



Norman P. Siler honored at Arbor Day program August 9, 2021

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KENOSHA – On Monday, August 9 the City will host an Arbor Day commemoration for Norman P. Siler at 10:30 a.m. at Pennoyer Park. A Sugar Maple tree will be planted in his honor.

Siler died on March 22, 2019 at the age of 74. He served in the United States Air Force as a weather observer in the Air Defense Command from 1965-1968. Following his service, he attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He then worked from 1970 to 1987 in a variety of positions at Chicago & Northwestern Transportation Company, including brakeman, conductor, ultrasonic rail inspector and chief operator of a track geometry measuring system. Siler later worked as a Kenosha Area Transit service attendant and he served on the Transit Commission from August 2017 until the time of his death.

Siler's Arbor Day program was delayed so his family members could travel to Wisconsin to attend the program. The public also is welcome to attend the Arbor Day program.

Earlier this year, the City honored four community leaders who died in 2020 and two others who died in 2019 during Arbor Day Commemoration programs. Those honored included: Robert R. Bonn, Cynthia G. Fredericksen, Ray Forgianni, Ralph J. Tenuta, Bea Lundren and Sen. John Maurer.

Arbor Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1872. In Wisconsin it is traditionally celebrated on the last Friday in April. This marks the 39th consecutive year that Kenosha has been recognized as a member of Tree City USA, through its progressive forestry policies and programs. The National Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA program.