De Pere Memorial Tree and Bench Program

This City of De Pere program provides the opportunity to donate a bench, swinging bench or tree in honor or memory of a loved one. These benches or trees may be placed at any of the parks or along the trails. Your donation to this program will not only provide a lasting memory but also help to beautify our parks and trails.

Tree Program
The city will purchase and plant the tree and will maintain it for its lifetime. The purchase of a memorial tree does not include a plaque, but the city will install one at the base of the tree if the donor purchases it.

The donor may express preference of location and species of the tree to be planted. The exact location and species of the tree, however, will be determined by city staff depending on needs and site conditions. We will work with you to find the ideal species and location for your tree. Cost of tree will be determined by size, species, and nursery availability.

Bench Program
City staff will purchase and install the bench. A plaque can be mounted on the bench if the donor chooses to purchase one on their own. The maintenance of the bench will be the city’s responsibility for the life of the bench.

The donor will work with city staff and may express a preference to the location of the bench. It can be located at one of the parks or along the trail system. The exact type and location of the bench will be determined by city staff depending on needs. Cost of bench will be determined by type of bench and will include concrete.

Would you rather make a donation for a different use?
We would be happy to accept general donations to be used for scholarships, park improvements, or other park related items. If you are interested in making a donation to the Scholarship Fund, our park maintenance fund, a specific playground or project, our Dog Park or if you would like more information on other projects, please contact the Park Superintendent at (920) 339-8362.

Ordering Information

Contact Info:
Name: ___________________________ Email address: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________________

Please select a gift option interest:

_____ Memorial Tree   _____ Bench   _____ Swinging Bench   _____ Other (please specify)

Tree Species Preference: ___________________________ Location Preference: ___________________________

Please send your information to the City of De Pere Parks Department (or drop it off at our office), Attn: Don Melichar, 925 S. Sixth St, De Pere, WI 54115. For more information and to determine costs of the items, please contact us at (920) 339-8362.

All Donations are tax deductible.