

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER



A message from Mayor Penterman...


In recent days and weeks, the coronavirus pandemic has weighed heavily on everyone's minds. These are definitely uncertain times. Because the health and safety of our community is our highest priority, I want our residents to know that City leaders are closely monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 in our area.

On Tuesday, March 17, I declared a Public Health Emergency in the City of Kaukauna. In an effort to minimize the spread of this virus, and to follow Governor Evers' Safer At Home Order, we have closed most City buildings to the public (except for early voting at the Municipal Services Building March 23 – April 3 and the Municipal Services Building and the SPAR Building for voting on April 7) until further notice. Please follow our website and social media where we will continue to post updates about City services and resources as they unfold. [Click here](#) for guidance on the Safer At Home Order.

It is important to follow social distancing instructions from public health officials and stay home when possible. We urge everyone to do their part to protect their health and the health of those around them.

As we wait this out, we encourage you to call City offices or email with questions or concerns. We're here to answer them and help you in any way possible.

Stay healthy, Kaukauna!

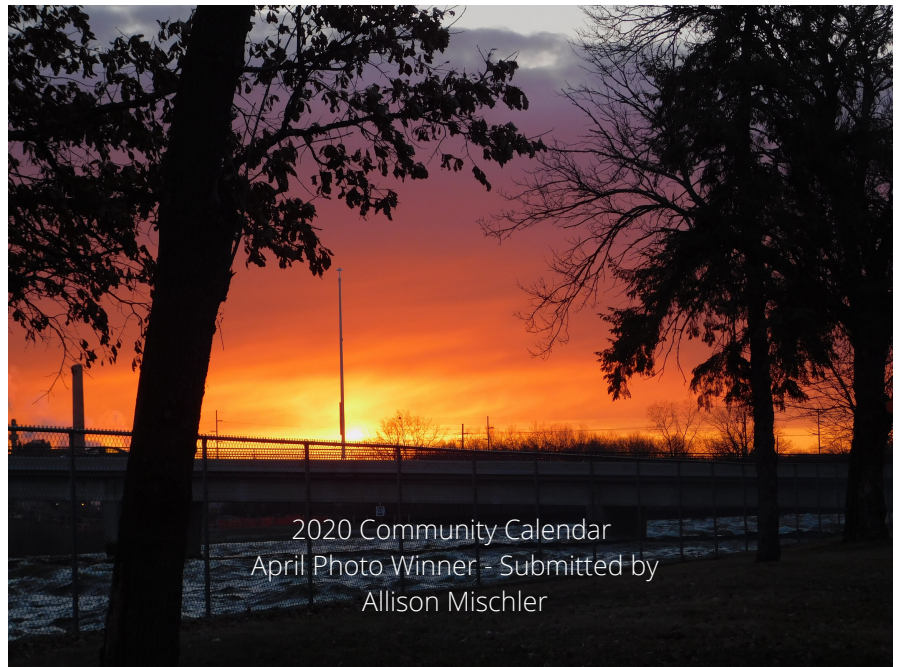
 **Shape Your Future
Census 2020**

By now you've probably received a post card in the mail with instructions on completing the 2020 Census questionnaire. With three ways to respond – online, by phone, or by mail – participating in this essential process is easier than ever!

The results of this once-a-decade count determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated for programs like Medicaid, Head Start, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as well as new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau is not permitted to release any information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies.

So take ten minutes, answer ten questions, and help shape your future.



SPRING ELECTION, APRIL 7

Opening and Closing of Polls

The voters of the City of Kaukauna are hereby notified that the polls for the Spring Election to be held on April 7, 2020, will be open at 7:00 a.m. in the morning and close at 8:00 p.m. in the evening of the same day. (Voting for WI Supreme Court/County Board Supervisor/School Board/ Alderman/ Mayor/ Attorney/ Municipal Judge/Presidential Preference.)

The polls of said election for Districts 1 and 2 will be in the Council Chambers, 144 W. Second Street, and Districts 3 and 4 will be in the Community Room, 207 Reaume Avenue. These polling places are handicap accessible.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT RESCHEDULED

Due to the ever-changing situation of the COVID-19 virus, Kaukauna Utilities and the City of Kaukauna have rescheduled their joint Electronics Recycling Event to September 12. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but the health and safety of our residents, employees and customers is our top priority. Please mark your calendars and save the date!

➔ Homeowners Using Heavy Equipment

Any homeowners planning a construction project within the City limits should be advised of the following City policies:

- Any contractor doing new or replacement work is required to remove and dispose of all construction debris at his expense. This includes tree removal and trimming.
- A homeowner using heavy equipment (backhoe, high lift, tractor, skid steer, etc.) is considered a contractor. Therefore, they are responsible for debris removal. The City will not pick up this debris.



➔ Tire Collection

The City of Kaukauna will be conducting spring tire collection the week of April 20-23 on your normal garbage collection day.

The Outagamie County Division of Solid Waste has agreed to collect tires from municipalities during the week of April 20-23 at no charge. Significant savings will be realized by the City of Kaukauna by having our spring tire collection coinciding with the County's free drop-off.

Kaukauna Street Department will collect a maximum of four (4) tires from residential customers only, rims must be removed. Tires still mounted on rims will not be picked up.

➔ Electronics Ban

Effective September 1, 2010, Wisconsin's Electronics Recycling Law (2009 Act 50) prohibits disposal of certain electronic devices in Wisconsin landfills, burning in an incineration facility, or placing these devices in a container intended for disposal or incineration. Electronic devices included in the ban are computers, printers, video display devices, peripherals, fax machines, DVD players, VCRs, and other video players (i.e., DVRs).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Looking for meeting information or garbage and recycling dates? [Click here](#) for the Community Calendar.

There are still some copies left of the Calendar that went out in December. Feel free to pick one up at the Clerk's Office when City Hall reopens to the public.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Week #1 - April 20-23, 2020

Week #2 - May 18-21, 2020

Leaves, garden debris, small sticks, and twigs **MUST** be in a Yard Master or equal 2-ply Kraft paper compost bag that are designed for yard waste disposal. These bags can be purchased at local hardware and grocery stores. Additionally, residents can use open containers with handles, no larger than thirty (30) gallons, and not weighing more than fifty (50) pounds. **Plastic bags, grocery bags, and cardboard boxes containing yard waste will not be collected.**



2020 Community Calendar
June Photo Winner -
Submitted by Marianne Clark

NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to each person who owns, occupies, or controls land in the City of Kaukauna:

Ordinance 10.03 (6) of the Kaukauna Municipal Code requires that all noxious weeds and other rank growth of vegetation be kept to a height of not to exceed one (1) foot. Exceptions are given to vacant lots in the Industrial Park and to other lots in the City that are located on a face block where less than 50% of the face block is occupied.

The City may cause all weeds and grass to be cut and removed and brush to be removed and the cost thereof charged to the property under Section 66.0627, Wisconsin Statutes. A minimum charge of \$150 will be applied to the property for each occurrence.

➔ Grilling Fire Safety Tips

- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep grill away from siding and deck rails.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around grill or campfire.
- Place hot coals in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Never leave a grill, fire pit, or patio torches unattended.

➔ White Goods Policy

All major appliances must have a sticker before placing them out for collection. Stickers can be purchased at the Street, Park and Recreation office at 207 Reaume Avenue, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Refrigerant sticker (refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner and dehumidifier) will be \$15.00. Non-refrigerant sticker (washer, dryer, stove, oven, dishwasher, microwave, furnace, and water heater) will be \$10.00. Please call the Street Department at 766-6337 with any questions.



GRIGNON MANSION HOURS

Regular, staffed hours at the Grignon Mansion for the summer are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 PM (May through Labor Day).

Email info@grignonmansion.org or call 766-6106 for more information.

Storm Water News

Are you tired of green ponds, rivers and lakes in Wisconsin? Here are some tips for healthy lawns and waters:

- When you mow your yard, please do not mow the grass clippings into the street or gutter. Please take a little extra time to clean up property after you mow.
- Grass clippings in the street are being washed down the storm sewers and will end up in area lakes and rivers where they help produce algae blooms.
- Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. Grass clippings from actively growing lawns have four to five times more phosphorus content than fallen autumn tree leaves.
- One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 lbs. of phosphorus--enough to produce 30 to 50 pounds of algae growth as it finds its way to a pond, lake, or river.
- When mowing, grass clippings should be directed away from the street, driveways, sidewalks, or other paved areas and waters. Curbside storm sewers can transport grass clippings (along with other street debris and dirt) to nearby lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

Spring Events at the Library and 1000 Islands Environmental Center

Click on one of the locations below for Spring programming:

- [Library](#)
- [1000 Islands Environmental Center](#)

STREET DEPT. YARD WASTE DROP-OFF

The City of Kaukauna will provide yard waste drop-off days for \$1/bag or can on the following Thursdays and Saturdays at 340 W. Third Street next to the former recycling area:

THURSDAY DROP-OFF DATES (7:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

June 4, 11, 25	July 2, 9, 23, 30
August 6, 20, 27	September 3, 10, 24
October 1, 8	

SATURDAY DROP OFF DATES (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon)

July 18	August 15	September 19
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FREE DROP OFF DATES

October 22	(7:15 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
October 23	(7:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
October 24	(9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon)
October 29	(7:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. FINAL)

Residents will be required to purchase a voucher from the Street Park and Recreation office at 207 Reaume Avenue before dropping off yard waste. Cash will not be accepted at the drop-off point. The vouchers will be sold in \$5.00 increments and will be good for the disposal of five bags or cans of yard waste. All yard waste must be in bags or cans. No loose yard waste will be accepted. The yard waste attendant will validate vouchers. Grass clippings will be accepted. However, the City of Kaukauna and the D.N.R. encourage residents to leave grass clippings on the lawn. Lawn clippings are a good source of fertilizer and can also make excellent compost.

LEARN ABOUT PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS THAT MAY AFFECT YOU

Each year, the City performs numerous public works projects that affect many residents. ***These include street paving, sanitary sewer reconstruction, and storm sewer installation.*** Many of these projects result in special assessments against the properties. Please take a moment to look at the City's **5-year Capital Improvement Plan** to see if any future projects will be performed in your area. The plan can be found on the City's website at cityofkaukauna.com under Departments, Engineering, Forms/ Documents, Capital Projects Listing. Please contact the City's Engineering Department at 766-6305 with any questions or comments.