



# Newsletter

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## We Want Your Vision for Our Future

We've seen lots of growth and new development in the city in the past year. As we head into warmer months, I think it's important to note that our staff is working on many other things to provide top-notch services and planning for our residents. Whether you've lived here a few months or a few decades, we continue to work to find new and better ways to serve you.



- David Nold, Mayor

In this newsletter, we highlight some city services provided by our library and department of public works to better serve our residents. We also continue to plan for the future. Future planning can be hands on with continued upkeep and reconstruction of our roads. It can also mean updated plans and visions for the shape of our community.

Included in future planning is the update of our Comprehensive Plan. You may have seen consultants in the community last year sharing information and asking for your input. Our work here continues in 2019 and we still want your input! Check out the Planning Department's report on Page 5 for more information.

Have a great summer!

## Our Team Celebrated Retirements and New Members

For 2018, we said goodbye to two people who have been instrumental to the city's operations for many years. Thank you for your service Tom Steinbach, Wastewater Manager, who retired after 26 years and Kathy Buss, Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant who was part of our team for 32 years. They are both now enjoying a well-earned retirement. We also celebrated had 6 new full time and/or

permanent hires. Here's who we welcomed to our amazing team:

- DPW Crewperson - Joshua Hottinger
- Wastewater Utility Operations Manager - Kevin Freber
- Wastewater Lab Manager - McKala Kiessling
- Accounting Manager - Hannah Brasch
- Administrative Assistant of DPW - Brooke Donovan
- Assistant Director of DPW - David Stoiser

# CITY CLERK

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## New Ordinance Allows Open Intoxicants in Downtown Area During Special Events

**Ordinance No. 18-0941** - Rezones property south of Lisbon Road and west of Brown Street from Urban Reserve to Residential Multi-Unit High to allow the property to be developed into a future senior housing development (Towner Crest Senior Living) for Presbyterian Homes.

**Ordinance No. 18-0944** - Amends §1.36(1)(a) to remove the City Engineer as a voting member of the Plan Commission & adds a citizen voting member to the Plan Commission.

**Ordinance No. 18-0945** - Amends §11.06 to reflect the curbside collection of solid waste and single stream recycling services, including cart ownership, curbside placement, yard waste, weight of items and forfeiture wording for repeat violations.

**Ordinance No. 18-0946** - Updates impact fees effective 1/1/19 in Chapter 27 for Residential/Nonresidential Development, North Interceptor & Facilities Charges for Highways & Other Transportation, Law Enforcement & Parks, Playgrounds & Other Recreational Facilities.

**Ordinance No. 18-0947** - Updates the sewer availability charge effective 1/1/19 for all Residential/Nonresidential sewer connections with 5/8" up to 3" meter sizes.

**Ordinance No. 18-0948** - Repeals/ recreates §9.20 to allow public possession of open intoxicants in a designated area within the downtown only upon approval of a special event permit.

**Ordinance No. 18-0949** - Repeals §9.21/recreates §21.091 to regulate & permit horses in parks & other public places in the City, creates a permit process & allows for enforcement by the Police Department.

**Ordinance No. 18-0950** - Repeals/recreates §17.109(2) to bring regulations pertaining to cell towers & antenna's into compliance with state law which require cities to allow towers & antennae in all zoning districts & removes existing standards in the Zoning Code relating to new cell towers.

You can view new ordinances under "Government" on the city website. Click "New Ordinances" under the Municipal Code section. You may also view the full text of all ordinances at the City Clerk's office, 174 E Wisconsin Avenue.



*A new ordinance allows you to carry an open intoxicant while enjoying some fresh air in downtown Oconomowoc. The ordinance defines a specific area in downtown which allows this during permitted special events only.*

## Where Do I Vote?

The spring general election is Tuesday, April 2nd 2019.

A polling place location change went into effect for the February election. City of Oconomowoc District 2 residents now vote at the Oconomowoc Community Center, 220 W. Wisconsin Avenue. This is a move from the Fire Station at 212 S. Concord Road.

Here is a list of polling locations, you can find more information about upcoming elections on the Clerk's Department page of the city website.

- District #1: Greenland School, 440 Coolidge Street**
- District #2: Community Center, 220 W. Wisconsin Avenue**
- District #3: Oconomowoc Arts Center, 641 E. Forest Street**
- District #4: Oconomowoc Public Library, 200 South Street**



## Stay Informed



Sign-up for email and text alerts from our City Website News and Announcements delivered through: 'Notify Me:'

<http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/list.aspx>

## Have You Visited Your Library Lately?

If it's been awhile since you've stopped by the Oconomowoc Public Library, please come see what it has to offer you!

### Resources for Job Seekers

**Cypress Resume** allows you to create a resume in three easy steps! Cypress is easy for everyone, even if you have no computer experience.

**Gale Courses:** Try one of these free six-week online classes! Learn professional skills like business management or accounting, or something "just for fun" like photography, edible gardening, or weight loss!



**Free events for all ages, babies to adults!** There is something for everyone at the library, and it's always free to attend library programs. Please sign up to receive our monthly newsletter at [oconomowoclibrary.org](http://oconomowoclibrary.org)

**Materials of all kinds!** You gain access to all the books, movies, music, magazines and more available at all 24 libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson County when you sign up for your library card! Getting a card is free, and it's easy. Just visit the library with your picture ID and proof of address!

**Wisconsin Digital Library:** Did you know your library card gives you free access to a statewide collection of e-books and e-audiobooks to enjoy on your phone, e-reader, or other device? Just visit [oconomowoclibrary.org](http://oconomowoclibrary.org) and click on Wisconsin Digital Library to get started!

### Monthly Gatherings Offered for Those Affected by Dementia

The Oconomowoc Public Library is partnering with other libraries in Lake Country to offer Memory Cafés. Memory Cafés are monthly gatherings for people with memory loss and their care partners to meet others, learn new things, and have fun.

Please visit [librarymemoryproject.org](http://librarymemoryproject.org) for a full schedule and more details!

### Electronics Recycling at Goodwill

This year's Oconomowoc Electronics and Appliance Recycling Event will be hosted by Goodwill at 1408 Summit Avenue.

Drop off items from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 9. Appliance recycling is free for Waukesha County residents. However, some items are collected for a fee including TVs (\$25/each) and CRT Computer Monitors (\$10/each). Goodwill will also collect paper for secure shredding (\$5). See the full list of acceptable items at [waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://waukeshacounty.gov/recycling).

### Bulk Item Reminders

Each residence is allowed one bulk item per week. Bulk items can include: metal desks and storage cabinets, piano or organ, window or door, sink, concrete laundry tub, cast iron plumbing fixture, completely dismantled swing set.

More info on items at [oconomowoc-wi.gov/refuse](http://oconomowoc-wi.gov/refuse), or by calling Johns Disposal at (262) 473-4700.

Download the "Waukesha County Recycles" Mobile App for more on how to recycle right! The app lists municipal recycling drop off sites, up-to-date tips on recycling household hazardous waste and more.

### 2019 Street Construction

The following streets are scheduled for maintenance:

- S. Cross Street – Main Street to Summit Avenue
- Westover Street – Summit Ave to Oak Street
- 2nd Street – Park Street to Elm Street
- Wood Street – Summit Avenue to end
- Thackeray Trail – Emerson Drive to end
- Collins Street – Silver Lake Plaza to Main Street
- Byron Drive – Dickens Dr. to Browning Circle/Emerson Drive
- Emerson Drive – Browning Cir./Emerson Drive to Emerson Dr.
- Browning Circle – Byron Dr./Emerson Drive to Emerson Dr.
- Longfellow Drive – Thackeray Trail to Byron Drive
- Whittier Lane – Thackeray Trail to Byron Drive
- Duchess Drive – Bartlet Drive to Duchess Court
- Duchess Court – Duchess Drive to end
- Bartlet Drive – Duchess Ct./Duchess Dr. to McIntosh Drive/ York Imperial

# PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

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## Lily Road Tennis Court Renovations Planned

The Lily Road Park Tennis Court renovation project is step 3 of our 4-year plan to renovate the City's public tennis courts.

Construction will begin as soon as weather permits this spring. The project will occur this year and will take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

Tennis courts are available at Fowler Park, Blain Street and Westover Park as well as Oconomowoc High School courts.

If you are one of our avid tennis players, please contact our department for specific project dates so we can help you with court availability at one of our other facilities in the City.



*Oconomowoc Rec participants enjoyed summer lessons on the new courts at Fowler Park last July. Lily Road Park tennis courts are slated for improvements this year.*

## Share Your Input During Update of Parks and Open Space Plan

The City is required to update the Parks and Open Space plan every five years to remain eligible for grant funding through the Wisconsin DNR. This plan is a critical tool for the guidance of our parks system for the next five years.

Staff will facilitate the updating process, keep your eyes open for input opportunities. The final approval of the plan will occur at the Common Council and is a component of the City Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

## New Pier, Transient Boat Docks to Lac La Belle

This spring the City will install a new pier at the Lac La Belle boat launch and two new transient boat docks behind the Community Center.

The new pier will assist with traffic flow by allowing boaters to dock their boats without tying up the launching area.

The transient boat docks will allow boaters to park their boats and walk into the downtown area for a bite to eat or shopping.

This temporary boat parking will have a 3-hour time limit and is used on a first come first served basis.



*A new pier is planned at the Lac La Belle launch. Boaters are also invited to park for a break from the boat and head downtown at two new transient piers that will be placed behind the Community Center*

## New Playground Slated for Hickorywood Park

A new playground will be installed in at Hickorywood Park this year.

Hickorywood Park is a new park area in the Hickorywood Farms subdivision in the southwest part of the city.

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

**In 2018**, The City contracted with consultant team SRF, to prepare an update to its Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030 that was adopted in January 2010. Since this plan is built on community input, the Planning Department and SRF have completed a community-wide survey, a high school student survey, (2) two pop-up events and a Steering Committee meeting.

The Plan update must provide guidance to the City on appropriate implementation of new development and redevelopment plans within the community, while also meeting the service demands that come with community growth. The Plan will describe a desired future for the community over the next 30 years and establish goals to move toward that future.

**In 2019**, there will be (1) one more pop-up event, (2) two more Steering Committee Meetings, and (2) two Public Information Meetings (PIMs) to get additional public input on the plan. The Plan is expected to be completed and approved by Common Council by the end of 2019.



Social Media Graphic



Steering Committee Meeting : 10.10.18

### Pop-Up Event #1 : Moonlit Movies

Downtown, August 17th 2018



### Pop-Up Event #2 : Touch-A-Truck

Roosevelt Park ~ Imagination Station, October 19th 2018



### Recently Approved Businesses

The City continues to fill vacant buildings with new businesses. Here is a sample of recently approved businesses.

- **Twisted Fire** – 515 E. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Scramblers** – 1320 Pabst Farms Circle, Suite 170
- **Sobie's** – 123 E. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Burn Boot Camp** – 1260 Brown Street, Unit B
- **Fray** – 152 E. Wisconsin Avenue
- **You & Your Dog** – 1265 Corporate Center Drive

### Thinking about putting up a Fence?

Per Section §17.214 of the City's Municipal Code states for all fences and walls exceeding thirty (30) inches in height:

	Setback	Max. Height
Front/Street Yards:	1'-0"	4'-0"
Side Yards:	0'-1"	6'-0"

Permits Required.  
Any Questions?  
Call Jason at (262) 569-2166



# WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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## Watershed Program Achieves Big Phosphorus Reductions in Local Waterways

Did you know that Wisconsin is one of only a few states in the nation to formally include adaptive management as an innovative approach for addressing phosphorus pollution?

And the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP) is one of the first in the state to test this cutting edge concept!

Based on conservative estimates, 2,400 pounds of phosphorus was reduced throughout the Watershed.

Using the general rule of 500 pounds of algae generated for every lb. of phosphorus, this equates to the removal of 1.2 million pounds of algae that could have grown and choked our waterways!



*In 2018, 80 individual fields were seeded. The rye, wheat, pea/barley seeds are dropped via helicopter into standing crops of corn grain, corn silage, or soybeans. Cover crops are proven to prevent runoff by limiting the erosion of topsoil while improving soil structure. Plus, they add valuable nutrients to the soil, such as nitrogen.*

As a result of projects implemented by the OWPP and Farmers for Lake Country, 2,200 acres were planted in seasonal cover crops, primarily by helicopter. This practice protects fields from erosion from late fall through the next spring, thereby lowering sediment and nutrient runoff into our waterways.

Based on monitoring results, the total phosphorus at the 'Point of Compliance' is decreasing overall and is currently below criteria for the OWPP Adaptive Management Plan.

## Save the Date - OWPP Paddle Event

The Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program will host its fifth annual OWPP Paddle from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

This event is free and open to the public. It is a great, family friendly way to explore our local waterways and learn more about the efforts of the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program to improve the water quality of our local lakes and streams.

Watch for more information regarding the event on the city's Facebook page.

## Fun Facts About Your Wastewater Treatment Plant

The average daily volume treated at the plant is **2.4 million gallons**. (approximately 3.6 olympic sized swimming pools)  
The maximum daily volume treated was **12.334 million gallons** on June 8, 2008.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility contains an on-site laboratory where extensive daily testing of wastewater from various treatment stages is conducted.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is periodically used as a research center and has hosted visiting engineers and municipal officials from all over the world.

Anyone is welcome to take a tour of the plant. Tours are by appointment call the department to schedule one.

## VisitOconomowoc.com

### Promotes City and Area Attractions, Events

The City of Oconomowoc Tourism Department launched a new website to cover all things Oconomowoc and beyond for visitors and anyone looking for fun things to do or information on places to eat, shop, stay.

The website, VisitOconomowoc.com was an initiative approved by the City's Tourism Commission and funded by the City's tourism budget which is funded by hotel tax revenue.



An exciting component of the site includes a calendar that lists Oconomowoc events including events in the area that are submitted by businesses and organizations.

Anyone can submit an event for consideration. This provides local businesses and organizations a great tool to attract people to their events free of charge.

Prior to creation of the site, the City's main website hosted a select amount of events these will now all be moved to the new site which boasts even more information. All should subscribe to the calendar to receive alerts via text or email about what's coming up.

The City's Instagram feed also appears on the site. We invite you to post your photos of life in Oconomowoc using the hashtag #VisitOcon. Your photos will load into the feed sharing the beauty and excitement of our area! For questions or info on the site, email Community Outreach Assistant, Paige Brunclik, [pbrunclik@oconomowoc-wi.gov](mailto:pbrunclik@oconomowoc-wi.gov).

### Valley Road Water Main Improvement and Expansion Coming in 2019

Customers in the southwest area of the City will be served by a new, larger and better connected water main system in 2019.

The Valley Road water main extension will provide more capacity to fire hydrants, create a looped (redundant) system, improve water quality and will be able to serve new customers not previously on the City water main.

Construction to install the new water main will occur along Valley Road from Oconomowoc Parkway west to Water's Edge Drive.

### Water Meter Upgrades

The Water Utility is replacing the batteries in select meters as part of an ongoing maintenance plan. If your meter is in need of battery replacement, you will receive a call from the Water Utility to schedule a visit.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your water meter, please contact the Utility during regular business hours at 262-569-2196.

### Don't Throw Them Out! You can recycle fluorescent light bulbs

Oconomowoc Utilities will recycle your old fluorescent lightbulbs free of charge.

Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury which can be released in the trash and landfills.

Recycling CFLs and other fluorescent bulbs allows the reuse of glass, metals and other material. Virtually all of the bulb can be recycled.

Give us a call during business hours and we can give you the details.

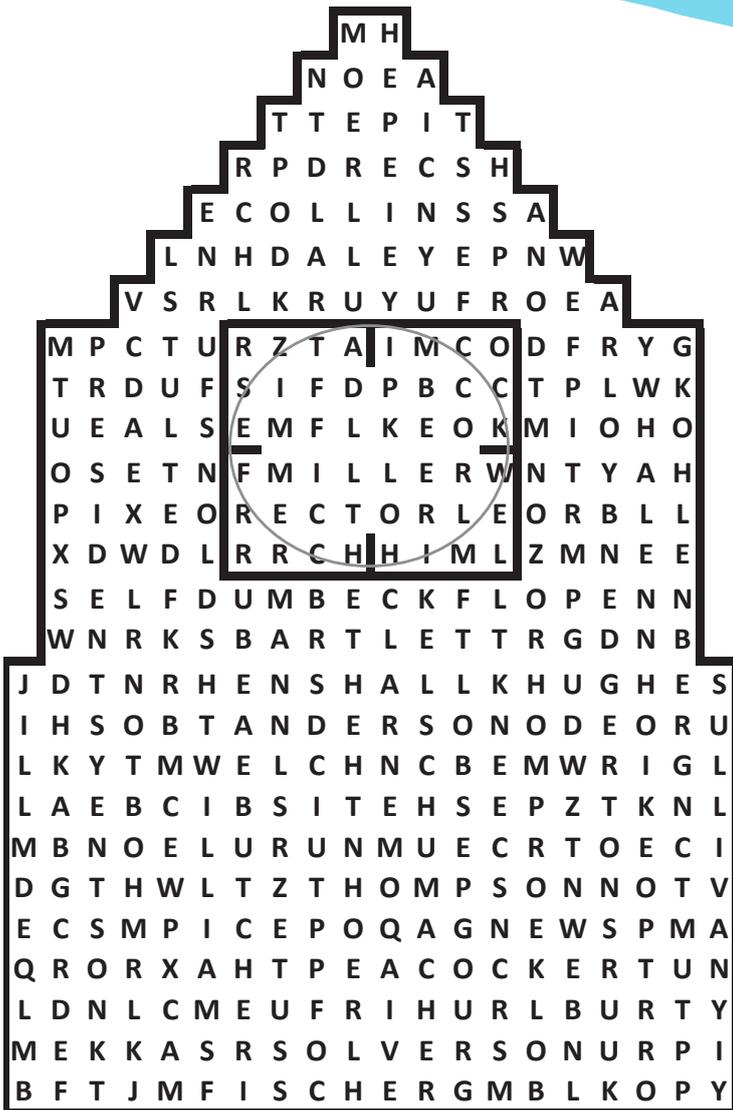


# BRAIN BREAK!

Crossword Courtesy of the Clerk's Department

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Can you find the names of all the presidents and mayors who served the citizens of Oconomowoc starting in 1865 to today hidden within the walls of City Hall?

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| AGNEW    | FOTI     | RECTOR     |
| ANDERSON | HATHAWAY | RHODEE     |
| BARTLETT | HENSHELL | ROCKWELL   |
| BUTCHER  | HURLBURT | SCHUMACHER |
| COLLINS  | HUGHES   | SMITH      |
| DRAPER   | KELLOGG  | SOLVERSON  |
| DUMBECK  | KOHLBERG | SULLIVAN   |
| EDGERTON | MEISSNER | THOMPSON   |
| ERNST    | MILLER   | WELCH      |
| FAY      | NOLD     | WHALEN     |
| FISCHER  | NOTBOHM  | WILLIAMS   |
| FLOTOW   | PEACOCK  | ZIMMERMANN |

## Summer Safety Tips

While Oconomowoc is a very safe city, and you may think these tips are no-brainers, are you following them?

The City of Oconomowoc Police Department would like to remind everyone of some summer safety tips.

### Bike Safety

- Obey the rules of the road
- If riding on a sidewalk, remember to share with pedestrians
- Always wear a helmet
- Wear bright clothing
- Always ride with traffic – not against
- Always lock up your bike



### Jogger Safety

- When jogging with others, run single file
- Use the sidewalks whenever possible
- Jog facing traffic
- Be careful when crossing the street and at intersections

### Driver Safety

- Always lock your vehicle
- Never leave valuables visible in your vehicle. If necessary, lock them in your trunk.
- Be more alert because of the increase pedestrian and bike traffic
- Drive safely and slow down



### Home Safety

- Keep your doors and windows closed and locked, when not at home
- If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call the police
- When going on vacation, contact the police department and get placed on the house watch list
- Have your mail and newspapers put on hold, or have someone pick it up for you
- Have a lamp or two on a timer

And always remember "If you see something, say something."