

Memo

To: Village President
From: Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
CC: Board of Trustees
Date: July 23, 2015
Re: American Elm – Noble Family Gift

Most of the trees on the Village Hall property were planted as part of restoration of the grounds in 1994 at the time of the addition. However, some were planted for individual purposes, one being the Valley Forge American Elm cultivar. The tree was planted in 1999 as part of an Eagle Scout project to promote the adoption of a disease resistance Elm and to commemorate the memory of Alex MacArthur in service to the military and the Village.

The tree was planted by a resident Porter Noble and in the intervening years the family has maintained the tree with little fanfare. Porter, his brother and sister have all gone on to have distinguished military careers through the branch academies.

The ash trees on the grounds have succumbed to an Emerald Ash Borer infestation, the Maples root bind. The Elm still stands.

It is proposed that seasonally the Village place on the tree an ornamental birdhouse, denoting on it the Noble family name and to annually reference their contribution in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.



