



Newsletter

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**Mayor's Note**

It's already time for the seasons to change and our bi-annual newsletter has many reminders for residents as we get ready to deal with the arrival of snow.

But who wants to spend more time talking about that, so we made sure to fill this issue with plenty of other exciting news regarding new businesses in the city. This August we welcome our new Parks Director Craig Hoepfner and we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the premiere of the "Wizard of Oz" in Downtown Oconomowoc. I hope everyone enjoys the celebration. Turn to the back page for more fun on that.



- David Nold, Mayor

**The Dietzenbach Delegation Returns for Summer Visit**

In July, the Economic Development & Tourism Department coordinated and hosted visitors from our German sister city, Dietzenbach. Nineteen guests spent time in Oconomowoc, Madison and the area continuing a now 10-year partnership.

In 2008, the City of Oconomowoc established the sister city charter with Dietzenbach as a tourism initiative. Those interested in fostering the continued relationship and exchange formed a delegation for return visits. During visits delegates learn about functions of each other's communities, governments and attractions.

The idea for Oconomowoc's German Christmas Market came about during a visit to Dietzenbach.



Pictured is the Dietzenbach delegation in front of a downtown mural during their visit this summer.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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## Last Call for Yard Waste Pickup

With fall quickly approaching and outdoor lawn projects still in full force, yard waste pick up will still be available for residents until the first week of December. See the yard waste schedule above.

## Out with Spring Cleaning In with Fall Cleaning

Each household is allowed one bulk item per week. Please visit [www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/709/Refuse-Recycling](http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/709/Refuse-Recycling) for a list of acceptable bulk items. Residents looking to get rid of large items, including appliances and electronics, can also call Johns Disposal for a special pick up at (262) 473-4700, fees apply.

Oconomowoc will be hosting the next Household Hazardous Waste Event Saturday, September 14th from 8am to noon at the Public Works Municipal Garage (630 S Worthington Street).



For more information visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/hazardouswaste) or call (262) 896-8300.

## Don't Forget to Clean Up After Winter Storms

To ensure the safety of our community, all residents are required to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk on all sides of their property, within 24 hours after snow has stopped.

- 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 snow removal/winter safety hints, please visit us at <http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/641/Public-Works>.



*Please remember, snow cannot be deposited on the street or a driveway that is not yours. This includes pushing the snow onto or across the street. Please don't forget to clear snow to your mailbox and clear accumulated snow around the fire hydrant nearest your home or business.*

## Reading Begins at Birth

Did you know that learning to read begins at birth? It is never too early to read to a child! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he or she enters school.

Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid foundation for school and learning success.



Plus, sharing stories together is fun! Track your reading on your log or on the free 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app. When you finish 100 books, receive a small prize. When you finish, your child receives a book, a certificate, and a priceless jumpstart on school and reading success!

## Did You Know? Have You Heard?

- Check out Flipster: Read your favorite magazines right on your device! Just download the Flipster app to get started!
- Did you know the library has wi-fi hotspots available for checkout? Check out the library's catalog at [oconomowoclibrary.org](http://oconomowoclibrary.org) to see what's available!
- Have you heard? The library has a hearing loop in the Lyke Meeting Room and at the Information Desk. The hearing loop amplifies sound for patrons with hearing aids or cochlear implants.



## The Library Now Offers Home Service!

If you or a loved one cannot visit the library in person due to illness or disability, a friendly library volunteer can drop off and pick up library materials at your home!

Please contact Special Services Coordinator Jennie Fidler at [jfidler@cooney.lib.wi.us](mailto:jfidler@cooney.lib.wi.us) or call (262) 569-2193, extension 206 to learn more.



## City's Popular Annual Financial Report is More Reader Friendly for Residents

Each year the City's Finance Department prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is audited and published as required by regulators.

This report is an extensive accounting of the government's financial resources and uses of such resources, and for many, is a difficult document to understand.

To encourage citizen participation and involvement the city also publishes a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) through the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

This report, while based on the audited comprehensive annual financial report, is designed to present information that is readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties that may not have a background in public finance.

Popular Annual Financial Reports submitted to the PAFR Program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The City of Oconomowoc has received the Popular Annual Financial Report Award since it began participating in the program in the fiscal year 2013.

A copy of the Year End 2018 Citizen Annual Report is available for review on the City's website on the Finance Department page: [www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/169/Budget-Financial-Information](http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/169/Budget-Financial-Information).



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## The Southeast Area

### Offering an Array of Dining Establishments

Planning recognizes the community's desire to dine within our own community. There continues to be consistent interest along HWY 67 in the Southeast corridor in the City of Oconomowoc. These establishments offer a variety of types of food from grab and go, drive thru, sit down and fast food. Serving the community anytime of the day from breakfast to late night.

Building off of previous existing establishments such as Starbucks, Pick 'n Save, Jimmy Johns, Qdoba, Chili's, and Cousin's Subs, the City has welcomed recent additions including Scramblers, MOD Pizza, Taco Bell and Noodles.



### Construction Spotlight : Towner Crest

Towner Crest is senior living facility located on the northeast side of the City of Oconomowoc. The development has a 74,000 SF footprint, an underground garage, and transitions from a one-to-four stories as the building progresses away from Lisbon Road. The building totals 224,000 SF above grade.

The development offers a sophisticated lodge-style architectural design with vast windows and modern rustic interior spaces to create a lodge retreat experience. It is set to open in late 2019.



Towner Crest [Independent Living, Assisted Living & Memory Care]  
Photo as of 07.19 @ 1205 Lisbon Road

### Recently Approved Businesses

The City continues to welcome new businesses. Here is a sample of recently approved businesses.

- **Mission Road Boutique** – 122 N. Main Street
- **Homebody** – 108 N. Main Street
- **Kit** – 165 E. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Lago Su Bella** – 128 W. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Fresh Baked** – 110 W. Wisconsin Avenue
- **Natural Cleaners** – 1035 Summit Avenue
- **Living Dance** – 1093 Summit Avenue
- **Thrist Church** – 1350 Royal Mile Road
- **Salon Cole** – 1676 Old School House Road, Suite 101
- **Sport Clips** – 1674 Old School House Road, Suite 102
- **Crossfit Rohkeus** – Relocated to 662 Armour Road
- **Cycle Bar** – 1890 Pabst Farms Circle, Unit 350
- **Noodles** – 1676 Old School House Road, Suite 104

### Vision Corners

Per Section §17.302(1) of the City Zoning Ordinance states "In order to provide a clear view of intersecting streets to motorists there shall be a triangular area of clear vision at the intersection of any two streets..."

Paragraph (a) continues with the specific standards. "No obstructions, such as structures, parking, or vegetation, shall be permitted in any district between the heights of 30" and 8' ..."

A diagram is provided for your reference. Please make sure your property is in compliance.

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



# WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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## Watershed Program Successfully Keeps 1.2M pounds of Algae out of Waterways

On a sunny July afternoon the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP) gathered for its fifth annual Watershed Paddle event on Fowler Lake. The event is open to the public and aims to raise awareness of OWPP and what you can do to help the health of our waterways.



**Above:** Boy Scout Troop 359 group collected the litter shown along the shoreline of Fowler Lake. Reducing use of plastics like plastic bags protects lake habitat. **Left:** Tom Steinbach shows participants how to use their water testing kits. They used the kits on Fowler Lake and received a kit to take home.

Tom Steinbach, the city's former Wastewater Manager, now serves as the Watershed Program Director and is a consultant for Tall Pines Conservancy, the main supporter of the OWPP. Steinbach said this year's Watershed Paddle was a great success with notable involvement from some young stewards of the environment.

Local students presented information related to water reuse and the impact of plastics on the environment. "While they were presenting a local Boy Scout Troop collected litter along the shoreline and shared what they found including discussing why these things are bad such as plastic bags," which can harm lake life, Steinbach said.

The day included lunch, a paddle on Fowler Lake and concluded with the opportunity for youth participants to test the water quality. Each participant received a test

kit and learned how to test for things like oxygen, pH and phosphorus - things that determine a lake's health.

Steinbach was proud to share that last year the OWPP completed projects on about 2,500 acres of land. The work done in partnership with local farmers to reduce phosphorus and runoff has resulted in reduction of 1.2 million pounds of algae. To learn more about what the OWPP does and how you can get involved visit, [oconomowocwatershed.com](http://oconomowocwatershed.com).

## You Can Help Reduce Chlorides

The Department of Natural Resources requires communities to reduce chlorides discharged into the Oconomowoc River. Chlorides cannot be treated at the wastewater plant and must be discharged into the waterway. Here's how you can help.

### Check Your Water Softener

- How it is calibrated? Some softeners are preset at 30 grains, the highest hardness setting. Reset the hardness to 22 grains.

- Consider updating your water softener to a high efficiency demand-based unit which offers environmentally friendly benefits. These include lower water and energy use, and decreased salt needs.

- Check the timer. You may be able to increase the amount of time between regeneration cycles without affecting water quality. Experiment by increasing the interval by one day at a time and monitor the effect on dishwashing and laundry. If hard water is coming through at the end of the cycle, you can use more soap to obtain the desired amount of suds. Once you determine the time frame when hardness is coming through, set your timer back one day.

### Check Your Hose Bibs

Your outside faucets, called hose bibs, can be a significant source of demand on your water softener.

Often, hose bibs are plumbed to the softened sources of water. This wastes softened water when using this water for watering plants or lawns. If you like to wash your car and desire to use softened water, designate only one hose bib for this and re-plumb the other bibs to the un-softened source.

## OHS Students Create Improved City Blooming Guides



From left: Noah Jordan, Chase Lafernier and Isaac Deering hold City Blooming Guide signs they designed and created as part of the OHS Builder's Club.

A partnership with Oconomowoc High School continues to be a successful venture using student talent to create unique resources for the city.

Infoboxes you see around the city referred to as Community Blooming Guides - because they popped up after an initial idea to formulate a fun way to get information out there -first went up around 2016. The originals were made out of wood by OHS students. While they worked well, the harsh Wisconsin winters weathered them. So, city staff challenged students in Steve Olson's High School Builder's Club to come up with a new backing.

"After some research we decided that Kirby Built Quality products offered a material that fit the team perfectly," said Noah Jordan.

The students organized ordering the material, and designing new surfaces using a CNC Router and software. The result is a pleasing, durable infobox you can find in a dozen places around the city!

## We Want Your Events on VisitOconomowoc.com

Local businesses and organizations have you submitted your events on the city's new tourism website, VisitOconomowoc.com?

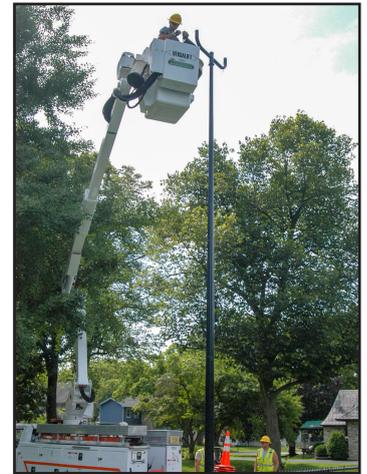
The calendar is free and open to anyone posting information about things to do in the Oconomowoc area. Visit the site to submit your event to the calendar today!

## Tennis Courts Receive Improved Lighting

In a joint effort between Parks, Recreation and Forestry and the Electric Utility, the City tennis courts are being improved, including installation of new LED lighting.

The new lights and controls will illuminate the courts on an "as needed" basis with the help of a timer that can be set by players.

The new fixtures provide an aesthetic upgrade and are much more efficient than the previous lights. Now as the days grow shorter, there is still a great opportunity to play tennis or pickle ball into the fall evenings.



Updated lighting is at the following courts, Westover Park, Fowler Park and Lily Road Park (court renovations were underway at the time of this printing. Estimated completion is fall of 2019.)

## Armour Road Substation Decommissioned

In June the Electric Utility substation located on Armour Road was decommissioned and removed as part of an overall system improvement plan.

The electrical system formerly handled by the Armour Road substation has been upgraded and routed to newer substations in other parts of the City, creating more reliable power delivery to Utility customers.



# BRAIN BREAK!

Crossword Courtesy of the Clerk's Department

# CLERKS DEPARTMENT

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## Wizard of Oz Word Search Celebrates 80th Anniversary of Premiere



In recognition of the 80th anniversary of the premiere of the "Wizard of Oz" in Oconomowoc at the Strand Theatre on August 12, 1939, can you find these words from the movie?

AUNT EM  
BALLOON  
BRAIN  
BROOM  
COURAGE  
CRYSTAL BALL  
DOROTHY  
EMERALD CITY  
GLINDA  
HEART  
HOUSE  
KANSAS  
LOLLIPOP KIDS  
LION

MELTING  
MONKEYS  
MUNCHKINS  
OIL CAN  
RAINBOW  
RUBY SLIPPERS  
SCARECROW  
TIN MAN  
TOTO  
TWISTER  
UNCLE HENRY  
WITCH  
WIZARD  
YELLOW BRICK ROAD

## Rules for Door-to-Door Solicitors

**Solicitors/Transient Merchants:** Per the Oconomowoc Municipal Code, all persons soliciting must be licensed by the City of Oconomowoc and must wear an ID Badge and present a permit issued by the City. Non-profits and charitable organizations are not required by law to apply for a permit, but they must be registered with the City so we know they are in the area.

### Prohibited Practices:

- a. Solicitors may not call at any dwelling between the hours of 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM, except by appointment.
  - b. Solicitors may not call at any dwelling where a sign is displayed bearing the words "No Peddlers", "No Solicitors" or words of similar meaning.
  - c. Solicitors may not call at the rear door of any dwelling place; or remain on premises after being asked to leave by the owner/occupant/or any other person having authority over the premises.
- If you are aware of someone soliciting without proper identification or in violation of our code, please contact the Police Dept at 567-4401 while they are still in the area.

## New Ordinance Adoptions

**Ordinance No. 19-0952** - Amends & recreates §1.25 of the Municipal Code regarding the Lake Country Municipal Court to reflect 21 communities which have services provided by the Lake Country Municipal Court.

**Ordinance No. 19-0955** - Recreates §14.30 of the Municipal Code to adopt Wis Dept of Safety & Professional Services Chapter 316 which oversees electrical inspection requirements.

**Ordinance No. 19-0956** - Eliminates the Water Facilities impact fee & readjusts the Transportation & Law Enforcement Facilities impact fees in Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code.

**Ordinance No. 19-0958** - Establishes Western Lakes Fire Dept fees; directs the Fire Chief to invoice & collect fees for services & inspections; provides for collection if fees become delinquent; & allows delinquent fees to be added to the tax roll as a special charge.

A list of new ordinances may be viewed by following the drop down under the Government Heading on the City's website and clicking on "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.

## Report a Concern



You can report concerns related to city services through the city website's Request Tracker

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