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## Mr and Mrs Tanz-Herbstritt take over sponsorship of the "Year Tree 2024"

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*Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff (left) and Michael Tanz symbolically at the scoop, much to the delight of Susanne Tanz-Herbstritt.*

The **couple Susanne Tanz-Herbstritt and Michael Tanz** met with Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff in Bürgerpark-West for a very special occasion. On 25 April, the annual "**Tree Day**", they planted a **rowan tree** by the side of the path.

The young tree, which is already around 3.50 metres tall, now has a **permanent place on the "Path of Annual Trees", which already has 35 specimens**. Information boards provide walkers with interesting information about all the tree species, and the sponsors are also listed there.

Susanne Tanz-Herbstritt and her husband originally come from the Rhineland, have long since made Bocholt their home and enjoy walking their dog in the park. They had been thinking about sponsoring a tree for some time - and now it has worked out.

For the couple, the tree is also a kind of "family tree", as they say, associated with many good emotions: Their grandchildren attend the neighbouring kindergarten and Feldmark School, for example, and Michael Tanz's father once lived in the nearby retirement home and often went for a walk in the park.



**It is now a good tradition that we in Bocholt celebrate the Germany-wide "Tree Day" with the planting of the annual tree and that Bürgerpark-West is enriched with interesting tree species year after year in this way. I would like to thank the tree sponsors very much.**

Mayor Thomas Kerkhoff

# About the rowan



Baum des Jahres 2024

## Mehlbeere

*Sorbus aria, Whitebeam, Alisier blanc*



### Beliebt bei Bienen und Vögeln

Die Mehlbeere wird nur an günstigen, trockenen und warmen Standorten höher als 10 Meter. Zu finden ist sie meistens als einzelner Baum in Eichen- und Buchenbeständen. Sie wächst aber auch in Gebüsch und an Felsen - dann oft strauchförmig. Die Mehlbeere trägt zahlreiche in Scheindolden angeordnete Blüten. Sie ist eine gute Bienenweide.

Der Name der Mehlbeere geht darauf zurück, dass man früher ihre roten Apfelfrüchte dem Mehl beimischte und daraus ein süßes Brot backte. Sie hat eine große Bedeutung für den Vogelschutz, da viele Vogelarten ihre Früchte als Nahrung schätzen. Heute pflanzt man die Mehlbeere auch als Zierbaum in Parks und Gärten. Das harte, aber leicht zu bearbeitende Holz wird zu Drechsel- und Schnitzarbeiten eingesetzt.



### Steckbrief

*Familie: Rosengewächse*

*Herkunft: Europa, Asien*

*Vorkommen: Vereinzelt in Eichen- und Buchenwäldern, Gebüsch, Parks, Gärten und Straßen*

*Höhe: 10 m, selten bis 20 m*

*Alter: bis 200 Jahre*

*Blütezeit: Mai/Juni*



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The common service tree is the 35th annual tree in the Feldmark park. This tree species is **popular with insects and birds** and can grow **up to 10 metres tall** under favourable site conditions.

Here you can find more [information about the Bocholt "Path of Annual Trees"](#) ↗.

## Sponsor a tree - this is how it works:

The sponsorship of a tree on the Bocholt "Yahresweg" costs 500 euros. Each tree will be labelled with information about the tree and the name of the sponsor. Companies, associations and private individuals can participate. The trees are maintained as part of the city's green maintenance programme and are therefore free of charge. Interested parties can contact the city of Bocholt on 02871 953-3257 or e-mail [peter.schlabs\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:peter.schlabs(at)bocholt(dot)de).