

# WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

January, February, March



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PENTERMAN

This past year has proven that things can change quickly; and unfortunately, they did, in more ways than we would have wanted them to. We stayed safer at home, closed businesses, and strapped masks to our faces while things in the world around us kept changing. Our sports seasons changed and the way we worked and attended school changed. The way we gathered with family and friends for the holidays changed. 2020 became the year we didn't want to look back on, and now we look forward to a more hopeful year in 2021--a new year that would symbolize change (for the better) with new beginnings and new opportunities.

One thing that has not changed, and will remain the same, is our commitment to you, the residents and businesses of the City of Kaukauna. City staff and leaders will continue to work hard to serve you through these unprecedented times! Even though City-owned buildings remain temporarily closed to the public, know that we are here for you.

While it will be hard to forget this time filled with so much uncertainty, I hope you will be able to find some small moments of hope and happiness to look back on from 2020, and may all of our changes in 2021 be good ones!

Stay healthy, Kaukauna, and be safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Penterman

## TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

Most City-owned facilities are temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

Tax payments can be made via one of the following four ways:

- 1) You can pay on line at [www.cityofkaukauna.com](http://www.cityofkaukauna.com).
- 2) Mail payments to the City Clerk's office at 144 W. 2nd Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130.
- 3) Payments can be put in the drop box next to the main entrance at 144 W. 2nd Street.
- 4) The Bank of Kaukauna will accept payments in the drive-thru ONLY, M-F from 9 AM-4 PM.

Outagamie County accepting payments after 1/31/21 by credit card (fee charged) or E-check (no fee) – [www.outagamie.org](http://www.outagamie.org) or 920-832-5065.



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## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Be advised of the following City of Kaukauna ordinance:

### **Sec. 8.13. - Snow and ice removal.**

(1) All owners or occupants of real property shall remove or cause to be removed within 48 hours after a snowstorm in the city, all snow and ice accumulated on the sidewalks and wheelchair/crosswalk ramps contiguous to the premises they own or occupy. If the owner or occupant fails to comply with this section, the city, under the direction of the street superintendent, shall cause the snow or ice to be removed and the cost and expense thereof assessed as a special tax under Wis. Stats. § 66.0627, upon the lot contiguous to the sidewalk cleared. The cost for snow removal shall be \$1.50/lineal foot of sidewalk frontage with a minimum charge of \$150.00, and a charge of \$150.00 per hour for additional work required to facilitate clearing of sidewalk(s) and wheelchair/crosswalk ramps. Any owner or occupant who does not comply with this section shall, in addition to any tax levied, be subject to forfeiture under section 25.04 of this Code.

(2) The moving or depositing of snow from a private or business property, such as parking lots, filling stations, private driveways, and other areas onto or into the streets or highways of the city is prohibited. Any person violating this prohibition shall be subject to forfeiture under section 25.04 of this Code. (Code 2011, § 8.13; Ord. No. 1794, 11-19-2019)

You will not receive a personal warning. Your walk will automatically be cleared if it is in violation of the above ordinance.

For any questions, please call the Street and Park Department at 766-6337.

## STRING LIGHTS RECYCLING

Not sure what to do with string lights that you don't want any longer or are not working? Throwing the lights in your trash to be hauled off to the landfill isn't the correct thing to do and putting them in your curbside recycling bin isn't acceptable either.

Please do the right thing and drop them off at 1000 Islands Environmental Center and we will recycle them properly for you—FREE of charge. Easy, no-contact drop-off is available. A bin is located on a bench by the main entrance door. Drop them off anytime that is convenient for you.

Please call 920-766-4733 or email [thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org](mailto:thousandisland@kaukauna-wi.org) with any questions.

## CALENDAR

Please click [here](#) to view the January, February and March calendars.

## DOG LICENSES

City Ordinance requires all dogs in the City over five months of age to be rabies-vaccinated and licensed. The rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be shown at the time the license is purchased. The fee is \$5.00 for each neutered male dog or spayed female dog or \$10.00 for each unneutered male dog or unspayed female dog, if purchased by March 31 and microchipped. If the dog is not microchipped, the fee is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered and \$20.00 for unspayed or unneutered. Beginning April 1, a \$5.00 late fee penalty is charged. The license is valid from January 1st through December 31st. The license is available on the City's web site at [www.cityofkaukauna.com](http://www.cityofkaukauna.com), click on Pay Online.

## 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, vcrcs, and other video players (i.e., dvrs).

## GARBAGE COLLECTION

In an effort to avoid property damage that is caused during automated garbage pick-ups, PLEASE maintain 4 FEET of clearance between your automated garbage can and any other items (i.e. mailbox, recycling containers, and snow banks). Also, please bag your garbage and tie your garbage bags before putting them into the collection containers to assist in keeping our neighborhoods clean. Please call 766-6337 with any questions.

## PLEASE TRIM YOUR STREET TREES

City ordinance requires that tree limbs and branches are to be kept trimmed to provide a minimum of 8' of clearance above sidewalks and 12' above streets. This clearance is needed so that pedestrians can safely use the public sidewalk. Brush collection by the City continues to be the second full week of every month. Please contact the Street Department with any questions—766-6337.

## WHITE GOODS POLICY

All major appliances must have a sticker before being placed out for collection. Because all City-owned buildings are currently closed due to COVID-19, please phone the Street Department for a sticker at 766-6337. Refrigerant sticker (refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner and dehumidifier) are \$15.00. Non-refrigerant stickers (washer, dryer, stove, oven, dishwasher, microwave, furnace, and water heater) are \$10.00. Please call the Street Department with any questions.

## WINTER PROGRAMMING AT THE LIBRARY AND 1000 ISLANDS

[Click here](#) for winter programming from Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands Environmental Center.



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## BRUSH ORDINANCE

BRUSH IS COLLECTED DURING THE SECOND FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH

Must be a minimum of 2'. Brush 2'- 4' in length must be bundled and secured with twine or string. Bundles and/or branches shall not exceed 50# in weight. Bundles shall not be greater than 15" in diameter. Side branches on large limbs shall be removed.

Must be placed at the curb or alley line no more than 24 hours prior to the time of collection. Maximum pile height shall not exceed 4'. Butt ends shall face the roadway.

Roots shall be removed from brush.

Brush shall only be placed for collection by the owner or occupant who performed the brush removal, not by any contractor performing such work. Contractor is responsible for removal of any brush created by his/her work.

Brush placed for collection in violation of these requirements will not be collected.

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## RECYCLING REMINDER

State and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle newspaper, magazines, cardboard, glass/plastic/aluminum/steel food and beverage containers. You may call ORION (formerly Inland Service), 759-0501, for information regarding our bi-weekly recycling.

In an effort to avoid property damage that may be caused during automated recycle pick-up, PLEASE maintain 4 FEET of clearance between your automated recycle can and any other items (i.e. mailbox, garbage container, and snow banks).

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## LOTTERY CREDIT

If you owned your home on January 1, 2020, and use it as your primary residence, you are eligible to receive a lottery and gaming credit. Check your tax bill. If the credit is not on your bill, please call the Clerk's office at 766-6300 to sign a late claim form by January 31, 2021.

# WINTER SNOW GUIDELINES

Winter is upon us, so once again we are reminding you that your cooperation is essential to the efficiency of our snow and ice control. Keeping the following points in mind will help us have a safe winter.

- Sidewalks and wheelchair/crosswalk ramps must be cleared within 48 hours after a snowstorm. If walks are not cleared, City ordinances require that we clear the walk and bill the property owner. Current charges per occurrence are \$1.50/lin. ft. of sidewalk frontage with a minimum charge of \$150.00.
- Dumping, plowing, or blowing snow into a City street is against the law and may result in a fine. Please do not move snow into the street. Not only can it create hazardous driving conditions, but it also adds to the time it takes the City crews to clear the streets.
- Please do not park vehicles on the street during a snowfall. Cars parked on the streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. may be ticketed and towed.
- Please use caution when approaching City vehicles working during a clean-up operation. Our trucks may have to back up while working. Use common sense and give our drivers adequate room to do their jobs. It will improve the quality of their work and help you and us avoid accidents.
- Placing refuse for collection by City crews on snow banks is prohibited and will result in it being left uncollected.
- Unfortunately, it occasionally happens that the snowplow drivers will hit a mailbox when clearing the street. If your mailbox "takes a hit," contact the Street Department, and we will make the necessary repairs.
- Also, please help keep the fire hydrants cleaned out.



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