

SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

April, May, June



Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events in our community:

Upcoming events:

- *Election Day*: Tuesday, April 2, polls open 7:00am-8:00pm
- *Spring tire pick-up (4 tires max)*: April 8-11 on your garbage collection day
- *Large & irregular garbage (5 items max) and brush pick-up*: April 15-18 on your garbage collection day
- *Electronics Recycling Event at Kaukauna Utilities*: April 20, 8:00am-11:00am
- *Spring clean up #1*: April 22-25 (yard waste bags)
- *Library spring book sale*: April 27, 29-30, May 1-4
- *Large & irregular garbage (5 items max) and brush pick-up*: May 13-16 on your garbage collection day
- *Open House at Kaukauna Police Department*: May 15, 5:00pm-6:30pm
- *Nature's Images Spring Art Fair at 1000 Islands*: May 19, 9:00am-3:00pm
- *Spring clean up #2*: May 20-23 (yard waste bags)
- *Memorial Day May 27*: all municipal buildings closed
- *Library Summer Learning Program* begins June 3
- *First Live! from Hydro and Farmers Market*: June 5, 5:30pm-8:30pm
- *Large & irregular garbage (5 items max) and brush pick-up*: June 10-13 on your garbage collection day

COME WORK WITH US!

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT AT KAUKAUNA UTILITIES

300 Island Street, Kaukauna - enter from Elm Street

Kaukauna Utilities and the City of Kaukauna are hosting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, April 20, at the Kaukauna Utilities Warehouse Facility at 300 Island Street from 8:00am - 11:00am. Event details and types of electronic items that will be accepted are available [here](#).

RENEW KAUKAUNA

A Downtown Redevelopment and Beautification Assistance Program

What is available?

- Beautification
 - Murals
 - Projecting Signs
 - Planters
- Façade Renewal
- Interior Renovations

Click the link above or scan the QR code for more information.



April Calendar Photo Submitted by Emily Ashley

SUMMER HOURS

Following a successful pilot program last year, summer hours have been implemented annually at some municipal facilities. Facilities implementing summer hours include the Municipal Services Building and the Street, Park, and Recreation (SPaR) office.

Municipal Services Building and SPaR office hours from May 30 - September 4, 2024 will be as follows:

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

This summer schedule allows residents the opportunity to take care of business in the early AM hours while also providing more flexibility for staff. 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:

[Disposal Site Access Card Renewal](#)

[Building Permits](#)

[Dog Licenses](#)

[Parking Tickets](#)

[Recreation Program Registration](#)

[Additional Licenses and Permits](#)

The purchase of new Disposal Site cards and White Goods Collection stickers must be made at the SPaR office at 207 Reaume Avenue during business hours. Please review our [Public Works Services](#) page for additional information.

Direct contact information for each City department is available here - kaukauna.gov/contact/. If you're unsure of who to contact, please refer to our ["Who to Call" List](#).

FIRST QUARTER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

First quarter 2024 service anniversaries are listed below. Congratulations and thank you for your exemplary service!

1 Year

Sue Hagens - School Patrol
Dafina Hidri - Library
Tayler Lentz - Community Enrichment
Trevor Prusinski - Fire Department POC
Kyle Reif - Fire Department POC
Ada Schaefer - Police Department
Tom Self - Fire Department POC
Jean Semenuk - Clerk of Courts
Cory Swedberg - Fire Department POC

5 Years

Wes Hietpas - Street Department
Keith Romenesko - Fire Department POC
Logan Vanhoff - Street Department

10 Years

Jon Novak - Fire Department POC
Justin Uitenbroek - Fire Department POC

15 Years

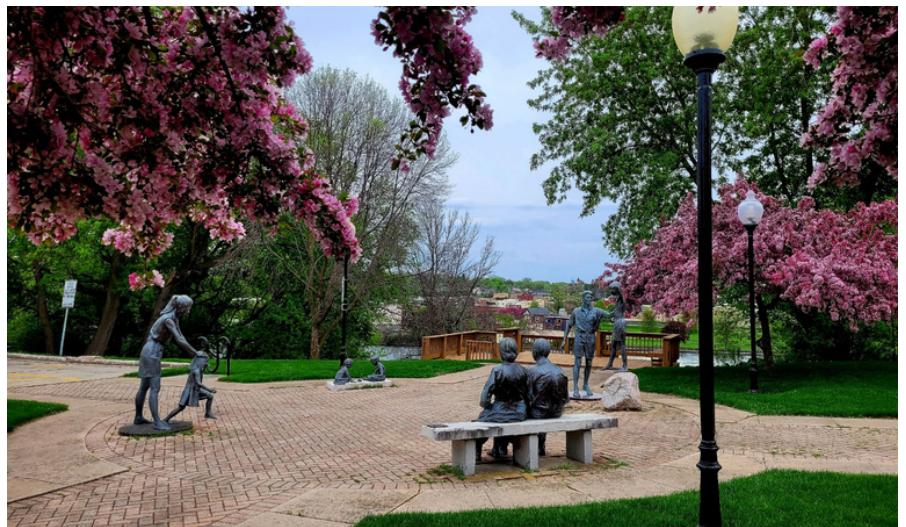
Cody Foss - Fire Department

25 Years

Sue Meyer - Library

SUMMER REC GUIDE

The summer 2024 recreation guide is now available. Please visit our website [here](#) to see the variety of recreational opportunities the City of Kaukauna Recreation Department offers.



May Calendar Photo Submitted by Cindy Specht

LARGE/IRREGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP

Large/irregular garbage pick-up is collected during the second full week of the months of April - October.

Not more than five (5) large and irregular items may be placed by a residential property. Each individual piece of furniture, other items not in your cart, or 30-gallon containers that weigh no more than 50 pounds with material not more than 48" tall/long, count as one (1) item each. White goods must have pre-paid stickers from the Street Department and *do not* count as one of your 5 items. Questions can be directed to the Street Department 920.766.6337.



UNACCEPTABLE



ACCEPTABLE



SPRING PROGRAMS

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

TIRE COLLECTION

The City of Kaukauna will be conducting spring tire collection the week of **April 8-11, 2024** on your normal garbage collection day.

Kaukauna Street Department will collect of **maximum of four (4) tires** from residential customers only, **rims must be removed**. Tires still mounted on rims will not be picked up.

WHITE GOODS POLICY

All major appliances must have a sticker before being placed out for collection. Stickers can be purchased at the Street, Park, and Recreation (SPaR) office at 207 Reaume Avenue.

- 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 920.766.6337 with any questions.

SPRING CLEANING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Inside the home:

- Test all home smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
 - Remember to change the batteries once a year.
 - Replace any detector greater than ten years old.
 - Clean any dust or debris from around the detector.
- Clean debris from clothes dryer lint trap and clean all exhaust ducts.
 - All vent pipes should be cleaned at least once per year as lint buildup can start a fire. Consider hiring a professional if this is beyond your comfort level.
 - Remove any combustibles from around the dryer, such as boxes or cleaning supplies.
- Review or implement a home escape plan.
 - Draw a floor plan with TWO ways out of each room. Make sure an emergency meeting place is also a part of your plan.
 - Make sure each person in the house is aware of the plan and has an accessible escape route.
 - Do a couple practice runs of the plan.

Outside the home:

- Inspect and clean your grill.
 - Clean and remove any grease, fat, or rust buildup from the winter.
 - Inspect any gas/propane connections or hoses are in good condition and have no leaks.
 - Make sure your grill is in an open area away from combustibles and at least 10 feet away from your house. According to NFPA, grill fires cause nearly 9,000 home fires every year.
- Remove dead leaves and other yard waste from around your foundation, decks, porches, and stairs.
 - Spring is an especially dry time of year in Wisconsin, a small spark can start a brush fire and spread quickly.
 - If you plan to burn your brush, a burn permit is required and can be obtained at the Kaukauna fire station.
- Properly use and store gasoline.
 - Only store gasoline in approved gas containers that are sold for that purpose. Never bring gasoline inside the house, even in small amounts.
 - Never store gasoline containers in a basement or other living space. Keep them in detached garages or outdoor sheds.



MOVING TO WEDNESDAYS!

June 5 - August 28
4:30 pm to 8:00 pm & Sept. 4 - Sept. 25
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

BRUSH ORDINANCE

Brush collection is during the second full week of the months of April - October.

- Must be a minimum of 2' and a maximum of 6' in length. Brush 2'-4' 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" in diameter. Side branches on 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.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark your calendars! The Kaukauna Police Department will be having an open house on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Hope to see you there!



June Calendar Photo Submitted by Barb Buechel

DISPOSAL SITE CARD RENEWAL

Online renewal is available to City of Kaukauna residents who have previously purchased a Disposal Site card. **New card purchases must be done at the SPaR office located at 207 Reaume Avenue.**

To renew your Disposal Site Card online, please follow these steps:

Click [here](#) to go to the Disposal Site Renewal page.

- Select the black shopping basket icon to add to your cart.

Disposal Site Renewal Card				
Description	Valid For	Ages	Price	
 Disposal Site Renewal Card			\$25.00/\$25.00	Item Details

- When prompted, log in to your Recreation Department account or click "Forgot Password?" and follow the prompts to receive a password.
- Select "Checkout" in the upper right corner of your desktop screen. (If using mobile, select the three lines in the upper left and then select "Checkout.")
- Patrons must enter the 5-digit number located on the front of the existing card to complete transaction.
 - Card style #1 - XXX XXXXX XXXXXX
 - Card style #2 - XXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX X
- Expiration date will be 365 days from the original expiration date. Cards renewed after the original expiration date will be active 365 days from date of renewal.

***Please Note - Card activation for online renewal purchase may take up to two weeks from date of purchase. If the card has not reached its original expiration date yet, it is still active.

If you have questions, please contact the Street Department at 920.766.6337.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Week #1 - April 22-25, 2024

Week #2 - May 20-23, 2024

Leaves, garden debris, small sticks, and twigs **MUST** be in a Yard Master or equal 2-ply Kraft paper compost bag that are designed for yard waste disposal. These bags can be purchased at local hardware and grocery stores. Additionally, residents can use open containers with handles, no larger than 30 gallons, and not weighing more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags, grocery bags, and cardboard boxes containing yard waste will not be collected.

HOMEOWNERS USING HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Any homeowners planning a construction project within the City limits should be advised of the following City policies:

- Any contractor doing new or replacement work is required to remove and dispose of all construction debris at their expense. This includes tree removal and trimming.
- A homeowner using heavy equipment (backhoe, high lift, tractor, skid steer, etc.) is considered a contractor. Therefore, they are responsible for debris removal. The City will not pick up this debris.

MOVE BEYOND NO MOW MAY

MOVE BEYOND NO MOW MAY TO SUPPORT POLLINATORS ALL SUMMER LONG AND BEYOND!

Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other small mammals, are responsible for 1 of every 3 bites of food you eat. Without these pollinators, our food systems as well as our natural ecosystems are in trouble. Although more research needs to be done to fully understand the decline of pollinator populations including the causes and effects, it is important to take action now to better support our pollinators.

The City of Kaukauna and 1000 Islands Environmental Center are promoting pollinator friendly actions that anyone can take part in to create pollinator friendly yards. Visit <https://1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.org/conservation/slow-mow-summer/> for steps that you can take throughout the growing season to create better habitat for bees and other pollinators.

TIPS FOR HEALTHY LAWNS AND WATERS

ARE YOU TIRED OF GREEN PONDS, RIVERS AND LAKES IN WISCONSIN? HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR HEALTHY LAWNS AND WATERS

- When you mow your yard, please do not mow the grass clippings into the street or gutter. Please take a little extra time to clean up property after you mow.
- Grass clippings in the street are being washed down the storm sewers and will end up in area lakes and rivers where they help produce algae blooms.
- Grass clippings contain phosphorus, the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. Grass clippings from actively growing lawns have four to five times more phosphorus content than fallen autumn tree leaves.
- One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain 0.1 lbs of phosphorus—enough to produce 30 to 50 pounds of algae growth as it finds its way to a pond, lake, or river.
- When mowing, grass clippings should be directed away from the street, driveways, sidewalks, or other paved areas and waters. Curbside storm sewers can transport grass clippings (along with other street debris and dirt) to nearby lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

