

### *What is the Shade Tree Commission?*

*The Shade Tree Commission is comprised of three Media residents appointed by Borough Council to four-year terms. The number of members and term limits are specified by the rules for borough governance created by the Pennsylvania state legislature.*

*The Borough Tree Warden, a specialist in horticulture, is also appointed by Council and works closely with the Shade Tree Commission.*

*In addition, the Superintendent of Highways and the Borough Council Liaison attend Shade Tree Commission meetings and assist in the commission's work.*

*The mission of the Shade Tree Commission is to plant and maintain a variety of shade and flowering trees within the Borough of Media in order to beautify the borough and improve our quality of life. The commission is responsible for trees planted between a property owner's sidewalk and the curb, but not for trees growing on private property.*

*The Shade Tree Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the borough government center at 3rd and Jackson Streets. Residents are encouraged to attend and provide the commission with comments and suggestions.*

*Periodically the commission schedules informal "walk-arounds" for the purpose of inspecting existing trees, investigating complaints, and selecting new planting sites.*

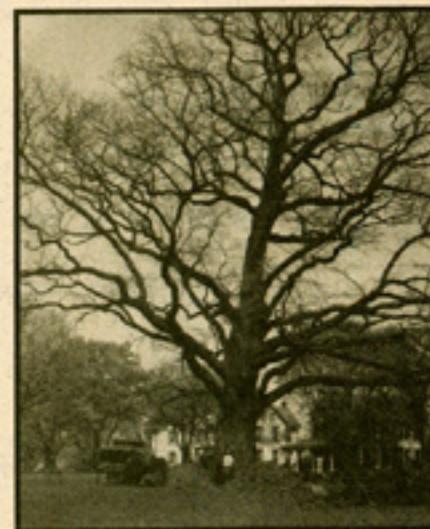


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Lewis Tree Surgeons of Media  
PA archives, circa 1930-1940  
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### *Facts About the Borough's Trees*

*Trees are an integral part of Media's character and charm, and one of our community's most precious resources. There are approximately 2100 shade and flowering trees in the Borough comprised of numerous species and cultivars, the most prevalent being the large pin oaks (*Quercus palustris*) originally planted in the 1930's under the depression-era Works Progress Administration. Media has been designated a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and the borough recently received its 20th anniversary Tree City award.*

*In recent years, the borough has planted between 50 and 60 new trees each year, and has increased efforts to maintain both new plantings and existing trees. Planting more trees in the borough helps to add to the appeal of our residential and business streets with spring flowers, summer shade, fall leaf color, and often winter interest as well. Trees also help to increase our property values, soften building facades, mitigate the noise of street traffic, and provide a habitat for songbirds.*



### *How You Can Help*

*The Borough of Media wants to care for its trees in the best possible way, and we need your help!*

*if you:*

- *Would like to have a tree planted at your property*
- *Feel an existing tree should be inspected*
- *Think a tree needs staking, mulching or pruning*
- *Notice a sidewalk that is significantly displaced by tree roots*
- *Notice trees interfering with overhead wires*

*Please call Borough Hall at  
(610) 566-5210*