

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

January, February, March



A Message from Mayor Penterman

Happy New Year! A new year brings new opportunities, and as we look ahead to 2023, I am excited about all that our amazing community has to offer.

Make sure to participate in some of the fun events scheduled this winter in the City of Kaukauna:

- 1000 Islands Eagle Days on January 28th from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Winter Fest at Lower Grignon Park on February 11th from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Kiwanis Pancake and Porkie Breakfast at 1000 Islands on March 18th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

A few important reminders:

- First installment, or full amount, of property taxes are due January 31st
- Daylight savings time begins on March 12th
- Last day of winter parking regulations is March 31st
- Dog licenses are due on March 31st

Wishing everyone a very happy, safe, and healthy New Year!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING

Not sure what to do with string lights that you don't want or stopped working? Please do not throw them in the trash, but recycle them at 1000 Islands Environmental Center. We will properly recycle them for you - FREE of charge.

Drop lights off any time that is convenient for you. A bin is located on the bench by the main entrance door. Thank you for recycling your lights!

1000 Islands Environmental Center is located at 1000 Beaulieu Ct., Kaukauna, WI.

Please call 920.766.4733 with questions.

FOURTH QUARTER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Fourth quarter 2022 service anniversaries are listed below. Congratulations and thank you for your exemplary service!

1 Year

Bradley Garrity - Site Manager
Samuel Hebert - Paramedic
Sarah Ironside - Assistant Naturalist
Joe Stephenson - Planning Director

5 Years

Rachel Bock - Library Associate
Carrie Marhefke - Library Associate

10 Years

Ashley Thiem-Menning - Library Director

25 Years

Lonny Ziemer - Driver/Paramedic



January Calendar Photo Submitted by Frank Livermore

SNOW GUIDELINES

- Sidewalks and wheelchair/crosswalk ramps must be cleared within 48 hours after a snowstorm. If walks are not cleared, City Ordinance 8.13 requires 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. You will not receive a personal warning, your walk will automatically be cleared.
- To appeal assessment of a Snow & Ice 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 contact the Street and Park Department at 920.766.6337.
- 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.
- Placing refuse for collection by City crews on snowbanks 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.

FIRE HYDRANT CLEARING

In an emergency, every second counts. Here are some important tips to follow if you have a fire hydrant on your property.

- Remove any snow and ice from the hydrant
- Clear a 3-foot-wide perimeter around the fire hydrant for firefighters to work
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Drop box in the Municipal Services Building parking lot (144 W. 2nd Street)
- Pay online:
<https://cityofkaukauna.com/pay-online/>
 - Credit Card – 2.2% convenience fee (of total payment)
 - Debit Card – \$3.50 convenience fee
 - E-check – no convenience fee
- US Postal Mail: Mailed to the City of Kaukauna (144 W. 2nd Street)
- City Clerk's Office at MSB (144 W. 2nd Street) Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Bank of Kaukauna (264 W. Wisconsin Ave) Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Full payment, or first installment, is due January 31, 2023. After January 31st, tax payments are accepted by Outagamie County via credit card, e-check, or by mailing a check to Outagamie County Treasurer (320 S. Walnut Street, Appleton, WI 54911) - <https://www.outagamie.org/government/departments-n-z/treasurer>

SNOWPLOW SAFETY TIPS

Did you know that our plow drivers have over 80 miles of roads to clear? Here are some safety tips to follow to help keep both you and our plow drivers safe:

- Maintain at least a 200-foot distance from plow truck – snowplows are large, and drivers cannot see directly behind the truck. Don't assume the plow driver can see your vehicle.
- Trucks release salt and salt brine from the back of the truck – if you travel too close, materials could hit your windshield and obstruct visibility.
- Allow time for you to slow down or stop.
- Please use caution when approaching City vehicles working during a clean-up operation. Plow trucks may need to “back up” at intersections; make sure to leave them room to do so. Please give our drivers adequate room to do their jobs as this will improve the quality of their work and help you and us avoid accidents.
- Do not pass a plow on the right.
- Be sure the road ahead is clear of vehicles or snowdrifts before attempting to pass on the left. A snow cloud could be caused by cross winds or the snowplow, so please be patient.



February Calendar Photo Submitted by Tami Schmidt

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE

Winter parking ordinance is in effect through March 31, 2023. No parking on City streets between 2:00 AM - 6:00 AM.

WINTER PROGRAMS

Click [here](#) for winter programs from the Kaukauna Public Library and 1000 Islands Environmental Center. For other winter events in the City of Kaukauna, check out the Community Calendar, available on our website [here](#).

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 Lake Shore Recycling at 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, 2022, 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, 2023.

BRANCH PICK-UP

Branch pick-up occurs on the second full week of month on garbage day. Guidelines include:

- Brush must be a minimum of two (2) feet and a maximum of six (6) feet in length. Brush two (2) feet to four (4) feet in length must be bundled and secured with twine or string. Bundles and/or branches shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. Bundles shall not be greater than 15 inches in diameter. Side branches on larger limbs shall be removed.
- All brush to be collected must be placed at the curb or alley line, but no more than 24 hours prior to the time of collection. Maximum height of such brush piles shall be four (4) feet from ground level. Brush is not to be placed in any container.
- All brush must be loosely and neatly placed for collection. The butt ends of all branches 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 trimming/removal and not by any contractor performing such work. Any such contractor shall be responsible for removal of any brush created by his/her work.
- In addition to any other penalty, any brush placed for collection which is in violation of this ordinance shall not be collected until such violation has been corrected.



March Calendar Photo Submitted by Barb Buechel