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Volunteer Opportunity: Adopt Ash Tree Benches

Menomonie, Wisconsin, 07/26/2024— The City of Menomonie Urban Forestry Board needs volunteers to adopt one or more of the city's ash tree benches. These benches were created through a joint effort of the Urban Forestry Board, City Community Services Department, and UW-Stout.

Benefits of our Adopt a Bench program:

- **Enhanced Public Spaces:** Helps keep our public spaces and parks beautiful and clean.
- **Community Engagement:** Encourages people to get involved in the community.
- **Economic Benefits:** Nice public spaces can increase property values and support the local economy.



Figure 1: A bench in Cedarama Park in the process of being refinished by volunteer Mark Mastalir

What does adopting a bench mean?

Those who adopt a bench will be given guidelines for caring for the bench.

These guidelines include:

- Details about the bench, including finish.
- Instructions on inspecting the bench once a year
- Doing any needed maintenance. Including sanding and refinishing the bench.

If you're interested in adopting a bench or have questions, contact the Environmental Program Coordinator, Megen Hines.

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