# SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

July, August, September



Summer is here and that means event season. The Electric City Experience (ECE) was a huge success again this year. The 4-day event from June 7th - 10th brought in over 10,000 people to our downtown with over 40 bands performing live music on five outdoor stages. It also included a host of food trucks, the popular kids' carnival, and new this year the Saturday Street Market on 2nd Street. ECE kicked off our Live! from Hydro Park Summer Concert Series which brought in Nashville recording artist Jessie G. Wednesday nights from June 7th - August 9th, Hydro Park comes alive with a diverse musical line-up. Bring your lawn chairs, your sunglasses, and your dancing feet and enjoy an evening of unforgettable entertainment. Each family-friendly concert is from 5:30pm - 8:30 pm and is free to attend! THANK YOU to our sponsors who help make these events possible.

## A Message from Mayor Penterman

On July 4th, the Fox Firecracker 5k was back for its 16th year. The race started with a kids run with everyone dressed in their patriotic red, white and blue. At the end, while collecting their medal, participants and spectators enjoyed music and most importantly, apple pie. You can't get more patriotic than apple pie.

The 2023 Kaukauna Farmers Market kicked off the summer season on Saturday, June 24th. The market is held every Saturday from 7:30am - noon through October 14th – rain or shine. Finally, mark your calendars for Fall Fest, coming up on Saturday, September 16th.

- Mayor Anthony J. Penterman

### **COME WORK WITH US!**

The City of Kaukauna has excellent employment opportunities waiting for you! <u>Visit our website</u> for current openings!

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Click <u>here</u> for summer programs from the Kaukauna Public Library, Grignon Mansion, and 1000 Islands Environmental Center. For other summer events in the City of Kaukauna, check out the Community Calendar, available on our website <u>here</u>.

And stay tuned for the Fall Recreation Program Guide, coming in August!

## **PARK UPGRADE**

Coming June 2024.... upgrades to La Follette Park, located at 220 Park Street.

Stay tuned for more details!





July Calendar Photo Submitted by Heather Landers

# **SUMMER HOURS**

Summer hours have been implemented at some municipal facilities to provide more flexibility and work-life balance for as many staff as possible, while still providing great service to our residents. Facilities implementing summer hours include the Municipal Services Building and the Street, Park, and Recreation (SPAR) office.

Municipal Services Building and SPAR office hours will be as follows:

- Monday Thursday 7:30am 4:30pm
- Friday 7:30am 11:00am

While this new summer schedule does provide more flexibility for staff, it also allows residents the opportunity to take care of business in the early AM hours. Since COVID, many City services are available online. The most common online services include disposal site renewals, building permits, recreational program registrations, and most City fees (dog licenses, parking tickets, etc).

Most commonly used online services:

- <u>Disposal Site Renewal</u> (select "Streets Services" from the left-hand list)
- Building Permits
- Dog Licenses
- Parking Tickets
- Recreation Program Registration
- Additional Licenses and Permits

Direct contact information for each City department is available here - <u>cityofkaukauna.com/contact/</u>.

## SECOND QUARTER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Second quarter 2023 service anniversaries are listed below. Congratulations and thank you for your exemplary service!

#### 1 Year

Todd Blank - Code Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Bodoh - Sr. Project Engineer Elliot Chier - Paramedic Leighton Myers - Paramedic Allie Ross - HR/Payroll Generalist

#### 5 Years

Maureen Feldt - Administrative Assistant Christina Heindl - Paralegal Natasha Lansbach - Patrol Gavin Schmitt - Library Associate

#### 10 Years

Jeremy Goffard - Tandem Truck (DPW) Timothy Lau Jr. - Patrol

**15 Years** Joseph Resch - Assistant Fire Chief

**20 Years** Chad Gerrits - Assistant Fire Chief

**25 Years** Michael Frank - Patrol

## **PROPERTY TAXES**

If you didn't pay your property taxes in full, don't forget the second installment is due by July 31. These can be paid online (<u>here</u>) or at the Outagamie County Treasurer Office. All past due property taxes incur interest at a 12% Annual percent Rate (APR).

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Don't miss this great events:

- Live! from Hydro Park Concert Series is held on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30pm, through August 2nd
- Kaukauna Pool closes August 6
- Library School Supply Drive August 10 from 9:00am 8:00pm
- Grignon Mansion Car Show August 13 from 10:00am 3:00pm
- Library Fairy Walk at 1000 Islands August 21 from 5:00pm -7:30pm
- Kaukauna Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 7:30am noon, through October 14th

## SUPPORT THE AQUATIC CENTER

Be a part of KAUKAUNA PRIDE for generations to come and support the new Aquatic Center! Features will include a splash pad, mini golf course, aqua climbing wall, enclosed 190-foot water slide, and so much more! All gifts are appreciated!

- Donations of \$1,000 or more are recognized on the donor wall.
- Donations of \$1,000 of more can be paid over the course of five years.

To DONATE TODAY, contact Terri Vosters, Community Enrichment and Recreation Director: 920.766.6335 or tvosters@kaukauna.gov.

More information on our website here.



August Calendar Photo Submitted by Corrina Smet

## **PLEASE TRIM YOUR TREES**

City ordinance requires that tree limbs and branches are to be kept trimmed to provide a minimum of 8' 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.

## **PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

On February 21, 2018, the Common Council adopted Street Sweeping and Fall Leaf Pickup parking restrictions for all residential streets. The parking restrictions will be in effect on your regular garbage collection day from April 1st through the Friday before Thanksgiving. Hours of enforcement are 7:00am -3:00pm on residential streets.

### **NOXIOUS WEEK ORDINANCE**

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.

## UPDATES FROM THE PLANNING DEPT.

- Renew Kaukauna Program has been approved: this ARPA and Redevelopment Authority Program seeks to improve the downtown and provide forgivable loans to historic buildings in the City's commercial core.
- Looking for artists: if you are an artist with experience in murals, please contact the City of Kaukauna Planning Department. The City is looking to help fund murals within the downtown and uptown districts.
- Legacy Creekside Apartments have begun construction: a 175-unit apartment complex, consisting of five buildings spanning over 11 acres of land. Buildings are three-story, with central, upper-floor units having a fourth-floor mezzanine space. Ample parking will also be available onsite, including stalls and detached garage space. Units will be market rate.
- Code Enforcement has officially updated its software with Cloud Permit which allows the City to better track and enforce code complaints.
- The old Library, The Carnegie Building, has been converted into a mixed-use facility with eight apartments and one commercial space. The building has gained occupancy from the City and will start leasing soon.
- The City is currently in the process of replacing all of the wayfinding signs throughout the City. The new signs will be installed throughout the summer and feature the new logo and City branding.



September Calendar Photo Submitted by Tim Harvey