

## TREE CITY USA – DE PERE, WI

Did you know that the National Arbor Day Foundation has named the City of De Pere a Tree City USA award winner every year since 1996? De Pere has also been the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award numerous years for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program, recognizing environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care. As a Tree City USA, De Pere must meet the criteria of four standards:

- A tree department (Park, Recreation & Forestry Department)
- A tree care ordinance
- A comprehensive community forestry program
- An Arbor Day observance

As a City of De Pere property owner, you can participate in the community forestry program by ordering a tree to be planted in early spring or fall on the terrace or boulevard in front of your home or business. You can also request to "donate" a tree to be planted in the park of your choice as a memorial or in honor of a special person. Please call (920) 339-8362 for more information.

**CELEBRATE - PLANT A TREE!**

### ARBOR DAY

The City's Arbor Day celebration is held on the last Friday in April. We try to involve students from our local schools or other community members in the celebration by planting trees at a park or school. When doing so we try to educate them on the benefits of trees and the proper ways to plant them. We also extend our tree seedling purchase program to the schools. You too can become involved in your own way by purchasing and planting a tree on your property. The trees we plant today benefit the whole world and its future. **Become involved and plant a tree.** If you would like more information on Arbor Day, our school tree planting or seedling program, or the City's tree planting program, please feel free to contact the City Forester at (920) 339-8362.