



# Blackbird Farms

Homeowners Association - P.O. Box 2776 - West Lafayette, IN 47996

## HEADS UP

Blackbird Farms has been given a wonderful opportunity by the City of West Lafayette/West Lafayette Tree Friends to add a significant number of new trees to our neighborhood at no cost to our Homeowners Association or to homeowners! Some will be planted in common areas; some on homeowners' lots. All will be planted in the public right-of-way either between the curb and sidewalk or where there isn't any sidewalk, within six feet of the curb. Planting will occur this fall and next spring (depending on the species selected).

The city and Tree Friends have determined the approximate locations for these trees. Members of the latter will be delivering further information about this between April 8 and April 22 to homeowners on whose lots they propose trees be planted. This information will be mailed to rental property owners.

Please read the material you receive from Tree Friends carefully. You will have the option to accept or decline their offer as well as to select the species of tree you would like planted on your property from a list of choices they provide. There also will be contact information for a member of Tree Friends should you want to know more about this project and/ or seek help in selecting your tree. If you do not receive any material and would like your property reconsidered by Tree Friends as a location for a new street tree, please contact BBFHOA President, Carolyn Jones at [c.jones2209@comcast.net](mailto:c.jones2209@comcast.net) by April 30.

Blackbird Farms certainly is in a prime location. Additional trees along our streets would add even more appeal to our neighborhood and value to your property. On your behalf, the Homeowners Association Board plans to accept this generous offer to plant more trees on our common areas. We encourage you to give serious consideration to the City of West Lafayette/West Lafayette Tree Friends' offer to plant new trees along the public right-of-way on your property as well.

If you would like further information about West Lafayette Tree Friends, go to their website <https://wltreefriends.wordpress.com>

## **SPRING CLEANUP AT BBF**

Bellinger's will be here sometime the week of April 6 to take care of needed tree trimming and landscape clean-up work at the front entrance, among the pine trees on both sides of the Kestral curve, around the evergreens on the south side of Kestral west of Sandpiper as well as the maple trees on the north side of Kestral on the BBFHOA common area near the apartments, and remove some of the smaller undergrowth (less than 1.5 inches in diameter) around the northeast corner of the pond. The landscape beds in many of these areas also will be edged.

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