

Approved by Tree Advisory Commission on April 7, 2026

Tree Advisory Commission Recommended Street Tree List

Most of the streetside trees now planted are from J. Frank Schmidt & Son and its subsidiary Garden Gate Nursery. Dimensions and shape information is from the Schmidt website (jfschmidt.com) if published there. Sizes and growth rates can vary depending on growing conditions.

Cherry (*Prunus*) ‘First Blush’



Height: 25’

Width: 12’

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 5’

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: None as of February 2026

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/firstblushcherry.pdf>

Cherry, Sargent (*Prunus sargentii*) ‘Pink Flair’



Height: 25'

Width: 15'

Shape: Narrow vase

Ground clearance without pruning: 4-6'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade, but prefers light shade (2-3 hours sun daily)

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 31-33 and 47-61 West 4th Street

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/pinkflaircherry.pdf>

<https://jfschmidt.com/articles/grow-your-own-hanami-tradition/>

Cherry, Sargent (*Prunus sargentii*) 'Pink Myst'



Height: 30'

Width: 15'

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 4'

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: None as of February 2026

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/pinkmystcherry.pdf>

***Ginkgo biloba* 'Princeton Sentry'**



Height: 40'

Width: 15'

Shape: Narrow pyramid

Ground clearance without pruning: 6'

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: Chestnut Street

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/princetonsentryginkgo.pdf>

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=k360>

<https://www.gardenia.net/plant/ginkgo-biloba-princeton-sentry-maidenhair-tree>

Ironwood, Persian (*Parrotia persica*) 'Persian Spire'



Height: 25'

Width: 10'

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 1'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes, although fruit can leave temporary stains

Examples in New Castle: As of 2/2026, none planted; one ordered to replace a parrotia in the 400 block of Delaware Street.

Notes: Requires relatively little pruning because of upswept branches. Not on the 2024 tree list. One has been ordered for 400 Delaware Street.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/persianspireparrotia.pdf>

Ironwood, Persian (*Parrotia persica*) ‘Ruby Vase’



Height: 28’

Width: 16’

Shape: Upright narrow vase

Ground clearance without pruning: 4’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes, although fruit can leave temporary stains

Examples in New Castle: Harmony Street between East 2nd and East 3rd Streets

Notes: Requires relatively little pruning because of upswept branches. Not on the 2024 tree list.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/rubyvaseparrotia.pdf>

Ironwood, Persian (*Parrotia persica*) ‘Vanessa’



Height: 28’

Width: 14’

Shape: Tight vase

Ground clearance without pruning: 4’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes, although fruit can leave temporary stains

Examples in New Castle: The Strand near Delaware Street and 400-406 Delaware Street

Notes: Requires relatively little pruning because of upswept branches.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/vanessapersianparrotia.pdf>

<https://www.gardenia.net/plant/parrotia-persica-vanessa-persian-ironwood>

Maple, hedge (*Acer campestre*) ‘Metro Gold’



Height: 35’

Width: 20’

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 5’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 132-138 East 4th Street

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/metrogoldmaple.pdf>

Maple, hedge (*Acer campestre*) ‘Streetside’



Height: 35’

Width: 18’

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 5’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: None as of February 2026

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/streetsidemaple.pdf>

Maple, paperbark (*Acer griseum*) 'Cinnamon Girl'



Height: 25'

Width: 20'

Shape: Oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 6'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 200 block of Harmony along Immanuel cemetery (among other paperbarks)

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/cinnamongirlmaple.pdf>

Maple, paperbark (*Acer griseum*) 'Copper Rocket'



Height: 25'

Width: 12'

Shape: Columnar

Ground clearance without pruning: 6' at maturity

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: None as of 3/30/2026

Note: To replace flush cut trees on Delaware Street.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/copperrocketmaple.pdf>

Maple, paperbark (*Acer griseum*) 'Fireburst'



Height: 25'

Width: 18'

Shape: Oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 6'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 200 block of Harmony along Immanuel cemetery (among other paperbarks)

spFor more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/fireburstmaple.pdf>

Maple, petite big tooth (*Acer grandidentatum*) ‘Mesa Glow’



Height: 28’

Width: 18’

Shape: Oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 4’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: Yes

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 200 Block of Delaware Street

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/mesaglowmaple.pdf>

<https://journals.ashs.org/view/journals/hortsci/53/5/article-p734.xml>

Redbud, Eastern (*Cercis canadensis*) ‘Summer’s Tower’



Height: 20-25’

Width: 10-12’

Shape: Vase

Ground clearance without pruning: 4’

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade, but prefers light shade (2-3 hours sun daily)

Native: Yes

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: New Castle Public Library (Delaware and West 5th Street sides)

Notes: Not available through J. F. Schmidt or Garden Gate. Ordered from Hale & Hines in Tennessee.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/springflurryserviceberry.pdf>
<https://www.gardenia.net/plant/cercis-canadensis-summers-rower>

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*) 'Spring Flurry'



Height: 28'

Width: 20'

Shape: Oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 4'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: Yes

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: Delaware Street between 5th and 6th Streets

Note: Suitable in limited locations because of its low ground clearance and wide branches.

For more information:

<https://www.arboretum.purdue.edu/explorer/plants/21417/>

Tupelo, black (*Nyssa sylvatica*) 'Firestarter'



Height: 35'

Width: 17'

Shape: Narrow oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 3'

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun to part shade

Native: Yes

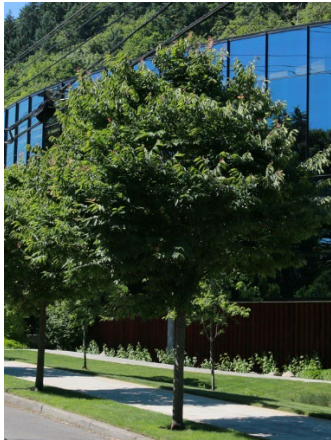
Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: 300 block of Delaware Street

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/firestartertupelo.pdf>

***Zelkova serrata* 'City Sprite'**



Height: 24'

Width: 18'

Shape: Oval

Ground clearance without pruning: 5'

Suitable under power lines: Yes

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes, although fall leaves can leave temporary stains

Examples in New Castle: 113-123 Delaware Street; 67-79 West 5th Street

Note: Because its roots grow out and down, this is one of the toughest street side trees.

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/cityspritezelkova.pdf>

<https://conservationgardenpark.jvwcd.gov/plants/1870/city-sprite-zelkova>

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EXPERIMENT – NOT YET READY TO RECOMMEND

Japanese Snowbell (*Styrax japonicus*) ‘Snowcone’



Height: 25’

Width: 20’

Shape: Pyramid

Ground clearance without pruning: 2’

Suitable under power lines: No

Light: Full sun

Native: No

Low-staining: Yes

Examples in New Castle: Library parking lot

Notes: Good for creating a screen and shade; too wide for some streetside locations

For more information:

<https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/snowconesnowbell.pdf>

<https://jfschmidt.com/articles/new-frontiers-for-japanese-snowbells/>