



Peace Tree dedication planned for October 14 at Pennoyer Park

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KENOSHA – Peace and unity is the theme of a program at Pennoyer Park at 1 p.m. October 14, hosted by the City of Kenosha together with members of the Menominee Tribe. A White Pine Tree donated by Adrian Miller, former CEO of Menominee Tribal Enterprises, will be planted as part of a “Peace Tree Ceremony.”

The Wolf River Singers and Tribal drum team will perform at the event, which is free and open to the public. Speakers will include Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian, Pastor Roy Peebles of Turning Point Life Church, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Adrian Miller and other members of the Menominee Tribe and Robert Brown of the Oneida Nation.

“The City of Kenosha appreciates the generous donation of the Peace Tree from the Menominee Tribe,” said Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian. “It will be lasting reminder of the importance of peace in our community and in our world.”

The Menominee Tribe organized the donation of the tree and the related program in Kenosha as a symbol of a new unity, change and growth following civil unrest in Kenosha in 2020.

Nels Huse with the Menominee Tribe stated that the Peace Tree is derived from a Native American legend about war and strife within the Native American community.

“They decided that it was time to make a change and stop all the chaos. So they put down the weapons and buried them in a hole from a White Pine tree. This tree has become the world wide symbol of new peace for all the world to see and watch as it grows,” he said.

Earlier this year, a Peace Tree was planted at the College of the Menominee, Keshena, WI. Peace Trees are scheduled to be planted in October in Pulaski Park in Milwaukee and Fox Cities Paper Discovery Center in Appleton. The Field Museum in Chicago will have a Peace Tree planted in 2022 as part of the grand opening for a new wing focusing on Indigenous Tribes.