

# WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

January, February, March



As we head into the new year, be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events in our community.

## Upcoming events:

- Nomination papers for local offices due Tuesday, January 2nd by 5:00pm
- Kaukauna Library closed on January 12th for staff training
- Eagle Days at 1000 Islands Saturday, January 27th from 7:00am-5:00pm
- First installment or full amount of taxes due on Wednesday, January 31st
- Primary Election (if necessary) Tuesday, February 20th - polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- Daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 10th
- Pancake and Porkie Breakfast at 1000 Islands Saturday, March 16th from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Dog licenses due on March 31st



## CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Join our team and make a difference in our community! Applications for crossing guards can be found on our website: [www.kaukauna.gov](http://www.kaukauna.gov). Apply today!

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## NO LARGE/IRREGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP UNTIL APRIL

Large and irregular waste, brush, and white goods will be collected once per month from April-October. No large and irregular or brush collection will occur in January, February, March, November, or December. White goods will still be collected during these off months by appointment. Questions can be directed to the Street Department 920.766.6337.

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## WINTER PROGRAMS

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



*January Calendar Photo Submitted by Adam Jackson*

# CONSIDER OUR CODE

*A message from Kevin W. Davidson, Kaukauna City Attorney:*

The City of Kaukauna employs a Code Enforcement Officer who addresses citizen concerns with various code violations found on properties throughout the community. One can readily observe many of these violations, such as vehicles parked on lawns, untrimmed trees and shrubs encroaching on public sidewalks, storage of junk and debris, structures dilapidated or in disrepair, storage of trailers and commercial vehicles on residential streets –and the list goes on.

I encourage all citizens to “Consider Our Code.” The Municipal Code is your City’s set of laws, and it covers all of those items mentioned above.

While the general public typically has very little interaction with the City Attorney’s Office, on any given day we are busy addressing issues that impact our citizens, businesses, property owners, and visitors to our great City. One of the many roles that the City Attorney is responsible for is assisting City staff and departments in upholding and enforcing our Municipal Code. The Municipal Code has been enacted and amended by your elected alderpersons over the many years since Kaukauna first incorporated as a City under the laws of the State of Wisconsin in 1885. Our Municipal Code is a set of laws created to protect and balance the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders in a civilized urban setting, to create a safe, peaceable and orderly City for all.

Violations of the code can result in citations, orders to remove or abate violating conditions, and additional financial penalties for failure to comply. These unfortunate results can be avoided if we all consider our community and our neighbors and take a moment to Consider our Code.

Citizens can review the Kaukauna Municipal Code [here](#).



## FOURTH QUARTER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 1 Year

Wyatt Gezella - Fire Department  
Michael Schmidt - Crossing Guard  
Tim Taplin - Information Technology

### 5 Years

Mary Eanes - Library On-Call

### 10 Years

Brian Inocelda - Fire Department  
Nicholas Ziegler - Fire Department

### 15 Years

Adam VanderHyden - Police Department

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## STRING LIGHT RECYCLING

Not sure what to do with string lights that you don't want, or they stopped working? Please do not throw string lights in the trash or put them in your curbside recycle bin. 1000 Islands accepts them and 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 of the Nature Center building.

1000 Islands Environmental Center is located at 1000 Beaulieu Ct., Kaukauna. Please call 920.766.7433 with questions. Thank you for recycling your string lights.

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## WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE

Winter parking ordinance is in effect from December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024. No parking on City streets between 2:00am - 6:00am.

# CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

A carbon monoxide (CO) incident can happen year-round. However, a large percentage of incidents occur in winter months. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels like gasoline, wood, or natural gas burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment can generate deadly carbon monoxide. We strongly advise all community members to install CO alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.

- Choose CO alarms listed by a qualified testing laboratory and install them per the manufacturer's instructions. Consider interconnected alarms, or combination smoke/CO detectors so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test CO alarm batteries monthly and replace alarms as needed.
- If an alarm sounds, immediately move outside and stay there until emergency crews say it's safe to re-enter. Make sure everyone in the house is accounted for.
- Never run vehicles or engines indoors, even with garage doors open. Make sure vehicle exhaust pipes are not blocked by snow.
- Keep dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace vents clear of snow after storms.
- Only use generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas, away from home air intakes.
- Grills can produce CO so only use them outside.

We urge community members to learn the sources and signs of CO buildup. Reach out to the Kaukauna Fire Department for help installing or obtaining your CO alarm. Working smoke and CO detectors save lives by warning residents about accumulating carbon monoxide.



February Calendar Photo Submitted by Destini Beach

## VOTING INFORMATION

Important dates:

February 6th - 16th: Early voting for Spring Primary - *if needed* (Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm)

February 20th: Spring Primary - *if needed* (polls open from 7:00am - 8:00pm)

March 19th - 29th: Early voting (Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm)

April 2nd: Spring Election (polls open from 7:00am - 8:00pm)

If you have any questions, please contact our City Clerk's office at 920.766.6300.

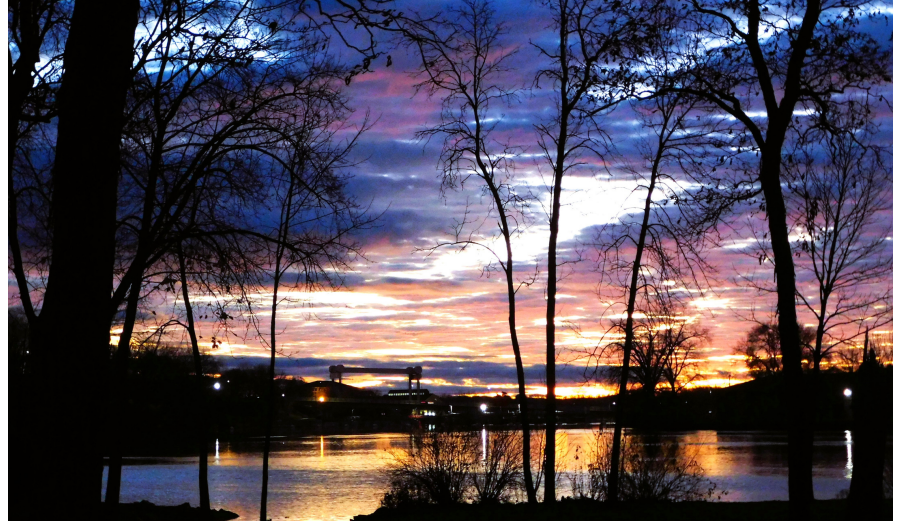
## COME WORK WITH US!

The City of Kaukauna has excellent employment opportunities waiting for you! [Visit our website](#) for current openings!

## CHRISTMAS TREE BRUSH COLLECTION

A special Christmas tree brush collection will be held during the week of January 8th and January 15th on your garbage day.

If there are any questions, call the Street Department office at 920.766.6337.



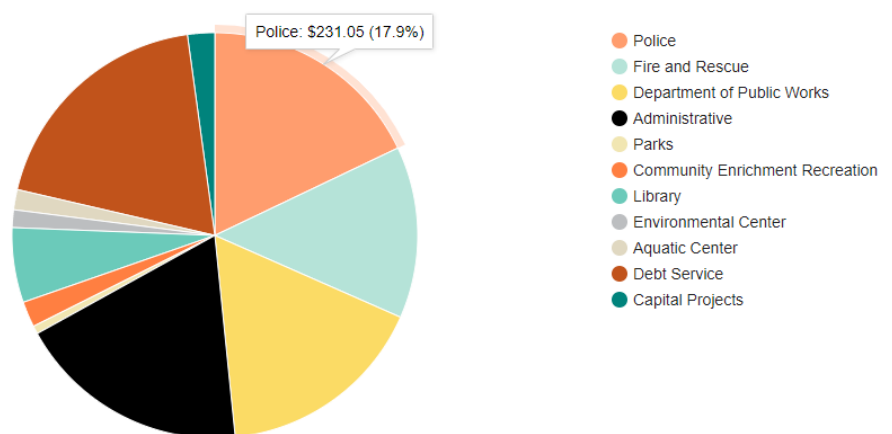
*March Calendar Photo Submitted by Allison Mischler*

# TAX BILL AND WIDGET

As a reminder, full payment, or the first installment is due January 31st, 2023. Further information on property taxes and payment options available on our website here - <https://kaukauna.gov/2023/12/06/property-tax-information/>

Curious how your tax dollars are allocated? Check out our new website widget – the Tax Bill Breakdown - for an in-depth breakdown of where your taxes are being utilized. <https://kaukauna.gov/departments/finance/tax-bill-breakdown/>

Example breakdown of City services on a tax bill:



## 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.

## REGISTRATION SOFTWARE SYSTEM CHANGE

The Community Enrichment, Recreation, and Streets & Parks Department changed registration software systems on December 12, 2023. All households were merged. Please bear with us while we navigate this transition. If there are any questions, please call 920.766.6335.

## LOTTERY CREDIT

If you owned your home on January 1, 2023, 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, 2024.

# SNOW GUIDELINES

Please keep in mind the following guidelines regarding snow removal:

- 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 Superintendent regarding what your hardship was for not having cleared your sidewalk/crosswalk. In the event your appeal is unresolved, notify the Street 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 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 a mailbox will get damaged when clearing the streets. Please double check your mailbox placement and make sure they are within specifications noted by the USPS. If your mailbox is damaged during snow removal operations, please call the Street Department at 920.766.6337.

