nebraska foresters will then measure the nominated trees to identify which is the largest.

There will be trees selected from three different categories according to the location of the tree – residential, City owned and non-profit/business. The largest conifer (evergreen) tree and the largest deciduous (leafy) tree will be selected from each of the three categories.

The tree size will be measured by one or more of the following area foresters including Steve Rasmussen, Nebraska Forest Service District Forester; Pam Bergstrom, Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Forester; and/or Cory Schmidt, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Services Resource Conservationist and Forester.

They will measure the trees using the National Champion Tree Program method of combining height in feet plus the average crown spread plus the circumference four and a half feet off the ground.

Trees in the residential and business categories must be nominated by the owner and if nominated by some one who doesn’t own the land the tree is on, the landowner must approve the tree’s nomination. Anyone can nominate public or terrace trees.

Nominations are due at the City Administration Office, Attn: Communications Director, 309 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk NE 68701 by August 22, 2016. The form for nominating the tree can be found at [www.norfolkne.gov/parks/Tree Advisory Board.htm](http://www.norfolkne.gov/parks/Tree_Advisory_Board.htm) or call 402-844-2034.

Owners of the winning large trees will be recognized with a special presentation and plaque during Re-Tree Week September 19-23, 2016.