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City Progress is Not Slowing Down with the Change of Season

We often feel like summer is our busy season in Oconomowoc. Parks and beaches are buzzing, tons of great special events are held. However, after you read this year's fall/winter newsletter you'll see that we stay busy all year.

As we prepare for the changing season we continue to work on projects ahead. Engineering and design work will begin on a new trail project along Rosenow Creek. Businesses in the city continue work on expansions and we also welcomed several new businesses into the city. Please stop by to learn more about them and welcome them into our great community.

City staff and elected officials will continue to work on a Strategic Plan to guide our planning in the future. We invite you to stay informed of the work and planning we do to continue to make our city great. Attend a meeting, read meeting information online or contact us.



- David Nold, Mayor

Where Do I Vote?

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



New Ordinance Adoptions Address Dogs in Parks and Drilling in Ice Rinks

Ordinance No. 18-0929: Creates a Downtown Design Overlay District from the roundabout east along Wisconsin Ave to the City limits, north to Fowler Lake & south to the RR tracks providing new requirements including building height, setbacks, step backs, landscaping & parking standards for new developments.

Ordinance No. 18-0930: Amends §21.18(3)&(4) to prohibit individuals from drilling, cutting, picking or establishing holes through the ice on skating rinks prepared by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. This prohibition commences annually when the department begins its rink maintenance.

Ordinance No. 18-0933: Incorporates WI Act 27 "Landowners Bill of Rights" into our code which creates new definitions for "Area & Use Variances"; standards for granting, review & determinations; and provides for an expiration date of a granted variance.

Ordinance No. 18-0936: Creates §12.05 to set guidelines for public possession of open intoxicants in a designated area within the downtown during permitted special events only.

Ordinance No. 18-0937: Amends §21.03 to allow public entertainment on the Village Green with a permit from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Ordinance No. 18-0938: Amends §21.051 to remove the word "gazebo" & address boat launch pier parking restrictions & music on the boardwalk.



Dogs on leash are allowed on paved pathways, sidewalks and boardwalks in most parks. Please make sure you know where you can go with Fido before you head out.

Ordinance No. 18-0939: Amends §21.09 to allow dogs in most City parks on a leash & only on paved pathways, sidewalks or boardwalks. Dogs are not allowed at City Beach Park, within the fenced area of Imagination Station at Roosevelt Park, Veteran's Memorial Park, children's play areas,

athletic fields, tennis courts, park shelters, restrooms or other designated & signed locations.

Ordinance No. 18-0940: Amends the Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2010-30 on property south of Lisbon Rd, west of Brown St from Urban Reserve to High Density Residential.

Ordinance No. 18-0941: Rezones property south of Lisbon Rd, west of Brown St from Urban Reserve to Residential Multi-Unit High to allow the property to be developed into a future senior housing development for Presbyterian Homes.

These ordinances and future ordinances may be viewed under the NEW Ordinance Adoption Section on the City's website. You may also view the full text of all ordinances at the City Clerk's office, 174 E. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc WI.

Attend a Meeting, Stay Informed

City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month.

Full agenda packets for meetings are available by 5 pm the Friday before the meeting and available on the City website.

Additionally, all other City commission/committee/board meeting packets are posted on the website on the preceding Friday and can be viewed or downloaded from the website.

All meetings are open to the public so consider attending a meeting to learn more about what is going on in the community.

Get involved by serving on a commission, committee or board. Fill out an "Information Profile for Public Service Appointment Consideration" application and send it in. The form is available on the City website under the Resident Help Center.



OCONOMOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Oconomowoc Public Library Celebrates 125 Years of Growth

The Oconomowoc Public Library is celebrating its 125th Anniversary Quasquicentennial!

The Oconomowoc Public Library has been transforming our community for 125 years and 2018 will be a year of celebration and pride as we reflect on how the library and community have transformed together.



Did You Know?

- The Oconomowoc Public Library is one of the oldest libraries in the state, progressing from a private association in 1870 to a public library in 1893.
- In 1918, the City of Oconomowoc took over operation of the library from the Oconomowoc Library Association.
- From 1900 to 1987 the library was located at 212 N. Lake Road in a three-building complex that was constructed during the 1850s and '60s.
- In 1962, the Oconomowoc Public Library Board recognized the need for a new library building. In 1987, the library moved to its current location at 200 South St. The library has grown from a modest collection of 200 books to over 120,000 pieces of material including books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and e-books.
- Over the years, updates to the library facility have helped the library remain as welcoming and vital as when it opened in 1893.

In addition to the updates to the physical building, library programs continually evolve in order to meet community needs.

These developments will help the Oconomowoc Public Library remain the vital place it is in the community. The Library Board and staff look forward to future developments in library service for the citizens of Oconomowoc.

Rooms Available to Public for Study & Meetings

The library has six study rooms available for public use. The rooms were recently updated.

Each room contains an adjustable-height table, two chairs, and a white board. Study rooms are available on a first come, first served basis.

The library also has two meeting rooms available for public use. The Spaulding Conference Room fits up to 16 people and the Lyke Meeting Room fits up to 100 people with a flexible layout.

Fees for individuals and companies (for-profit) are \$30 for first two hours/\$20 per hour thereafter. There is no charge for non-profit groups.

Did You Know the Library Offers More Than Just Books?

Patrons can access a variety of databases of consumer information, health topics, government resources, education tools, job help, and online newspaper subscriptions.

Many of these databases are available online outside of the library with your library card.



Visit oconomowoclibrary.org/research/ to see all the online resources the library has to offer.

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

(262) 569-2199 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/parks

When the Ice is Ready We Will Clear It Skate and Enjoy

In Oconomowoc, you get to enjoy the lakes year round.

When conditions allow, the City grooms public skating rinks on Fowler Lake next to the boardwalk and Lac La Belle at City Beach.

Park and Forestry staff will clear snow and shave the ice as soon as the ice thickness is safe for our equipment.

City Beach does have lights for you to enjoy skating at night. We look forward to seeing you take advantage of these great community resources this winter.

Rosenow Creek Trail Project Engineering Underway

Design and engineering for the Rosenow Creek Trail will be completed in October of 2018. With a successful bid and Common Council approval, the project could begin in early 2019.

This comprehensive trail will run along the Rosenow Creek from Lisbon Road to Highway Z (Lake Drive).

We look forward to sharing this new trail and wonderful natural resource with our residents. Stay tuned to the City web site for updates on the project.

Needs Assessment Results on Website

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and Oconomowoc Public Library collaborated to complete a needs assessment to assist City staff and our elected officials in future decision making.

The report will share data on future potential projects and much more.

You can read the report on the city website at: www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/needs

Highly Qualified Instructors at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department

Many may not realize the quality of instructors teaching our recreation programs.

We have a USPTA Elite Pro that teaches tennis lessons. Our fitness instructors are certified for the classes they teach and many have additional certifications making them experts in the field to help you live a healthy life.



Doug Scheerer

Meet our Tae Kwon Do and Women's Self Defense Instructor Doug Scheerer. Doug is certified Tae Kwon Do instructor and a fourth degree black belt. He is also certified in Eskrima, a Filipino Martial style that emphasize weapon-based or "open hand" fighting.

Doug is a 10-time black belt tournament grand champion. He brings his love of martial arts and teaching to Oconomowoc Rec.

Scheerer is just one of the many instructors we have that bring amazing credentials, experience and love of their specialty to at Oconomowoc Rec. You can enjoy these classes with them at a lower price through Oconomowoc Rec. Find out more in our bi-annual brochure or on our website.

City Earns Tree City USA Growth Award

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department recently earned a Tree City USA Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation for innovative programs and projects and an increased commitment to urban forestry.



Parks and Forestry Superintendent Bryan Spencer said the city has a complete street tree inventory, increased its street tree planting due to losses from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and we have diversified our urban forest.

If you would like to know more about help with EAB or our street tree program, visit the Forestry section of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry page of the city website.

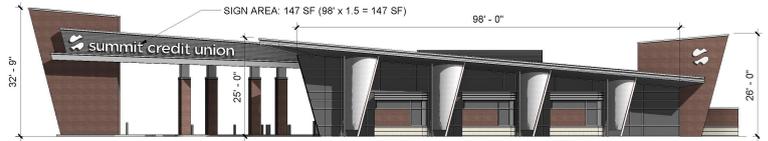
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Recent Development A bit of Something for Everyone



Harley Davidson Rider Course : Photo as of 06.19 @1280 Blue Ribbon Dr.



ELEVATION SOUTH

Summit Credit Union: Rendering @ 1300 Oconomowoc Pkwy.



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Aldi Addition : Photo as of 06.19 @ 1521 Unity Dr.



Dr. Martin Luther Church Addition : Rendering @ 325 S. Main St.

Recently Approved Businesses

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

- **The Hair District** – 128 Silver Lake Plaza
- **The Good Stuff** – 31 S. Main Street
- **Glamour Nail Salon** – 1676 Old Schoolhouse Rd. Suite 102

... and businesses that have relocated within the City ...

- **Kowabunga Comics** – 650 E. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Mutual Of Omaha** – 128 Silver Lake Plaza

No Parking on the Grass

Per Section §17.303(6)(b)(1) of the City's Municipal Code states "All vehicles shall park on a hard surfaced area unless otherwise approved by the Zoning Administrator." All vehicles shall be parked in the driveway, in the garage or on a hard surface.



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

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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Fowler Boardwalk Project Includes More Than Just a Scenic Upgrade

The Wastewater Treatment Facility was bustling with activity during the summer with a major facility upgrade project. The grit removal and washing system, which is the second step in the wastewater treatment process, was replaced.

In addition, the number two secondary clarifier collector drive was rebuilt and structural steel re-coated, structural steel in the number one primary clarifier was re-coated, and our Orchards Pump Station was upgraded.

We also removed three 40-plus year old blowers and replaced them with one high-speed, high-efficiency turbo blower along with piping modifications. These projects were done to address equipment that was original to the plant construction in 1976 and in need of repair and/or upgrades to assure operational reliability.

The new boardwalk project behind City Hall is more than just a great place to hang out and enjoy the lake. The project completed last fall also provides a stormwater treatment system for an area which prior to this project contributed runoff pollutants to the lake with every rain event.

One of the goals of the boardwalk project was to address the stormwater and pollutants coming from this challenging area. It is very flat and did not lend itself to a conventional stormwater treatment system.

With some creative thinking and engineering we were able to install a system which utilizes a bio-retention system and oversized catch basins for sediment capture. In these basins we installed debris capturing devices called “snouts” to capture the floating materials before they get to the lake.

So, not only did the City get a great new boardwalk, we are now protecting Fowler Lake in this area like never before. Just another pollution control project made possible through our Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program.



The photo at top shows the Fowler Lake shoreline parking lot flooded. The photo above shows one of several rain gardens now installed with drains. The water drains into a catch basin where sediment can settle allowing cleaner, filtered water to return to the lake.

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New Leadership at Wastewater Treatment Facility

In May, Tom Steinbach, Operations Manager of the Oconomowoc Wastewater Treatment Facility, retired after 26 years of service to the City. We wish him well and thank him for his passion and dedication to the operation of the Wastewater Utility, City Safety Program, and Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program.



Tom was instrumental in the formation of the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program, (OWPP), dedicated to protecting and improving water and soil quality in the Oconomowoc River Watershed.

Kevin Freber

Kevin Freber, our new Operations Manager, brings 34 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. He has an associate degree in Water and Wastewater Management from Moraine Park Technical College and held a variety of positions in the industry including operator, lab manager, collection system crew leader, assistant water systems manager wastewater, and water systems manager in charge of water and wastewater.

Join the Rest of the World, Take A Tour of OWTF

Educational opportunities abound at our facility. We have hosted engineers from all over the world including Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, the UK, Egypt, France, Germany, Spain and Brazil.

In addition, we have collaborated with the MSOE Graduate Student Study Program on several projects.

We have also teamed up with wastewater industry professionals on various pilot projects. Groups ranging in age from 8 years old to 80 years old have visited our facility.

Call us if you would like to schedule a tour.

Oconomowoc Utilities Earns Top Honors as a Reliable Public Power Provider

Oconomowoc Utilities has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] Diamond designation from the American Public Power Association for providing reliable and safe electric service at the highest level.

The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.



Utility Manager Joe Pickart (second from left) accepted the award on behalf of Oconomowoc Utilities at the 2018 American Public Power Conference.

Fall Hydrant Flushing is Near

Hydrant flushing this year will begin at the end of September.

Periodic flushing is necessary to test the hydrants to make sure adequate flow and pressure is available. Flushing is also done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution pipes.

Your water is safe to drink during flushing, however you may see some discoloration of the water. If this happens, run the cold water tap until it clears. If you have questions regarding flushing, call the utility.

New Murals Add More Creative Energy to Downtown Oconomowoc

Many may recall 2008, the time of the economic collapse and Oconomowoc's downtown streets were shut down by a major road reconstruction project. The combination of the crumbling economy and the vacant, torn up downtown streets put our quaint little downtown nestled between two lakes into the perfect storm.

Some business owners weathered the storm, many did not. Through a combination of an entrepreneur loan program, and the development of residential opportunities available to bring people to support a vital commercial district, a transformation has occurred.

Today the future is bright for Downtown Oconomowoc. The city has seen a resurgence of those who see its potential. Streets and shops are busy in downtown's central business district.

For nearly 50 years, creativity has been celebrated in Oconomowoc centering on the Festival of the Arts juried art fair. Our streets are dotted with impressive new and historic buildings. The large, expansive blank walls of the historical buildings in Oconomowoc's downtown hold a blank canvas to showcase some of the City's personality.

The Oconomowoc Tourism Commission has taken this opportunity to enhance downtown's visual appeal by adding murals as you travel different directions throughout downtown. Oconomowoc's murals are intended to create a public art component and a visual welcome tapestry, as the first outdoor mural collection in Lake Country. We hope you enjoy as they begin to appear this summer.



Artist Chris Vincent holds up a rendering of the mural going on AJ's Pub. AJ's is part of the downtown mural project partnership with the city. The goal is to continue to enhance downtown with more public art.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Slated for Sept. 8

The City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Public Works garage, 630 S. Worthington Street

For a list of "Accepted" and "Not Accepted" items, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaster.com.

Electronic & Appliance Recycling Nov. 10

Electronic and Appliance Recycling is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Public Works garage, 630 S. Worthington Street.

Items collected for a fee are: television sets, \$25 each, and CRT Computer Monitors, \$10 each.

For more information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling.

When the Snow Falls Please be Ready to Keep Your Sidewalks Clear

Please don't forget about your responsibility as a city property owner to clear snow.

- All property owners in the city are required to clear their entire width of the sidewalk.
- Snow must be piled in owner's yard, not the street.
- Corner lot owners are required to clear the curb ramp, the handicap ramp, and/or portion of sidewalk leading to the street.
- Homeowners must find someone to help shovel their sidewalks if gone for an extended period of time.

If you have additional questions on recycling and snow removal/winter safety hints, please visit us at www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/dpw