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From Our Staff to Your Home

What a great city we live in! Our fall-winter newsletter is a great example of the amazing partnerships we have in this community. Check out Parks news to see the work that our community has done in partnership with our Parks Department to improve our green spaces.

We care greatly about our lakes and rivers, too. The Wastewater Department shares more exciting news on our watershed protection program and its continued successes.

Development has not slowed down in the city. Check out the exciting news our Planning Department has shared about new development projects.



- David Nold, Mayor

We're getting even more Social! Connect with Us!



Facebook: Tried and true. Find fun stuff, great info and keep up with what's going on in the city. [facebook.com/Oconomowoc.WI](https://www.facebook.com/Oconomowoc.WI)



Instagram: Who doesn't like beautiful photos? Who doesn't like beautiful photos of Oconomowoc? [wi_ocomowoc](https://www.instagram.com/wi_ocomowoc)



Twitter: Loads of info, in shorter format for those of you who like it that way. [@WI_Oconomowoc](https://twitter.com/WI_Oconomowoc)



YouTube: Watch and learn. Watch and enjoy. Just watch. You never know what we'll put up there and where we take our city GoPro next! **Oconomowoc WI**



Snapchat: Our latest social media venture. [WI_Oconomowoc](https://www.snapchat.com/add/WI_Oconomowoc)

Did you know?

- **Reading to your child matters:** Research shows that reading is the single most important activity to support language development, and helps build a strong foundation for future success in school. Our librarians are happy to help you find great books for your child!

Get to know your Library!

- Just bring your identification/proof of address to the checkout desk to get your library card. Kids signing up for their first library card receive a complementary wallet, courtesy of the Friends of the Oconomowoc Public Library!
- Is the library's copy of the book you want checked out to someone else? Simply place a hold via the library's online catalog, or by visiting or calling the library's reference desk.



Local teens learn about fencing at the library with Joseph Biebel of Milwaukee Sport Fencing Academy. The library goes beyond the books with many great hands-on programs. Check out the website to find out more about them.

What's New at the Library?

Did you know you can search for more than books and movies on the library's online catalog? Check out these resources.

- **JobNow:** Free career preparation assistance, live interview coaching, resume assistance, career guidance, and more.
- **Gale Courses:** Free, online, 6-week instructor-led courses teach computer programming, business management, personal finance, resume writing, cooking and more.
- **Access Consumer Reports, Morningstar** (investment research tool), genealogy, and homework resources online using your library card.

Watershed Progress, Education, and Fun on our Lakes



The Oconomowoc River Watershed Protection Program (OWPP) is ramping up and logging successes, and we're having fun while doing it.

We had a great turn out at informational meetings in February and March and we have 22 nutrient retention projects under way throughout the watershed. Projects include wetland restoration, buffer strips, cover crops, scrapes and re-forestation. They will function as means to keep phosphorus and sediment on the land and out of the waterways and as a result, help protect the water quality. You are wondering what these terms mean. A buffer is a strip of land along a stream, river, or lake that is left to grow uncut.

A "scrape" is exactly as it sounds. On a farm field where the soil is generally wet and sometimes caused by a natural spring, a farmer can literally scrape out the soil down to 3 or 4 feet. It is then planted with plants that thrive in the wet environment. A scrape takes marginal agricultural area out of production and creates wildlife habitat.

On July 16 we held our second annual Paddle Event on Fowler Lake. We presented an update on the watershed and monitoring by volunteers, and took a tour around the perimeter of the lake to discuss features that help or hinder water quality. We also discussed the pollinator habitat and the plight of the Monarch butterfly.

Our program also includes taking care of our lakes and on June 17 we held our first Healthy Lakes Conference. The day long event included speakers on the watershed, shoreline management, invasives, and fisheries.

For more information, contact the Wastewater Department.

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

(262) 569-2199 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/parks

When Can You Reserve That Park Shelter?



Parks are a great place to host any social gathering. Dates for the reservable shelters in the city fill up fast. If you want to ensure that you get the date you want for your event, make sure to reserve early.

Reservations for parks shelters are taken the first business day of the New Year which will be Jan. 3, 2017. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, located in the Community Center, will begin taking reservations at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

We accept check or cash only for park reservations. You will need to complete an application and pay for your rental in full to reserve the shelter. For more information on park rentals, and to download a park rental policy, go to www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/parks

Shelters with amenities are available at:

Fowler Park Shelter

Holds 125 guests
\$100/day

Roosevelt

Volleyball Shelter

Holds 40 guests
\$100/day

Riverside Park Shelter

Holds up to 40 guests
\$75/day

Roosevelt Park Shelter

Holds up to 200 guests
\$100-\$200/day

Roosevelt Picnic Areas

Hold up to 150 guests
\$25/day

*Price doesn't include tax.
Amenities vary at each
location to include electric,
water, restrooms, picnic
tables, grills, trash cans*

Community Support for Our Parks

Thanks to a \$3,500 donation from the Oconomowoc Rotary the city purchased and planted 17 flowering trees along East Wisconsin Avenue.



Pictured, (from left), Rotarians Sarah Dahlke, Ed Johnson and Mike Herro; (kneeling), Parks and Forestry Superintendent, Bryan Spencer and Parks Director John Kelliher; (standing), Rotarian Bill Lentz, Parks Foreman, John Dudley, Arborist Nathan Austin and Rotarian incoming president Glenn Hanon.



The Oconomowoc Breakfast Kiwanis worked with students from Silver Lake and Nature Hill Middle Schools and the Parks and Forestry Department to clear nearly a quarter-mile of brush and trees to open walking trails at Oerding Park. The students will do similar work at Nature Hill park. Thanks to joint efforts like these, people can better enjoy time spent outside in our beautiful parks!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(262) 569-2185 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/economicdev

Help Businesses Weather Road Construction Stop and Shop on Highway 67

Before, during and following any type of road or other public improvement construction project businesses are impacted either directly or indirectly.

What can residents, visitors and other businesses do to support businesses impacted by road construction?

Although infrastructure investment is necessary and often a long-term benefit for businesses, data does indicate businesses are impacted before, during and after construction projects but the degree to which they are impacted is varied.

Make it a point to try to shop at these businesses during the construction period. They need customer support more than ever. These are the locally owned businesses in the Highway 67/Summit Avenue corridor who are trying to conduct business as usual with work zones out front.

When you have a need for goods and services - remember those businesses, particularly those located within construction zones, which need to fiscally sustain themselves despite on-going construction projects in close proximity.

Take extra care while driving through construction zones to ensure the safety of the workers. Additionally, construction changes will occur - remain cognizant of construction equipment, reflectors, cones, barricades and lane markings.

This summer, invite out of town relatives/friends to the community and make a point to patronize some businesses impacted by road construction and after shopping enjoy a meal afterwards.

Your continued support of our local O'conomy is appreciated.



Then & Now: Construction to Prosperity



These two photos show Wisconsin Avenue looking from the same location during the road reconstruction in 2008 and today. We are celebrating a continued revival of downtown with 99% occupancy of downtown buildings.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

(262) 569-2166 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/planning

The City is Abuzz with New Projects

Development Update

- *The Glen of Oconomowoc* – Condos on Lisbon Road
- *Pine Ridge Estates* – Single-family homes, Lisbon Road
- *Prairie Creek Ridge* – Single-family homes, Lake Drive
- *Shorehaven* – Expansion, W. Wisconsin Avenue
- *Retreat at Prairie Creek* – Apartments on Lisbon Road
- *Lexington Square* – Apartments on Snyder Way
- *View at Pine Ridge, Phase II* - Elderly Care, Lisbon Road



First Bank Financial Centre Garage, Under Construction



Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bell Tower, Rendering

Recently Approved Businesses

The City continues to fill vacant buildings with new businesses. Here is a sample of recently approved businesses.

- *Paddleboard Specialists* – 1217 W. Wisconsin Avenue
- *Buena Vista Bar & Grill* – 685 E. Valley Road
- *KatDawgs* – 419 W. Wisconsin Avenue
- *Hammer Down* – 128 Silver Lake Plaza
- *Guardian Software* – 109 S. Concord Road
- *Raw Beauty Salon* – 211 W. Second Street



Lutheran Homes of Oconomowoc (Shorehaven) Expansion, Rendering



Parc at Lac La Belle, Rendering

Interested in a Home Based Business?

Referred to as "Home Occupations," the City allows residents to work from their homes, without approvals or permits, as long as they comply with the following:

- Cannot occupy more than 50% of the home floor area.
- Only one (1) person other than those living in the home may be employed in the home occupation.
- Shall not serve more than one (1) client at a time
- Any traffic generated by the home occupation shall be minimal and normal for a residential neighborhood.
- No outdoor storage is permitted.
- It may have one (1) non-illuminated sign not exceeding two (2) square feet in area (sign permit required).
- Cannot create a nuisance (noise, odor, vibrations, etc.)

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

(262) 569-2196 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/utilities

Play it Safe

Use Caution if You See Orange Flags or Cones

Play it safe, use extra caution when you see orange flags or cones.

While summer is prime time for road construction, fall is a good time for the Electric Utility staff to trim tree branches away from overhead power lines.

The Water Utility crews will also be out doing fall hydrant flushing.

Please use extra caution when you see the City trucks, as the crews will be working close by.



Protection and Prevention

Ensure your water pipes are ready for winter

As much as we don't want to think about winter already, unpredictable weather can sneak up and wreak havoc on unprepared water pipes.

To keep your water flowing, follow these tips prior to freezing weather:

- Disconnect and drain hoses from outside faucets.
- Turn off and drain irrigation systems and backflow assemblies.
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces, such as garages, crawl spaces and attics.
- Show household members how to turn off water to the house in case of emergency.

Now That's a Bright Idea

This December Oconomowoc Utilities will again be sponsoring a Holiday Light exchange.

Oconomowoc Utilities customers can bring in 3 canned goods for the food pantry and receive a new strand of LEDs. Bring your donation and a paid Oconomowoc Utilities bill to City Hall during normal business hours and we'll give you a new strand of LEDs for free.



Available Utility Billing Programs

Budget Billing

Oconomowoc Utilities budget billing program allows you to even out your electric charges over the course of a year to a fixed amount per month based on your average monthly charges.

With this payment plan, you will not experience a high bill that surprises you in the months you use more electricity allowing you to more easily budget.

The shortage/overage is reconciled once per year. For more information call (262) 569-3239.

Green Power

Go green powering up in your home or business with energy produced by renewable resources. "Blocks" of renewable energy are offered for an additional \$3.00 (300 kWh per block). For information call (262) 569-2198.

ACH Automatic Payment

This is a free service that allows you to have your monthly payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write, no more trips to drop off payments or money spent on postage. To sign up download an application from the Utilities page on the city website, or call (262) 569-2198.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(262) 569-2189 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/dpw

Allen Road Project Means an Improved Road and Multi-Use Path

Construction began in August for reconstruction of Allen Road. The 8-week project will include realigning the Concord/Allen Road intersection, replacing the worn asphalt surface and widening the street to provide two 14-foot drive lanes with curb and gutter on each side.

Storm sewer will be added in two areas for improved drainage and a multi-use path will be constructed on the south side of the street between Jonathan Drive and Majestic View Lane. The path will cross over to the north side and continue up to Concord Road. This one-half mile of reconstruction is anticipated to cost \$841,000.00.

In addition to the work along Allen Road, the project will also include the installation of a multi-use path along Concord Road from Hickory Creek Drive to Aepler Way. This path, in addition to the one being installed along Allen Road, would greatly enhance the ability for pedestrians to travel from the adjacent subdivisions to the downtown and other areas of the City. The total cost of this 1,700 feet of multi-use path along Concord Road is \$89,100.00.



Seconds count. After a snowfall remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home. The home you save when an emergency happens could be your own!

Don't forget - Electronics Recycling Dec. 10

The next City electronics recycling event is 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at 630 S. Worthington Street.

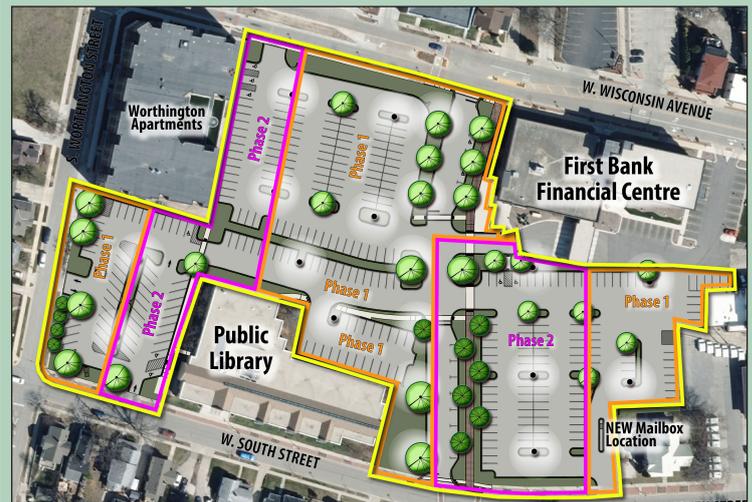
Drop off: Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, microwaves, washer/dryers, stoves, dishwashers, computer monitors, keyboards, laptops, cell phones, telephones, DVD and VCRs and more for no fee. Television sets and CRT computer monitors can be dropped off for a fee.

There are other recycling events before Dec. 10, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

Construction Underway for Parking Lot

You've likely noticed all the construction activity on the Westside of Downtown by City Beach, Community Center, and the Public Library.

The City has partnered with First Bank Financial Centre to bring more parking to the downtown. The project has two phases and is set for completion in October. Church Street was closed and that will now be an access point to the parking lot.



Household Hazardous Waste

The next household hazardous waste drop off is 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 10 at 630 Worthington Street. Generally waste is considered hazardous if it is: ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or contains toxic chemicals and has labels: Caution, Poison, Warning, Danger, Flammable, etc. Visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling or call (262)896-8302 for more information.

Please Do Not Recycle Propane Tanks

Do not recycle propane tanks of any size even if they are empty! Placing these items inside a recycling bin or trash can is hazardous to you and to the workers.

Go to http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/product_disp/ to find information on where to take it. Propane tanks are under the Household tab.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

(262) 569-2196 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/utilities

Utility Scams Catch Customers Off Guard

Oconomowoc Utilities warns customers to be wary of callers who claim to be from the utility requesting immediate payment for a bill or meter.

In one instance in Wisconsin, a caller told a small business owner that he had to pay a \$499 deposit that was past due for a new meter – or have his electricity shut off. What's more, the caller asked that the business owner buy a prepaid debit card to make the payment.

These scams take advantage of business owners by calling them at busy times. In other instances, scammers target residential customers, claiming that the household is behind on its electricity bill and needs to pay up now, or that a meter is malfunctioning and could put people at risk.

"These scammers prey upon people's fears," said Utility Accounting Manager, John Schuh. "They can also seem legitimate in many ways. For example, they can program a Caller ID so that the call appears to originate from the utility's area code."

Oconomowoc Utilities Reminds Customers:

- The utility will not demand immediate payment over the phone. Customers with an overdue balance receive a disconnection notice well before action is taken.
- Customers need not provide personal financial information over the phone – such as a checking or credit card account number or a Social Security number – to enroll in any kind of program or pay off a balance.
- The utility does not ask that customers make payments to purchase or repair electric meters.

If in doubt, call customer service at (262) 569-2198.



Stay Informed

Sign-up for email and text alerts from our Events Calendar and News and Announcements directly from our website through: 'Notify Me:'

<http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/list.aspx>

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

(262) 569-2170 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/finance

Split Up Your Property Tax Payments

The City of Oconomowoc offers property owners the option to split property tax payments into three installments with due dates of January 31st, April 30th, and July 31st.

Property taxes can be paid with cash or check in person at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8am to 5 pm, and a drop box is available outside the police main entrance for payments outside regular business hours. Additionally taxes may be mailed in, and will be considered timely if the payment is postmarked on or before the due date and received within 5 business days of the due date. Online payment options are available through Waukesha County, however a convenience fee may be applied.

If payment is not received by the due dates the entire balance becomes immediately due and is subject to interest and penalties.

CITY CLERK

(262) 569-2175 • www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/elections

Are You Registered to Vote?

Save time on Election Day by Registering before you go to the Polls. It's easy – you will need an application and an acceptable form of Proof of Residency (showing your name and complete City address) in order to register.

Applications are available on the City's website: <http://www.oconomowoc-wi.gov/104/Am-I-Registered> or come to City Hall.

- Don't forget a Photo ID is required to vote.

View Election Results Online

Federal, State and County Election Official Results: After the Polls close on Election Day (8 PM), you can view federal, state and county election results online.

Go to Waukesha County's Website to find County-wide results: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/OfficialElectionResults/>