

2022 Heritage Tree Awards

The Tree Advisory Board of the City of Shaker Heights honors three recipients with the 2022 Heritage Tree Awards.

The Shaker Heights City School District
Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
15911 Aldersyde Drive (Football Practice Field)

Nomination Category: Unusual size, form, age or other unusual quality



This majestic, large, old Pin Oak towers more than 80 feet and provides the only natural shade for spectators at ball games on the High School field. The Pin Oak is a beautifully balanced specimen that sustains many kinds of wildlife with its acorns and foliage. Onaway neighbors walking or driving to school and work enjoy its shady canopy in spring and summer and its lingering leaves through the entire autumn and winter. The Shaker Heights City School District is being honored for its careful stewardship and preservation of this remarkable heritage Oak.

Peter and Theo Nagusky
Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
16616 Aldersyde Drive

Nomination Category: Unusual size, form, age, or other unusual category



Thirteen-year-old Theo Nagusky nominated this much-beloved Pin Oak that has stood outside his bedroom window in all seasons since he can remember. Each morning its constant presence brightens or shades his day, providing a much-valued safe space for Theo and his four siblings. The Pin Oak measures 56 inches in diameter. Its canopy spreads more than 110 feet at its widest point and the huge Oak is more than 100 feet tall. It is remarkable that the Nagusky children care about this tree as a treasured part of their family history and lives. Everyone should celebrate and honor this kind of committed stewardship.

Carol Henderson
Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*)
3035 Becket Road

Nomination Category: Association with a famous person or significant event



In 1995, Carol Henderson, her daughter and grandson planted the then 4-foot-tall Blue Spruce in their front yard as a memorial to Ms. Henderson's late mother. Ms. Henderson's daughter passed away unexpectedly in 2019. Now climbing to a height of 65 feet in the front yard, this noble living marker serves to remind the Henderson family each day of their loved ones beauty and strength throughout every season of the year.