

WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR PENTERMAN

Another year has quickly come to an end, and as we look ahead to 2022, we look forward to great things not only as individuals, but collectively, as members of this wonderful community. We have had an exciting year in Kaukauna as we have witnessed progress in our city, neighborhoods, and business community. And we anticipate many more successes in the year ahead.

I'm proud to be your mayor, and I am sincerely honored to continue to serve you. I look forward to the opportunities that lie before us in the new year, and given how challenging the past many months have been for all of us, it feels especially important to express our hopes and dreams for brighter days ahead in 2022.

Wishing everybody a happy, safe and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Anthony J. Penterman

STRING LIGHTS RECYCLING AT 1000 ISLANDS

Do you have string (Christmas) lights that you don't want or that are not working? Throwing the lights in your trash to be hauled off to the landfill isn't the best thing to do, and curbside recycling isn't acceptable either.

Please do the right thing and **drop them off at 1000 Islands Environmental Center**. 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 with any questions.

WHITE GOODS POLICY

All major appliances need a sticker before placing them out for collection. Stickers can be purchased at the Street, Park and Recreation (SPaR) office at 207 Reaume Avenue, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Refrigerant stickers (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 at 766-6337 with any questions.

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

- Pay online - cityofkaukauna.com/pay-online/
- Mailed to City of Kaukauna – 144 W 2nd St – Kaukauna, WI 54140
- City Clerk's Office at the MSB – M-F, 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Drop box outside MSB main entrance
- Bank of Kaukauna (264 W Wisconsin Ave) – M-F, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Outagamie County will accept payments after 1/31/22.

YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE

In June of 2021, the City of Kaukauna opened the yard waste drop-off site to residents. Please see below for details regarding the drop-site.

Location and hours:

The site is located at the intersection of W. 3rd St and Bicentennial Ct, behind the Streets, Parks, and Recreation (SPaR) building, and is open Monday – Friday from 7:00am – 3:30pm. When using the drop-site, please enter from 3rd St, and exit on Bicentennial Ct.

What is accepted at the yard waste drop-site?

At this time, yard waste, small amounts of brush, and excess garbage is accepted.

Is waste oil accepted?

Waste oil is NOT accepted currently, but can be taken to the Outagamie County landfill. Once the site is fully functional, waste oil will be accepted.

Is excess recycling accepted?

Excess recycling is NOT accepted currently, but can be taken to the Outagamie County landfill. Once the site is fully functional, excess recycling will be accepted.

Are electronics or furniture items accepted?

NO, electronics and furniture items are NOT accepted at the yard waste drop-site.

What is the cost? How do residents obtain access to the site?

The gate to the site is not yet operational, and access cards are not yet available, therefore, the site is temporarily FREE for residents to use. Once the gate becomes operational, and we have access cards available, there will be a \$25 annual fee for residents who would like to use this service.

When will the yard waste drop-site be fully functional?

This is still TBD. Please stay tuned to our website and social media for updates.

Will there still be a spring and fall clean-up?

Yes, spring and fall clean-up remains the same. We will also continue with fall leaf pick-up.

Is the yard waste drop-site staffed?

No, the site is not staffed. However, security cameras are in place.



January Calendar Photo submitted by Tim Harvey

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Be advised of the following City of Kaukauna ordinance:

*** 8.13 SNOW & 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 with cost and expense thereof assessed as a special tax under Section 66.0627, Wisconsin Statutes, 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, and a charge of \$150 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 Municipal 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 street or highways of the City is prohibited.

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

To appeal assessment of a Snow & Ice Removal fee, you may contact the Street/Park Superintendent or his designee regarding what your hardship was for not having cleared your sidewalk/crosswalk.

In the event your appeal is unresolved with the Street/Park Superintendent, notify the Street/Park Superintendent of your desire to appear before the Board of Public Works to present your grievance. The Superintendent will place you on an upcoming Board of Public Works Agenda to present your evidence of hardship and inability to timely comply with Section 8.13. You will be notified of the date and time to appear before the Board of Public Works to present your hardship grievance.

For any questions, please call the Street and Park Department at 920.766.6337.



February Calendar Photo Submitted by Frank Livermore

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.

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., dvr's).

WINTER PROGRAMS

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

RECYCLING REMINDER

State and local laws require everyone in Wisconsin to recycle newspaper, magazines, cardboard, glass/plastic/aluminum/steel, and food and beverage containers. You may call Orion (920.759.0501) for information regarding our bi-weekly recycling.

In an effort to avoid property damage that is 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).

LOTTERY CREDIT

If you owned your home on January 1, 2021, 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, stop in the Clerk's office to sign a late claim form by January 31, 2022.

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 - 920.766.6337.



March Calendar Photo Submitted by Amanda Hersperger

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. 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.

FOURTH QUARTER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Fourth Quarter 2021 service anniversaries are listed below. Congratulations and thank you for your exemplary service!

10 Years - **Matthew Wallace**, Street Department