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Moment of Silence

--To show our respect to the drowning victim whose life was lost in the waters of Lake Michigan on Saturday, and to offer our prayers and sympathy to his family, friends and all who mourn his loss.

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1. Staffing Updates

Ongoing Recruitments:

Acting Captain—Assessment Center August 15th
Firefighter/Paramedic—Interviews completed; recommended hire to be presented for Police and Fire Commission approval on August 24.
Public Works Maintenance Worker – Applications due August 25

New Hire:

Santos Torres-Zapien is currently attending law enforcement academy at Wausau Technical College; he will graduate in Mid-December



WE'RE HIRING!

PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

STARTING PAY \$24.00-\$26.22 PER HOUR

Full-Time Benefits Include:

- Comprehensive Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance
- Health insurance opt-out incentive up to \$5,000 annually
- Free family fitness membership at J.E. Hamilton Community House
- 6.8% matching contribution to Wisconsin Retirement System
- Paid vacation, holidays, and personal holidays
- 8 hours of sick leave accrued per month with ability to be accumulated up to 960 hours.



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2. Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project

Main line concrete paving work is completed;
work on intersections, sidewalk replacement (intermittent) underway, sidewalk ramps and driveway approaches being installed.

Anticipate completion by Labor Day, with possible exception of terrace areas.



Lincoln Street utility work, storm sewer installation and grading and gravelling

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3. Story Walk Dedications at
Lester Library and Zander Park

The weather was perfect last Wednesday to celebrate the dedication of the new StoryWalks at the Lester Public Library and Zander Park.
--Thank you to the West Foundation for the Directors' Choice Imagining Grant awarded to the Lester Library Foundation for this project.
--Kudos to our Library, Parks, Public Works and Utilities staff for their great work at both locations.



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4. Neshotah Park Improvements

Site preparation for the new destination playground at Neshotah Park is well underway, including the sidewalk around the perimeter. Installation is expected to begin in September, with a dedication event tentatively set for Saturday morning, October 7.



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The information presented at the last City Council meeting is being included in the next round of City newsletters going out with utility bills.

This information is also being shared on the TR Utilities website and on Facebook.

'Forever Chemicals'

PFAS Explained

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is conducting a statewide investigation into the occurrence of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in drinking water. Wisconsin well water is under threat for PFAS contamination and surface water systems like Two Rivers are under review as detectable amounts have been found in Lake Michigan.

PFAS Sources

PFAS compounds have been manufactured since the 1940's for use in everyday items such as nonstick cookware, water-resistant clothing, and have been used widely in firefighting foams. Our nation is facing challenges related to identifying and managing PFAS in our drinking water. Additional information on this topic can be obtained at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas> and <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/PFAS>.



PFAS Testing Results

In 2023, Two Rivers Waterworks tested for eighteen PFAS substances in our drinking water. Of these eighteen, six were detected at low levels, including:

- perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)
- perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)
- perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)
- perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)
- perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)

PFAS Hazard Index

In order to calculate multiple PFAS substances that occur simultaneously the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends evaluating all PFAS substances in a hazard index. Drinking water may pose a health risk if the hazard index is equal to or above 1. Based on samples taken in (month) 2023, Two Rivers' hazard index was calculated to be 0.268, well below the level of concern.

Additional testing will be conducted throughout 2023. When the results of that testing are received, Two Rivers' hazard index will be re-calculated and the results shared with the community. To learn more about the hazard index visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/chemical/pfas.htm>.



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6. Tourism Activities--Explore Two Rivers, Inc.

Explore Two Rivers was featured in the Wisconsin products pavilion at the Wisconsin State Fair, at the invitation of Travel Wisconsin. They provided an overview of the TR event calendar and shared video footage of our city, our natural settings, our businesses, and events. Executive Director of Explore Two Rivers, Brian Dean was given the stage and provided 30 minutes of Two Rivers folklore and visitor highlights. There were several hundred people in attendance.



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Explore Two Rivers has contracted for time (6 seconds per minute) on a large digital billboard located along northbound I-43 south of Sheboygan, to promote local events and attractions



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7. Sandy Bay Highlands Subdivision

NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT SANDY BAY HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION
There are new homes in all stages of construction at the City-developed Sandy Bay Highlands conservation subdivision on the City's east side.

...And at least a couple more spec homes are coming soon. There are only four remaining available lots in the current subdivision, but the City is working on plans for a new phase, to be considered for construction in 2024.



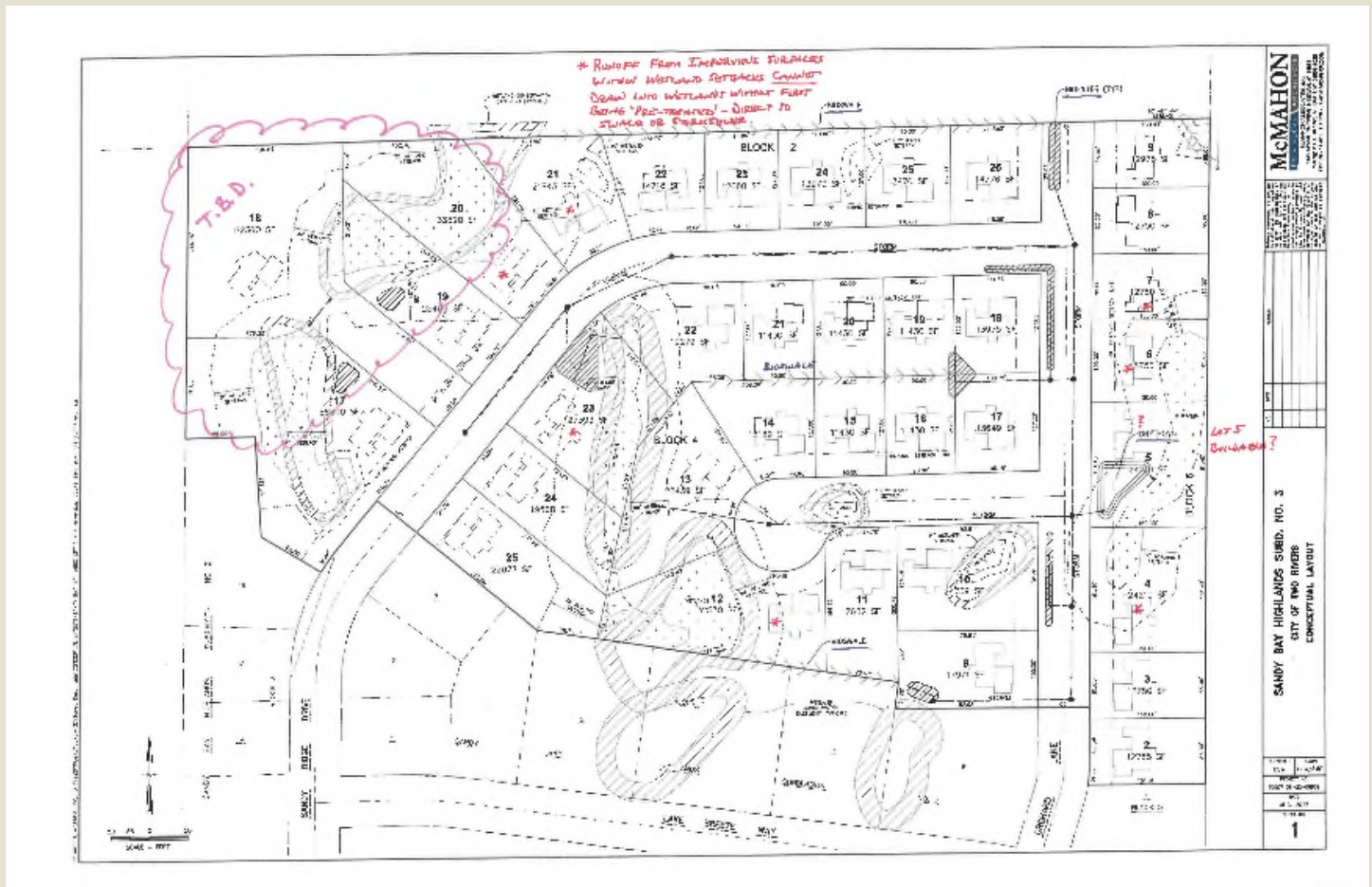
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Per earlier City Council authorization, design consultant McMahon Associates has been given the go-ahead for design work on Phase 3, to include the northerly extension of Orchard Lane and a new cul-de-sac street extending west from Orchard Lane (12-13 new lots).

An area near the NW corner of the City-owned property has also been identified as a possible planned unit development site for more single family development.



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 - a. **Furniture for Funds Fundraiser**
September 16 Silent Auction

Fundraising goal of \$10,000 for historic Washington House

FURNITURE FOR funds

Calling all artists & crafters, businesses and team members!

Please support our fundraising goal of **\$10,000**

Makeover & donate a piece of furniture*

*SEPTEMBER 2:
Bring your piece to The Washington House for the silent auction on SEPTEMBER 16 at 1622 Jefferson St., Two Rivers



bid on this chair

Two Rivers Wisconsin
The Washington House
1622 Jefferson Street, Two Rivers
920.793.2490
museums@tworivers-history.org



Chair featuring the artwork of Dean Konop



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b. Concert in the Park: The Two Rivers Community Band Presents Highlights of 2023, Thursday, August 24, 2023 - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Great entertainment in beautiful downtown Two Rivers. Food vendors, beverage tent and the Craft & Farmers Market lend to the atmosphere.



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c. Garden Crawl at Van Der Brohe Arboretum, Saturday, September 26, 4:00-7:00 PM

An Arboretum fundraiser: Sip wine, sample delicious appetizers, and savor sweet notes proffered by Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra musicians as you stroll the exquisite grounds.

Refreshments served at each of the nine Franciscan Gardens. Groomed gravel paths facilitate a meander to each location.
Door prizes.



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**d. Band on Neshotah Beach: Big Mouth and the Power Tool Horns,
Sunday, August 27, 2:00 PM**

An afternoon with this award-winning nine-piece band will satisfy every musical taste and keep you dancing! Hear covers from classic artists like Chicago, Joe Cocker, Van Morrison, The Rolling Stones and Black Crowes, as well as R&B favorites by Sam and Dave, James Brown and Stevie Wonder. Time for a free party at the beach!



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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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Right: Flowers in one of the 50 volunteer-tended gardens along Mariners Trail.

NBC Channel 26 on August 16 did a feature report on the trail gardens, which are organized and supported by the Friends of Mariners Trail.