SPRING PLANTING SELECTIONS

It’s March, and that means spring planting is just around the corner! Trees, just like any other vegetation, will experience stress when planted or transplanted. So when you consider planting, choose a time when vegetation is less stressed (i.e. dormant). This will give the plant time to become established and will provide the greatest benefit to the plant in the future. Typically, the best time to plant is late winter or early spring.

So, which trees and shrubs should you plant in your yard or around the neighborhood, school, or park? There are many different species and varieties that will give you transitional color all year round. In addition, trees and shrubs can be beneficial to wildlife and, in time, will provide canopy cover. Below are several tree and shrub options for our area that you can plant this spring or later in the fall.

**Shrubs**
- Ninebark
- Crepe Myrtle
- Weigela
- Viburnum
- American Beautyberry
- Winterberry Holly
- Oakleaf Hydrangea
- Silky Dogwood
- Buttonbush
- Spicebush
- Oakleaf Hydrangea

**Trees**
- Fringe Tree
- Golden Rain Tree
- American Yellowwood
- Witch Hazel
- Sweetbay Magnolia
- Eastern Redbud
- Yellow Bird Magnolia
- Crab Apple
- Cherry
- Japanese Apricot
- Dogwood

Clockwise from top left: Yellowbird magnolia, dogwood, and eastern redbud blooms bring color to the landscape in spring.