

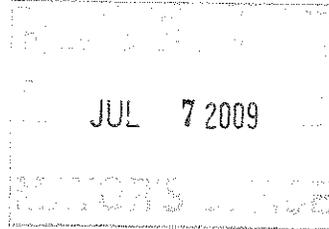


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*We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.*

June 22, 2009



Don Merkes  
Mayor  
140 Main Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Don,

We noticed that Menasha was recognized on *Post Crescent.com* for your community's commitment to trees and the environment through your participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. Menasha has received this national recognition for 26 years.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on behalf of Menasha for this recognition of your commitment to community forestry. Tree City USA is a successful program because of leaders just like you, across the country, in communities large and small, working to improve the quality of life for the residents of your city.

Trees are an essential component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns. They clean our air and water, control storm water runoff, moderate temperature, conserve soil, and bring nature into our daily lives. A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks.

Thank for your leadership, and never hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

Once again, congratulations on your commitment to Menasha's tree care program.

Sincerely,

Dan Lambe  
Vice President, Programs

cc: Tracy Salisbury