

**City
Manager's
Report
July 17, 2023**



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN



Photo by Phil Rohrer

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B. Status Update/Reports

1. Staffing Updates

Ongoing Recruitments:

Police Officer – Conditional Offer to Candidate

Temporary Custodian and Grounds Maintenance Worker - Accepting Applications

Firefighter/Paramedic – Selection from PFC-approved finalist pool pending



Promotions:

Fire Assistant Chief – Selection made and approved by PFC; public announcement pending

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Great day, great turnout at dedication of the Schmitt Brothers Stage in Central Park West, July 15



Schmitt Family gathers to dedicate the new Schmitt Brothers Stage.



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Clockwise from Above:

- Huge crowd filled the park for the dedication ceremony and performances
- Former GB Mayor Jim Schmitt, son of quartet member Jim, presented plaques to Toni Schmitt, wife of Joe, and to his mother Mary Ann Schmitt, wife of Jim
- Jim Schmitt presents a plaque to City Manager Greg Buckley, in appreciation for the City's partnership in the stage project



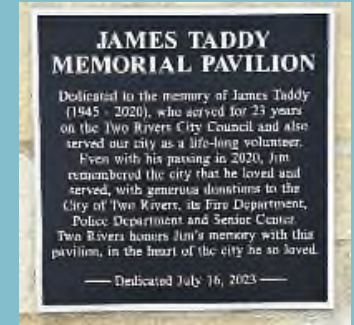
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Park Dedication: Comments by Planning Committee Co-Chairs Wendy Brandt and Kathy Peterson



Thank-you to project donors:
City Council President
Adam Wachowski,
City Manager Greg Buckley



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Spicy Tie Band, Conga Line, Donor Signage on Park Pavilion



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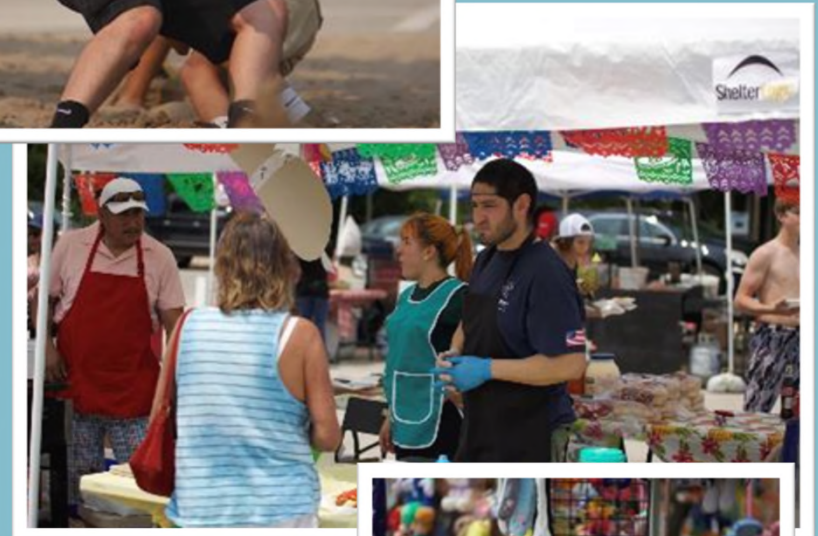
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Fun at the park and at the water feature



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3. Latino-American Beach Festival, July 14-15

Great Crowd,
Great Food,
Music and
Activities at
the Latino-
American
Beach
Festival—
Hoping to
See This
Event Return
in 2024



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4. Lincoln Street Project Update

Project Report 7/17/23 - Lincoln St – Two Rivers: Completion Date Aug. 31 2023

Week of 7/17/23 - Vinton – Grading. start grading operations on July 20 at 17th St.

Week of 7/24/23 - Vinton Grading - Finish grading and graveling operations & concrete -trim, string and prep for paving.

Week of 7/31/23 – Vinton - Concrete paving and hand work continues

Week of 8/7/23 - Vinton – Concrete paving and hand work continues.

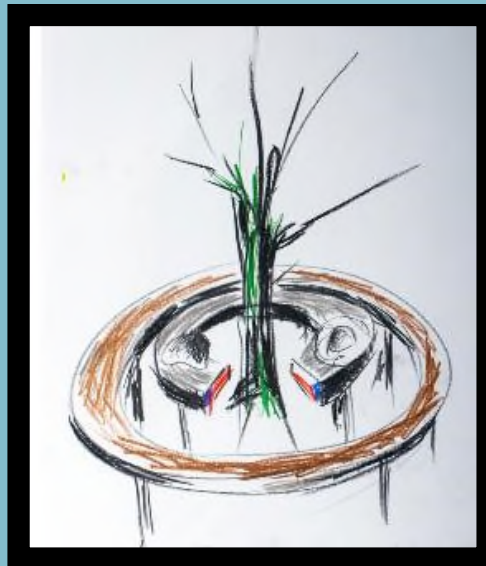


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- 5. Friendship Table Sculpture by Czech Artist Vaclav Fiala

Sunday, August 6, 1:00 PM "Czech Music in the Park" Concert at the new Schmitt Brothers Stage featuring the Two Rivers Community Band, Don Konop Bavarian Band and the Czech Choraliers.

This concert will be the Kick-off Concert for the upcoming September Dedication of the "Friendship Table" sculpture and the Sister City Domazlice Student Exchange. Special Guests: Sculptor Vaclav Fiala and family.



Clockwise from above:
Concept sketch; artist Fiala in his studio; sculpture crated up and en route to Two Rivers



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6. Story Trails at Zander Park and Lester Public Library

StoryWalk®

Lester Public Library Foundation is the recipient of the West Foundation's \$50,000 Directors' Choice Imagining Grant as "a non-profit agency that designs a program or service focused on the arts, culture, or environment in Manitowoc County."

The project will promote early literacy and environmental awareness in partnership with the City of Two Rivers Parks & Recreation Department and the Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve.

StoryWalks® will be erected along the library path and in Zander Park. Grant funds will be used to erect the StoryWalk® structures, and to restore a large portion of Zander Park to the wetland it once was, with a raised boardwalk and natural play features added.



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7. Upcoming Events

a. **Concert in Central Park, July 20, 6:30-8:00 pm, Manitowoc Marine Band**

This extraordinary collaboration has existed since 1898! The band brings together area musicians from high school students to retirees, amateur to professional. Add food vendors, beverage tents and the Craft & Farmers Market for a delightful evening



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b. Really Big Prints, Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, July 19-July 22

A biennial, multi-day, large-scale relief printmaking event.



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c. 44th Annual Two Rivers Fish Derby & Festival

Sportsmen from across the country gather to compete at this annual event. More than \$13,000 in cash and prizes.

Saturday: Festival grounds are open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Bacchus Lotus is on stage 4-8 p.m.

Sunday: Grounds are open noon to 5:30 p.m. Dr.
Bombay performs 1-5 p.m.



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**d. Bryan Lee Memorial Blues Festival, Saturday, July 22, 2023
1:00pm to 8:30pm, Central Park West**

A day of incredible music performed by renowned blues artists from across the country.

Join friends, family and fans at this third annual tribute to "Braille Blues Daddy" Bryan Lee. Enjoy fantastic food and beverages as you celebrate the legend in Two Rivers' newly renovated Central Park West.

The artist, born Brian Leroy Kumbalek in 1943 in Two Rivers, passed away in 2020. He began performing professionally at the age of 13 despite having completely lost his sight by age eight. He was based in New Orleans much of his career and was a fixture on Bourbon Street for decades.



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e. Concert in West Central Park, Two Rivers Community Band Performs Polkas in the Park, Sunday, July 23, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

**It's polka time
in Central Park!**



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**f. Optimist Club Great Bike Give-Away, Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 PM
Walsh Field**

A beloved Two Rivers tradition! Children can win NEW BIKES donated by individuals, businesses and service clubs.

Registration begins at 6 p.m.; drawing starts at 6:30.
Kids ages 2-12 are eligible, and must be present to win.



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g. Two Rivers Snowfest, July 28-30, Neshotah Park

Celebrate snow in July! An incredible musical lineup, and an extensive selection of fantastic food, Wisconsin craft beers and other refreshments, a parade, entertainment for kids and more. A vendor/craft fair, too (11:30-4:30 Saturday and Sunday). New this year: the Snowfest Cornhole Classic on Sunday.

Daily schedule: Friday 5 p.m.-midnight; Saturday 12:30-midnight; and Sunday 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.



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h. National Night Out, August 1, 6:00-8:00 PM, Walsh Field

Meet emergency personnel, play games, and watch live demonstrations!

See TRPD squads; TRPD K9s Xanti and Daisy; TRFD firetruck and ambulance (kids get to spray the fire hose!); Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office Bearcat, K9 and squad; State Patrol squad; Pink Heals firetruck and ambulance; a U.S. Coast Guard boat; a DNR conservation warden boat; and more.

Eagle III lands on the field at 7:15!



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Broadcast every
Thursday at 7:40
AM/1240 AM WOMT
and 10:30 AM 98.1 The
Lake



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Announcement posted by Two Rivers Family Swim Center this past weekend, regarding plans to close current facility at the end of this season, approach the City for help in achieving a new facility



Two Rivers Family Swim Center

Follow Up from Thursday's Meeting

SAVE THE POOL

The TRFSC Board of Directors met this week with a handful of current season pass holders and made the incredibly difficult decision that 2023 will be our last season. For the last 55+ years our establishment has provided families with a fun, safe place to spend time and most importantly to learn water safety.

Our facility has been completely run by our Board of Directors and volunteers. After our recent state inspection, it is becoming more clear that we cannot continue to operate this way. Discussing as a group and the age of the facility, the cost and time of a site plan would only fix a temporary problem when we need a long-term solution. Our facility is old and our end goal is to have a new facility which our Board cannot take on alone.

Our next steps will be to meet with the city to help us in achieving a new facility for our community. Our goal, along with your help, is to show the city how crucial it is to have a community pool for our children to learn to swim in a safe environment, possible tourism attraction, and benefiting our local families.

Join us July 27th at 7:00 pm at our Annual Meeting in the Two Rivers High School Auditorium to discuss and review our current planned presentation for the City Council as well as elections for our three open Board of Director seats. This is a crucial step in our forward progress and we as a community need to come together.

This is our last chance. #SAVETHEPOOL



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C. Legislative/Intergovernmental Update

1. Shared Revenues/State Budget—Staff pursuing more information on matters regarding implementation: “maintenance of effort” on public safety spending, sunseting of personal property tax, etc.
2. State Prison Facilities Status—not addressed in new State Budget; no clear direction on the State's path forward to address outdated and overcrowded facilities in Waupun and Green Bay
3. Other



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