

**Cedar, Japanese** - *Cryptomeria japonica*  
Circumference - 48" Height - 49' Spread - 22'  
Owner - Tybradan Investments, Inc.

**Dawn Redwood** - *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*  
Circumference - 100" Height - 80' Spread - 48'  
Owner - Proctor H. Sidwell

**Elm, Chinese** - *Ulmus parvifolia*  
Circumference - 106" Height - 70' Spread - 66'  
Owner - Steven Brian Leech

**Ginkgo** - *Ginkgo biloba*  
Circumference - 141" Height - 69' Spread - 77'  
Owner - Colonial Manor Homes

**Hemlock, Eastern** - *Tsuga canadensis*  
Circumference - 128" Height - 92' Spread - 59'  
Owner - William T. Moore, Jr.

**Hickory, Mockernut** - *Carya tomentosa*  
Circumference - 88" Height - 124' Spread - 60'  
Owner - Town of Bel Air

**Hickory, Pignut** - *Carya glabra*  
Circumference - 70" Height - 85' Spread - 48'  
Owner - Town of Bel Air

**Holly, American** - *Ilex opaca*  
Circumference - 57" Height - 48' Spread - 32'  
Owner - Irvin H. Kissinger

**Kentucky Coffee Tree** - *Gymnocladus dioica*  
Circumference - 124" Height - 96' Spread - 63'  
Owner - Jean R. Graybeal

**Larch, European** - *Larix decidua*  
Circumference - 114" Height - 92' Spread - 40'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Linden, American (Basswood)** - *Tilia americana*  
Circumference - 166" Height - 107' Spread - 67'  
Owner - Vernon J. Jones

**Linden, European** - *Tilia europaea*  
Circumference - 134" Height - 95' Spread - 76'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church



**Linden, Little Leaf** - *Tilia cordata*  
Circumference - 171" Height - 98' Spread - 58'  
Owner - Eugene A. Summers

**Magnolia, Umbrella** - *Magnolia tripetala*  
Circumference - 75" Height - 44' Spread - 28'  
Owner - William E. Hubbard, III

**Maple, Boxelder** - *Acer negundo*  
Circumference - 106" Height - 70' Spread - 63'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Maple, Hedge** - *Acer campestre*  
Circumference - 111" Height - 61' Spread - 35'  
Owner - Henry J. Magness

**Maple, Norway** - *Acer platanoides*  
Circumference - 153" Height - 71' Spread - 60'  
Owner - Irene L. Glassman

**Maple, Red** - *Acer rubrum*  
Circumference - 147" Height - 80' Spread - 78'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Maple, Silver** - *Acer saccharinum*  
Circumference - 212" Height - 104' Spread - 103'  
Owner - Jesse P. Lovelace

**Maple, Sugar** - *Acer saccharum*  
Circumference - 165" Height - 77' Spread - 86'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Mulberry, White** - *Morus alba*  
Circumference - 134" Height - 45' Spread - 52'  
Owner - David E. Tevault

**Oak, Black** - *Quercus velutina*  
Circumference - 210" Height - 124' Spread - 95'  
Owner - Jane Allen Miller

**Oak, Bur** - *Quercus macrocarpa*  
Circumference - 70" Height - 56' Spread - 48'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Oak, Northern Red** - *Quercus rubra*  
Circumference - 148" Height - 112' Spread - 79'  
Owner - Town of Bel Air



Following are the Town of Bel Air's champion trees.



Indicates point total high enough for state champion consideration.

- Oak, Pin** - *Quercus palustris*  
Circumference - 116" Height - 85' Spread - 74'  
Owner - Harford Co. Public Library, Bel Air Branch
- Oak, White** - *Quercus alba*  
Circumference - 208" Height - 100' Spread - 95'  
Owner - Town of Bel Air
- Oak, Willow** - *Quercus phellos*  
Circumference - 111" Height - 80' Spread - 70'  
Owner - Tybradan Investments, Inc.
- Osage Orange** - *Maclura pomifera*  
Circumference - 142" Height - 75' Spread - 76'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church
- Pecan** - *Carya illinoensis*  
Circumference - 111" Height - 89' Spread - 76'  
Owner - Stephen P. Gettlein
- Persimmon** - *Diospyros virginiana*  
Circumference - 68" Height - 65' Spread - 46'  
Owner - Charles Robbins
- Pine, Loblolly** - *Pinus taeda*  
Circumference - 70" Height - 75' Spread - 39'  
Owner - Proctor H. Sidwell
- Pine, White** - *Pinus strobus*  
Circumference - 120" Height - 116' Spread - 44'  
Owner - Vernon J. Jones
- Poplar, Yellow** - *Liriodendron tulipifera*  
Circumference - 162" Height - 112' Spread - 65'  
Owner - Harriett M. Shelton
- Sassafras** - *Sassafras albidum*  
Circumference - 115" Height - 85' Spread - 42'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church
- Spruce, Blue** - *Picea pungens 'Glauca'*  
Circumference - 54" Height - 44' Spread - 26'  
Owner - Vida Rector Lowe
- Spruce, Norway** - *Picea abies*  
Circumference - 134" Height - 105' Spread - 52'  
Owner - William T. Moore, Jr.



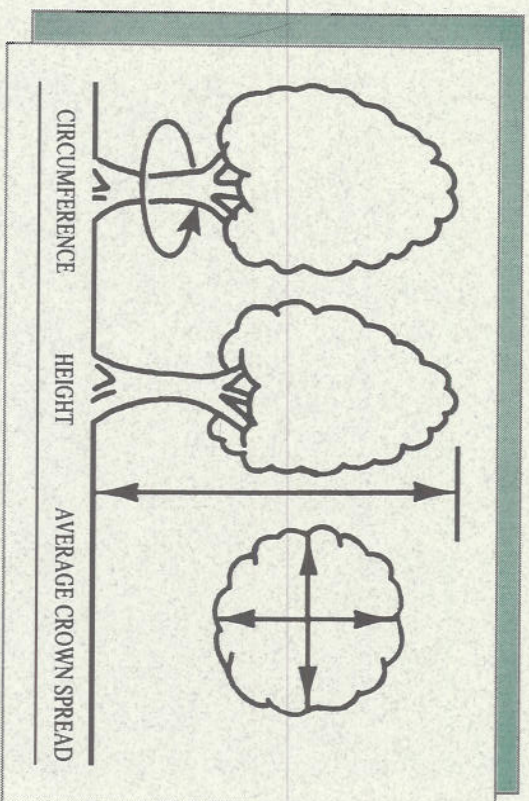
- American Sycamore** - *Platanus occidentalis*  
Circumference - 202" Height - 108' Spread - 109'  
Owner - Michael E. Adams
- Ash, White** - *Fraxinus americana*  
Circumference - 156" Height - 110' Spread - 66'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church
- Beech, American** - *Fagus grandifolia*  
Circumference - 153" Height - 70' Spread - 96'  
Owner - Bel Air Lee Professional Building
- Birch, Paper** - *Betula papyrifera*  
Circumference - 68" Height - 55' Spread - 50'  
Owner - William B. Miller
- Black Gum** - *Nyssa sylvatica*  
Circumference - 96" Height - 76' Spread - 57'  
Owner - Richard & Joyce Hafer
- Caucasian Wingnut** - *Pterocarya fraxinifolia*  
Circumference - 115" Height - 94' Spread - 68'  
Owner - Harford County
- Cedar, Eastern Red** - *Juniperus virginiana*  
Circumference - 114" Height - 66' Spread - 26'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church
- Cherry, Black** - *Prunus serotina*  
Circumference - 153" Height - 102' Spread - 81'  
Owner - Margaret M. Carver
- Cherry, Kwanzan** - *Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'*  
Circumference - 103" Height - 36' Spread - 48'  
Owner - Lelia Carico
- Cherry, Sweet (Bird)** - *Prunus avium*  
Circumference - 181" Height - 68' Spread - 70'  
Owner - Eugene A. Summers
- Cherry, Weeping** - *Prunus sub-hirtella 'Pendula'*  
Circumference - 110" Height - 42' Spread - 54'  
Owner - Thomas H. Murphy



## What is a Champion Tree?

Champion trees are those that are considered the largest of the species. Understanding that the development and growth of a tree is affected by both genetic potential and environmental surroundings, champion trees are to be considered something truly special having withstood the test of time and all its negative impacts--development, pollution, extreme changes in weather. Big trees not only represent the history of an area, they represent its future, symbolizing strength, stability and pride.

Evaluating the size of a tree involves a series of measurements: the girth of the tree in inches at a height 4.5 feet above grade; the height of the tree; and the average crown spread. These calculations are combined as follows:




$$\text{Total points} = \text{Circumference (inches)} + \text{Height (feet)} + 25\% \text{ of the Average Crown Spread (feet)}$$

Maryland was the first state in the nation to attempt to locate and document champion trees by creating The Big Tree Contest back in 1925. The Big Tree Champions of Maryland, published in 1990 by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service, listed Harford County as having 10 state champion trees, two of which were located in the Town of Bel Air. This publication of the Town of Bel Air Champion Tree List indicates those trees found to measure a minimum 50% of the state champion. Eight trees have been located that will be considered for state champion recognition.

**Walnut, Black** - *Juglans nigra*  
Circumference - 126"    Height - 90'    Spread - 75'  
Owner - Bel Air United Methodist Church

**Willow, Corkscrew** - *Salix matsudana "Torrtuosa"*  
Circumference - 85"    Height - 47'    Spread - 53'  
Owner - Ned Surratt

**Willow, Weeping** - *Salix babylonica*  
Circumference - 117"    Height - 61'    Spread - 58'  
Owner - Henry J. Magness

 **Yellow Buckeye** - *Aesculus octandra*  
Circumference - 147"    Height - 101'    Spread - 50'  
Owner - SLA Enterprises, Inc.

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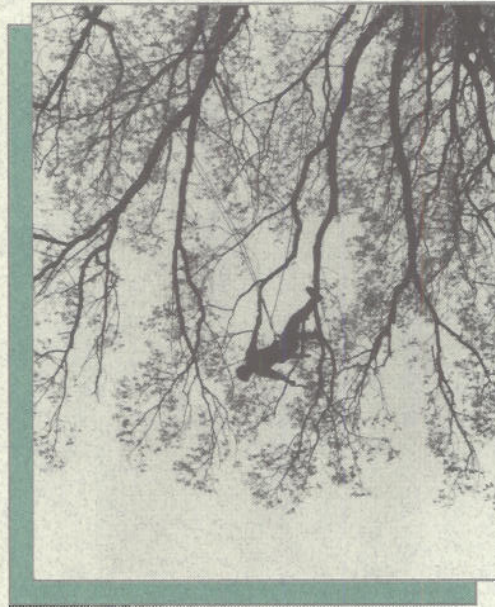
### Town of Bel Air Tree Committee

Created in 1992 as part of a Small Business Administration grant requirement, Town of Bel Air Tree Committee has since established its presence in the community as an active participant in urban environmental matters. Eager to address any tree plant or maintenance concerns, the five member group meets monthly to discuss ongoing projects and tree-related issues with assistance from the Town's Planning Department and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service. The Committee has designed and implemented several large scale planting projects, including those along the Route 24 and Bond Street Corridors, and is responsible for the Town's Tree City, USA and Maryland DNR PLANT Community Awards. To focus on the historic that is so much a part of Bel Air, the Committee recruited the assistance of the residents of Bel Air to document the largest trees in Town for this Champion Tree List.

## A Word About Tree Maintenance...

For most people, tree work means the planting of a tree or the removal of a tree. Few understand that as a living thing, a tree requires care to grow properly. Trees that receive little or no maintenance decline and become susceptible to insect infestation and disease. Due to the proximity of urban trees to roadways, pedestrian areas and buildings, a tree in decline becomes a hazard.

The best time to start a tree maintenance program is prior to planting. Look up, down and all around. Make sure the site and soil conditions are right for long, healthy tree growth. Select a species that's right for the site. It is most important that a suitable, stable environment be created and maintained. Routine maintenance, including thorough but infrequent watering, and mulching go a long way to providing a healthy environment. Fertilizers can be used to invigorate the tree in times of stress, but should only be used after soil testing to determine pH and any nutrient deficiency. Trimming should be performed after the first three (3) years to remove any poor branching habit. Activities that may result in soil compaction within the critical root zone of the tree should be avoided. As the tree ages additional trimming to remove dead wood will occasionally be required. Topping should never be permitted, and cuts should be limited to those that maintain the natural shape of the tree. Always consult a certified arborist when dealing with mature tree trimming or stress related tree problems.

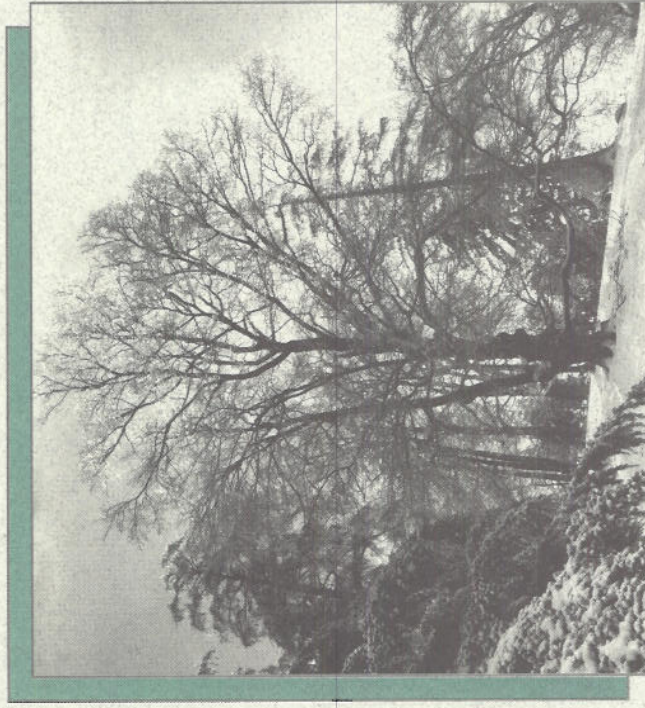


*World Champion Mike Cotter trimming the "Major's Oak".*

*Photo Courtesy of the Aegis*

Questions? The Town has a certified arborist on staff.  
Contact the Planning Department @ 410-879-9500.

# Town of Bel Air Champion Tree List



*Town Champion Sugar Maple at the Homestead. Photo Courtesy of Jack Riggan*

Created by the  
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