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Charlevoix announces adopt-a-bench initiative

Program allows for recognition and remembrance of individuals in unique way

The City of Charlevoix has announced the creation of an adopt-a-bench initiative as part of the ‘Adopt-A-Bench and Park Furnishings Gift Policy’ Charlevoix City Council approved last year. The program offers civic-minded individuals and groups an opportunity to remember loved ones in a meaningful and lasting manner.

In 2009, the City of Charlevoix received a state grant to purchase ten benches for installation in East Park, though a joint DDA-City Council workgroup identified several additional locations within the park where benches were needed.

“Upon the completion of East Park’s renovation efforts, the City and DDA received several inquiries regarding purchasing benches for the park in recognition of loved ones,” said Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Keith Carey. “We researched program offered by other communities and developed a policy allowing for the donation of specific furnishings for our public parks, with particular emphasis on East Park. While we didn’t actively promote the program at that time, two donors adopted benches that were ultimately installed in East Park last summer.”

Individuals interested in Charlevoix’s adopt-a-bench program are encouraged to visit www.DowntownCharlevoix.com or contact the Charlevoix DDA directly by calling 231 547-3257 or emailing kcarey@cityofcharlevoix.org.

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