

# City Manager's Report

## August 7, 2023



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9. City Manager's Report  
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1. Staffing Updates

**Ongoing Recruitments:**

**Acting Captain— Resumes due August 10<sup>th</sup>, Assessment Center August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Firefighter/Paramedic—Applications closed today; review underway**  
**Public Works Maintenance Worker – Accepting Applications**

**Promotions:**

**Fire Assistant Chief of Emergency Medical Services/Community Outreach— Ryan Menges**



A recruitment poster for Two Rivers Wisconsin. The top left features the text "WE'RE HIRING!" in yellow on a black background with diagonal stripes. The top right has the Two Rivers Wisconsin logo, which includes a lighthouse and the text "TWO RIVERS WISCONSIN". The main text reads "PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER" in large blue letters. Below this, it says "STARTING PAY \$24.00-\$26.22 PER HOUR" in yellow. A section titled "Full-Time Benefits Include:" lists several benefits: Comprehensive Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance; Health insurance opt-out incentive up to \$6,000 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; and 8 hours of sick leave accrued per month with ability to be accumulated up to 960 hours. The bottom of the poster features a collage of traffic signs: a red octagonal STOP sign, orange and white traffic cones, a yellow diamond-shaped pedestrian crossing sign, and a red circular sign with a white 'P' and a diagonal slash.



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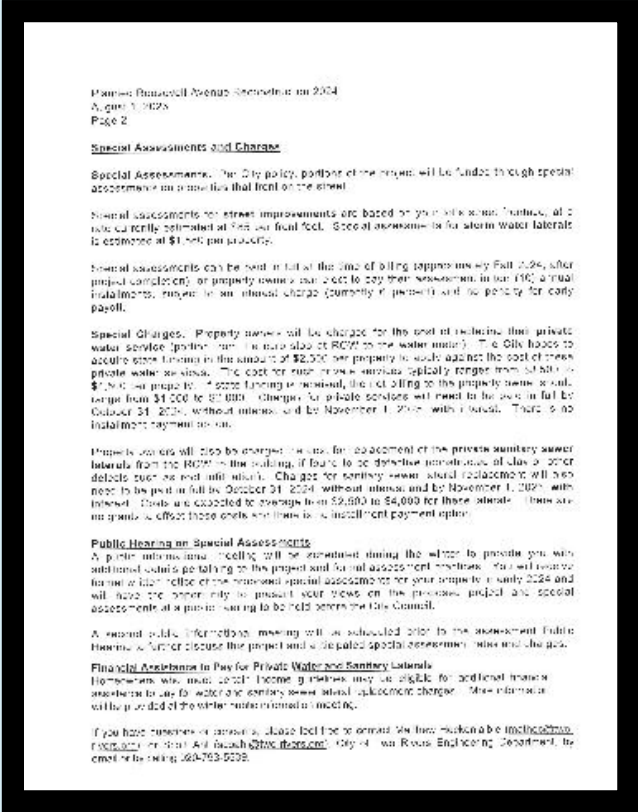
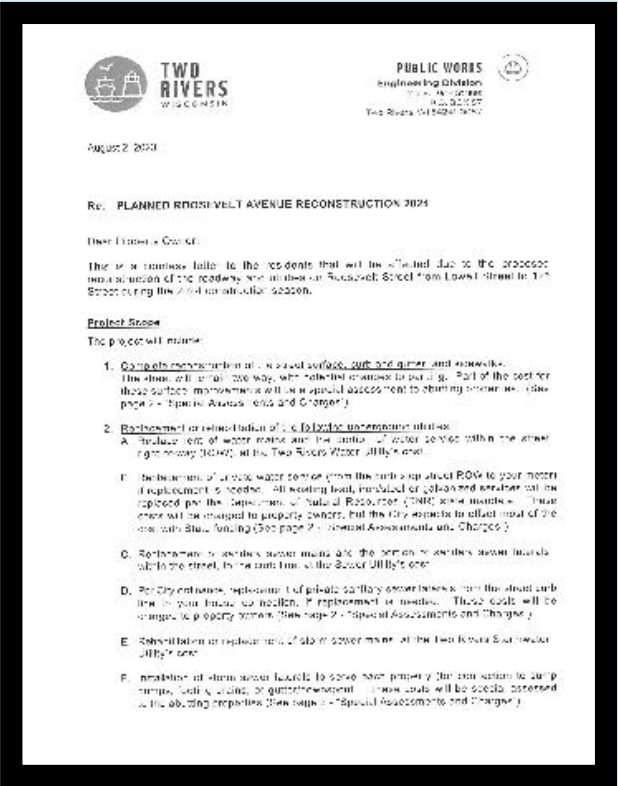
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2. Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project



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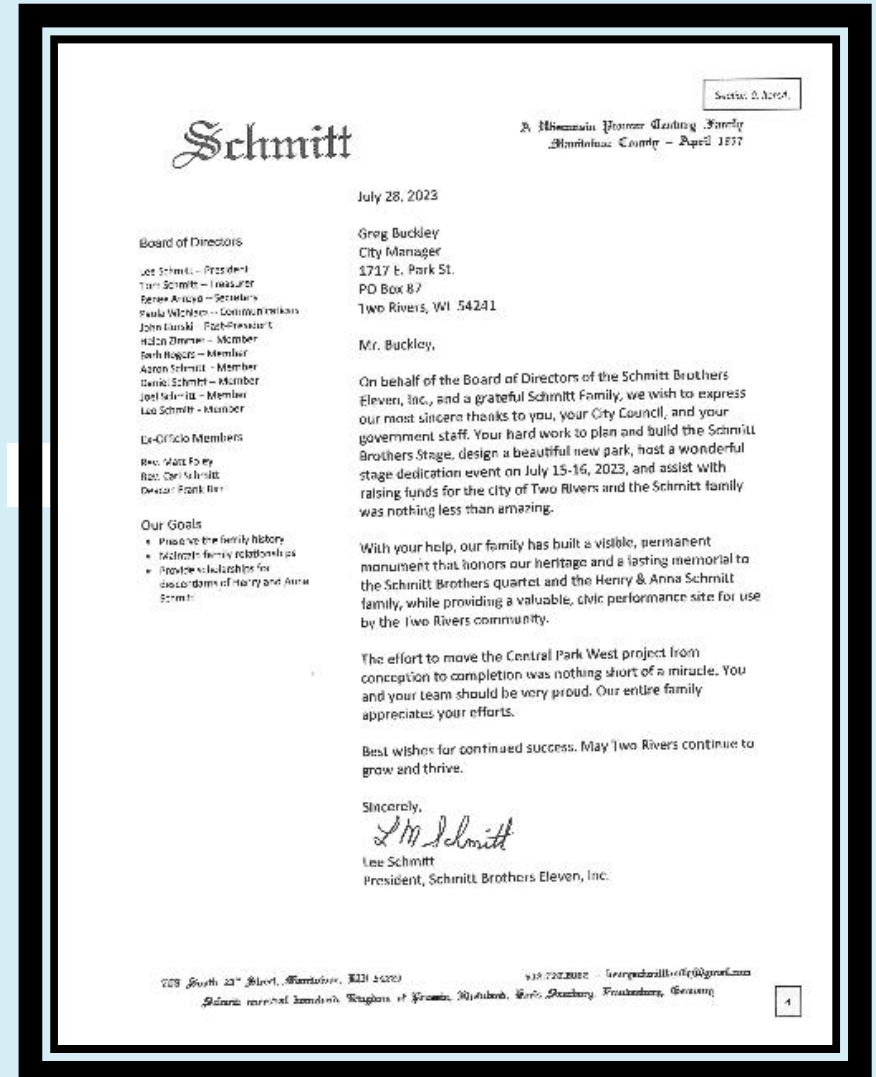
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 3. Notification to Roosevelt Avenue property Owners of Planned 2024 Reconstruction Project

Courtesy letter was mailed to abutting property owners on August 3, advising them of the upcoming project.

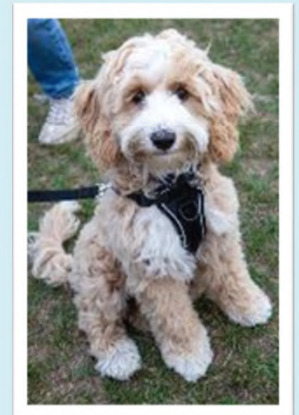


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 4. Thank You Letter From the Schmitt Family,  
 Regarding Schmitt Brothers Stage and  
 Central Park West Project



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- 5. Kudos to Police, Fire and Area Emergency Response Agencies on a Successful **National Night Out** Event



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In early spring, the Committee on Aging discussed the issue of available affordable housing that is currently plaguing not only our seniors, but our community as a whole. Kyle Korinek, from the Two Rivers School District was able to give us some student statistics: 56 children have reported that they are homeless to the school district of Two Rivers. It is expected that the actual number of students that would be considered homeless is about 3x that amount.

After the meeting, the conversation continued and many asked What can we (the Senior Center) do to help? That is where the idea of a school supply carnival was born. Members, volunteers, and staff of the senior center, along with City staff, businesses and other citizens all pitched in to donate supplies to our carnival.



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...But, that was just one phase to our plan. We wanted to help the students who had reported to our district that they were homeless. So, in partnership with the administrative school staff, we set up an Apple tree for folks to pick a student to buy "First day of School Clothing," including: shirts, pants, shoes, socks, and undergarments. In order to preserve confidentiality of the students, all the clothing was given to the school social workers to hand out to the children.

There was a HUGE response to this event. Every child that pre-registered received a brand new school bag, all of their needed school supplies, and a lunch back filled with nutritious snacks. In total, we had 120 students come to the community house to play games, win prizes, eat some popcorn, and leave with school supplies needed for the upcoming school year.

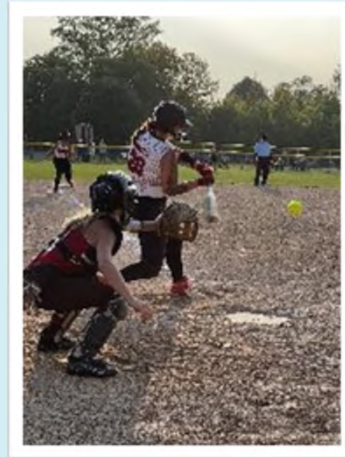




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7. Special Events This Past Weekend: War on the Shore Softball Tournament, Road Trip at Bands on the Beach, Czech Music in the Park, CRAW T'Rivers Catamaran Regatta



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a. Installation of Friendship Table by Czech Artist Vaclav Fiala

The Friendship Table was installed on Saturday, August 5. Thank you to the Public Works Staff for spending their Saturday morning installing the table.



Installation Crew: PW Director  
Matt Heckenliable, Street Foreman  
Travis Christensen, Equipment  
Operator Daryl Hassemmer and  
Maintenance Worker Ed Gilmer



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Finished Installation:  
Artist Vaclav Fiala with:

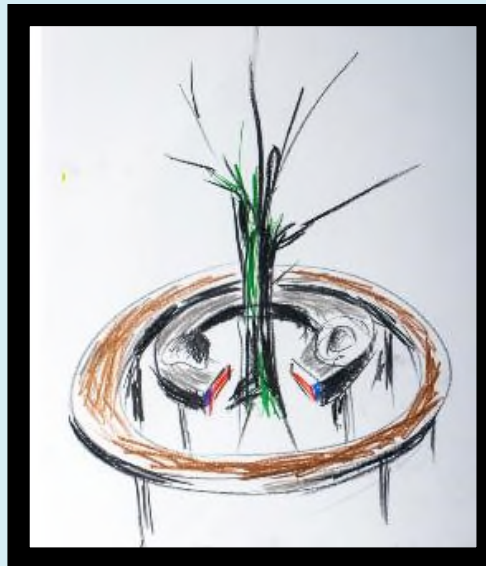
Left: DPW employees  
Daryl Hassemer and  
Neal Zarn

Right: City Manager  
Greg Buckley

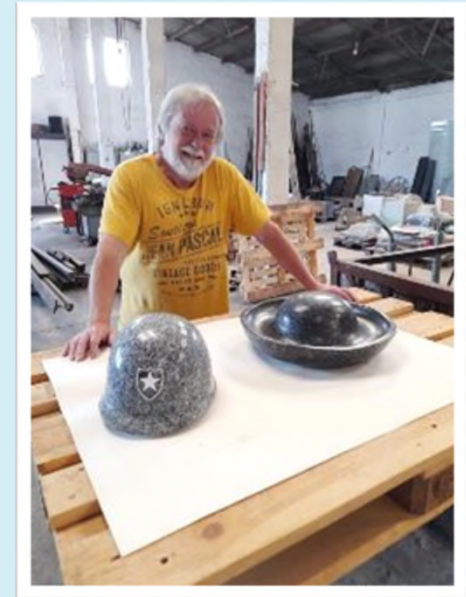
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- 8. Friendship Table Sculpture by Czech Artist Vaclav Fiala

**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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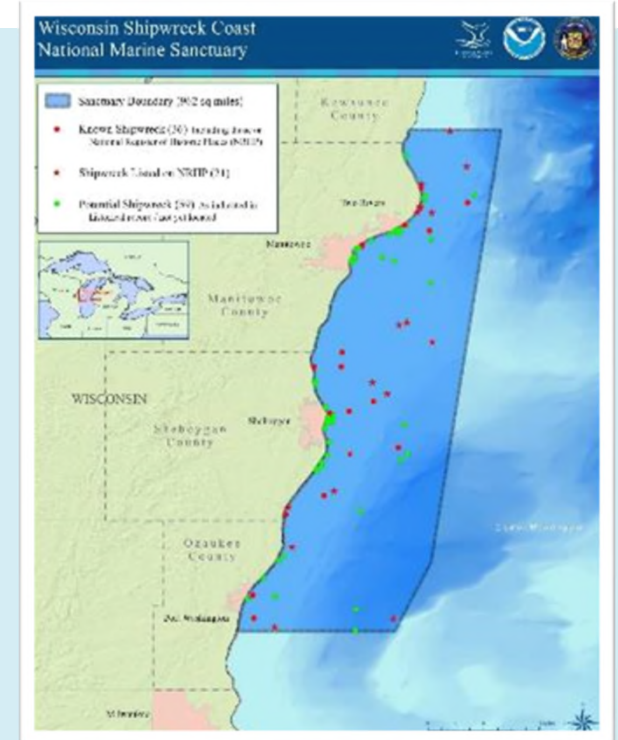
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### a. Second Meeting of Board of Directors for Explore Two Rivers, Inc. held August 1



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### c. Two Rivers Hosted July Meeting of Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary



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d. Other



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## 10. Wi Department of Revenue Annual Report on Changes in Equalized Value

### **Based on 2022 Sales, The Value of Existing Residential Properties In Two Rivers Increased by 19 percent**



City of Two Rivers' total equalized value jumped up by 16 percent, propelled by a 19 percent increase in the value of existing residential properties, a rate that outpaced the rest of the county. (Increases were 14% and 15% for the County and City of Manitowoc, respectively) New construction totaled a modest \$2.36 million.

The value of existing commercial properties dropped by 4 percent. New development, to add to the local tax base and help pay the bills for local services, remains a priority. But DOR's numbers confirm that there is strong demand for local housing, as we see in the home sales happening every day.



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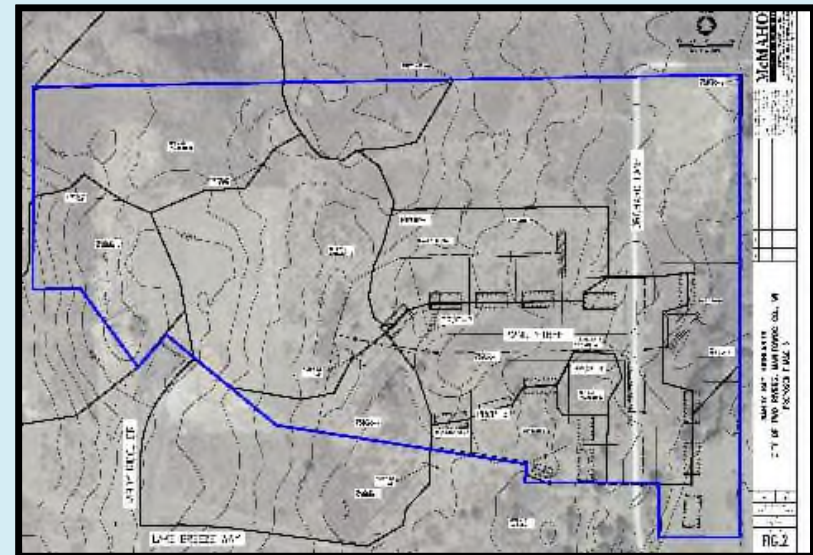


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## 11. Sandy Bay highlands City-Developed Subdivision: Update on Lot Sales, Construction Activity, Phase 3 Plans

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Preliminary Plan for Phase 3: 13 Home Sites



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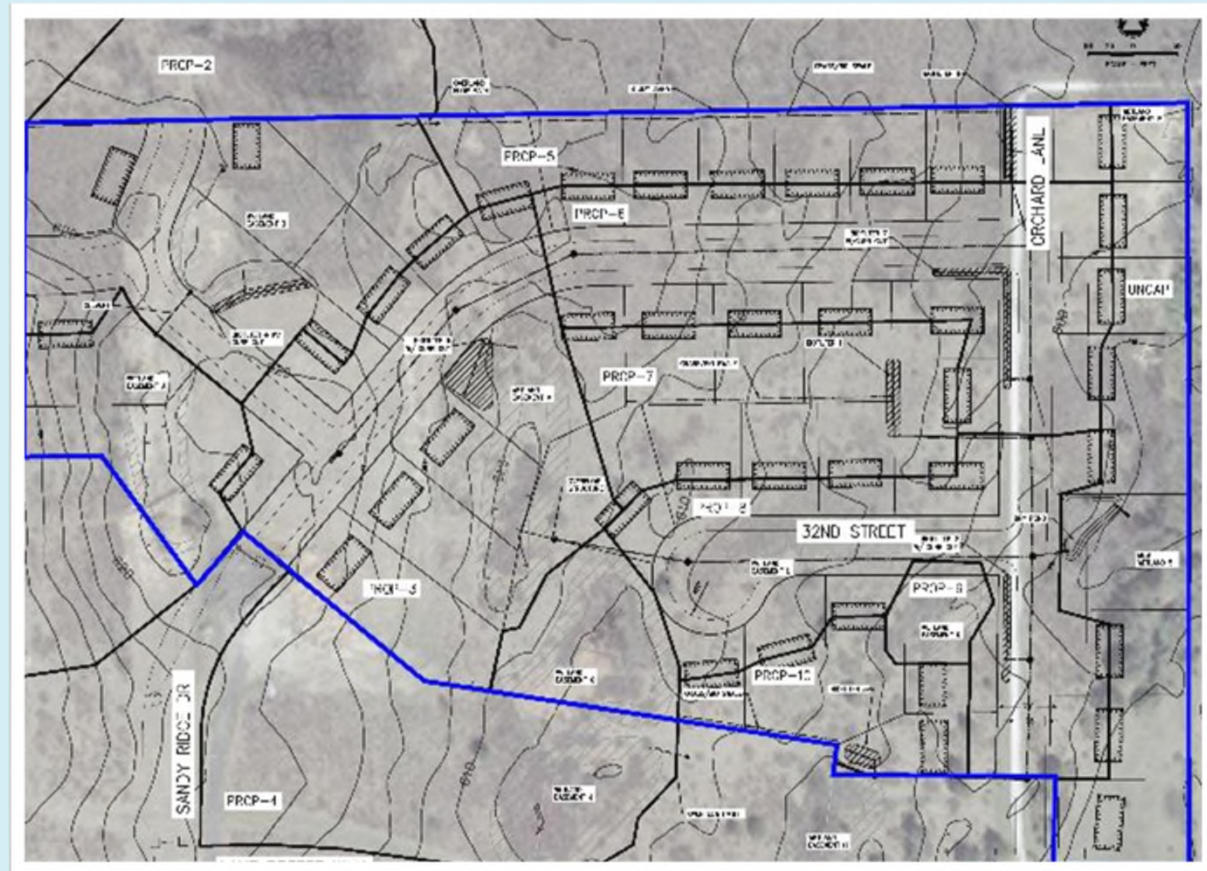
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Preliminary Plan for Balance of Site: 37+ Home Sites (inc. Phase 3)



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#### 12. City Code Section 4.1.10 Requires Turf Grass on Terraces

The City has recently received complaints regarding such tall vegetation in terrace areas and will be notifying property owners of such violations. We will require mowing or removal of such plants by the end of the 2023 growing season, so now would be a good time to plan for transplanting any plants you wish to save.

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BETWEEN THE  
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13. Site and Architectural Plans for **The Confluence**, New Market Rate Apartment Housing on the former Eggers Industries Downtown Riverfront Site, Have Been Delivered for Staff Review-71 units, \$14 million+ Investment

**Site and Architectural Plans Set for Review at the August 14 Plan Commission Meeting**



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**Site Prep Work by DPW Scheduled for This Week; Playground Equipment Installation Starts After Labor Day**



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#### 15. Thank You, Two Rivers Kiwanis, for your Donation for a New Roof on the Walsh Field Picnic Shelter

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#### 16. Water Department Updates – Water Utility Director Andrew Sukowaty

- a. Results of Recent Testing of Water Samples for PFAS; Two Rivers is well below concentrations of concern to WDNR, USEPA and the WI Dept. of Public Health
- b. Upcoming Maintenance Project at East Side Water Tower
- c. Status of Project to Add Orthophosphate Feed for Lead and Copper Control
- d. Upcoming System Flushing Activity



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**a. Badges, Squads, Sirens & Paws, August 9, 1:30 pm, Lester Public Library**

Visit with friends from TRPD—including the four-legged ones, magnificent Xanti and sweet Daisy. For all ages.





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**b. Roger Street Days, August 11-12**

Community celebration and annual fundraiser loaded with fun for the whole family!

FREE live music, fabulous food and refreshments. Bucket raffles, Susie Q smelt fry, brats, burgers, fries and cheese curds, Pete Koch's famous sweet corn, Cedar Crest ice cream and more!



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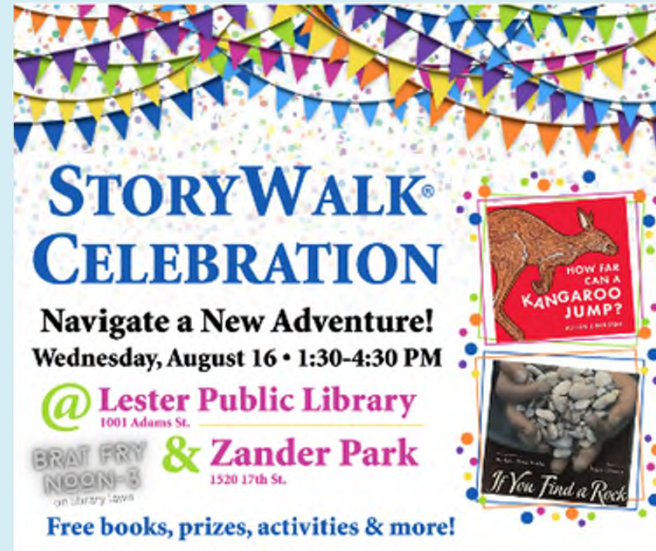
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**c. StoryWalk® Celebration,  
Wednesday, August 16,  
1:30 pm to 4:30pm**

Navigate a New Adventure! Visit two locations, the Lester Public Library Path and Zander Park, to take a joyous journey through outdoor storybooks and to revel in a renovated natural area.

Every family gets storybooks. Raffle prizes include Adventure Packs containing bug book, binocs and more! Plus a brat fry at the library with Healthiest Manitowoc County!

Everybody's invited to celebrate nature, literacy, and being together.



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**d. Concert in West Central Park, Dr. Bombay, Thursday, August 17, 6:00 PM**

Free live music in Central Park: See this favorite band perform rock hits! Food vendors, beverage tents and the Craft & Farmers Market lend to the atmosphere.



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**e. Bands on the Beach: String Benders, Sunday, August 20, 2 to 6pm**

The quartet from the Fox River Valley plays the best beach in Wisconsin! The group, made up of drums, bass, and two guitars, is known for amazing harmonizing vocals. Hear them perform classics by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, The Beatles and The Eagles, as well as originals.



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