

Water tower & beach



Morning along the East Twin River

Photos by Jeff Dawson, Lester Public Library Director

City Manager's Report City Council Meeting November 4, 2024

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1. Staffing Updates

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2024



Ongoing Recruitment and Selection Processes:

City Planner/Community Development Director—Accepting applications

TWO RIVERS WISCONSIN

Recruitment Announcement

Community Development Director / City Planner


ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Two Rivers, Wisconsin is a historic Lake Michigan shoreline city of 11,271, located 90 miles north of Milwaukee and 35 miles southeast of Green Bay.

Located in Manitowoc County (population 81,500), Two Rivers and the larger, neighboring City of Manitowoc together form an industrialized, urban center of about 45,000 people. The balance of the county is mostly rural, with significant agricultural activity.

Outdoor recreational opportunities are abundant in Two Rivers, and have helped attract new residents, new business investment, and increased tourism activity in recent years. These assets include:

- Point Beach State Forest, with 1,800 acres of forests, ridges and swales, 6 miles of unspoiled Lake Michigan shoreline, Historic Rawley Point Lighthouse and a bike/hiking trail connection to the city.
- Woodland Dunes Nature Center, with 1,200 acres of forests, meadows and wetlands along the West Twin River.
- The VanDerBrohe Arboretum, currently under development on the City's northeast side.
- Neshotah Park and beach, a 50 acre city-owned shoreline park that's home to the Best Beach in Wisconsin.
- The Rawley Point Trail and Mariners Trail, which together form a 12-mile bike/pedestrian trail connecting Two Rivers to the State Forest to the north and Manitowoc to the south.
- The East and West Twin Rivers, which course through the City to their confluence at the harbor at Lake Michigan, providing kayaking and canoeing opportunities as well as ready access to the big lake for sailing, powerboating and sport fishing.



Two Rivers has a traditional downtown business district, which remains a vital, thriving center for business and for community activities, thanks to both City and private reinvestment. Two Rivers is a Wisconsin Main Street Community. Redevelopment of former industrial sites along the City's downtown river corridors is an ongoing effort.

In addition, the City Manager Search Committee meets on Wednesday of this week at 6:00 PM for video interviews with two firms who have submitted proposals to assist in City Manager search and selection efforts.

The committee will likely bring a recommendation to the full City Council later in November.

Funds for the search and other expenses associated with hiring a new City Manager are included in the proposed 2025 City Budget

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- 2. Congratulations to Senior Center Supervisor, Heather Ihlenfeldt and Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Mathis on Being Recognized Among the Chamber of Commerce Manitowoc County, “Future 15”**





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3. General Election- November 5

--Report on Absentee Voting

--Reminder: Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Election Day

-In Person Absentee voting ended Friday, November 1 at 5:00pm.

-2,889 ballots had been returned by that time, between in-person voting and mailed absentee ballots; that's about 45% of registered voters, who numbered over 6,100 as of last Friday.

-Residents still have until 8:00pm on Election Day to return their mail-in ballots to the City Hall Drop Box at the Customer Service counter.



Wards 1-5
St. Peter the Fisherman

Wards 6-8
Abundant Life Church

VISIT My Vote Wisconsin at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> to find your polling location

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4. Roosevelt Avenue Reconstruction Project Update

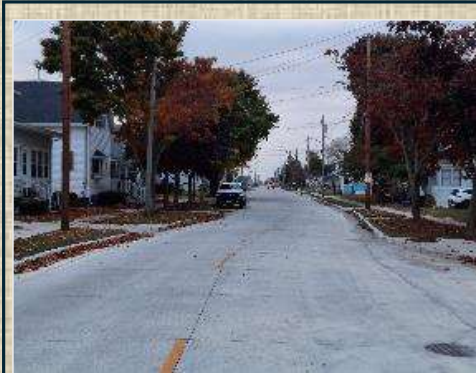
Project Status:

- Construction has been completed (sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, private sanitary, water and storm, new pavement, reduction of parking, and realignment of intersections)
- Minor punch list items (sweeping of gutters, adjustment of water shut offs, pouring of manhole and inlet bottoms, etc.)
- Roadway Assessment Letters have gone out
- Private water service, sanitary lateral letters to be going out the first week of November

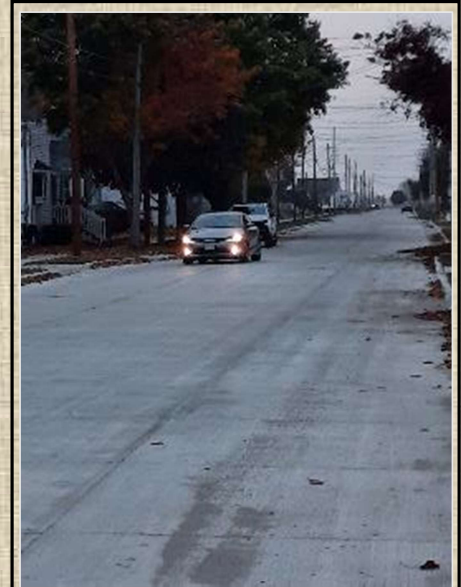


Narrowed up 12th Street and Roosevelt Street intersection, note that School Street now intersects just into Roosevelt Street not a huge 5-street intersection.

Narrowed up 9th Street and Roosevelt perpendicular intersection verses the original skewed intersection



Parking transition from west side to east side at 10th Street



Vehicle traversing the parking transition

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5. Lead Lateral Replacement 2024-25 Contract



Work is well underway on in the north central area of the City, on 32nd, 33rd and 34th Streets between Tannery Road and Adams Street

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6. Sandy Bay Highlands Phase 3 Development

Project Status:

- Contractor mobilized the week of October 21
 - Cut trees
 - Removed brush
 - Removed stumps
 - Installation of erosion control practices
 - Wetlands protected
 - Yes, the Rawley Point Trail will be closed due to construction to be reopened spring 2025
- Underground Utility work began the week of October 28
 - Sanitary sewer up Orchard Lane from Lake Breeze Way
- Final Plat
 - Approved by both Manitowoc County and the State of Wisconsin
 - Needs to be 'reviewed' by City Engineer with report to Plan Commission
 - Plan Commission approve the report and recommend approval to City Council
 - Signing and recording of the Final Plat



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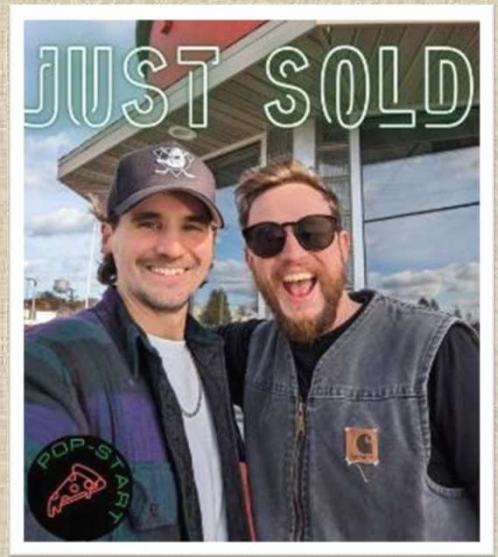
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7. Local Development Activity



Right and Below:
New owners of the former Luigi's on 22nd Street plan new wood-fired pizza restaurant.

Work well underway on expansion project at Sauve's Automotive



Above: New market rate apartments, 52 units, proposed at 3000 Forest Avenue





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8. Update to City Forestry Page on Website

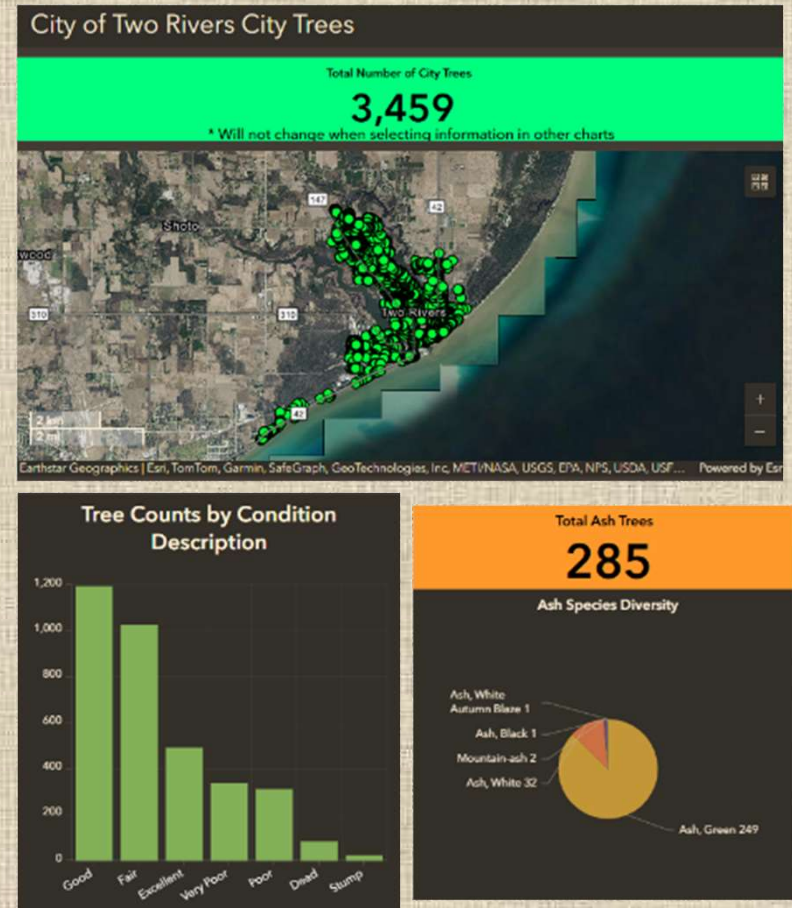
<https://www.two-rivers.org/parksrec/page/forestry>

Forestry

The Forestry Department manages the city's urban forest, focusing on the health, safety, and sustainability of public trees. This includes planting, pruning, and removing trees, addressing safety concerns, and implementing long-term plans to enhance and expand the city's tree canopy.

Additionally, the department works on environmental conservation, storm water management, and improving community well-being through tree maintenance and planting initiatives.

It also educates residents about the importance of trees, manages threats like the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), and responds to residents' concerns about terrace and public trees. In 2023, an Urban Forestry Management Plan and Tree Inventory Analysis was completed to provide a comprehensive strategy for our urban forest.





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- 9. City Staff will be Preparing Recommended Amendments to Ordinance on Licensing of Short-Term Rentals for Consideration at the November 18 or November 25 Meeting (Follow-up to Discussions at October 28, 2024 Work Session)**



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10. Upcoming Events:

a. Two Rivers Utilities Annual Food Drive, November 4 – 15, 2024,
City Hall and Electric Department



TWO RIVERS UTILITIES ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

MUST BE A TRU CUSTOMER TO PARTICIPATE
For additional questions call 920-793-5550

NOVEMBER 4th-15th

Donate 3 non-perishable food items & receive one of the following*: Christmas lights, Flood light, or Light bulb. Three participating customers will be randomly selected to win a prize, so donate what you can!

CITY HALL CUSTOMER SERVICE

1717 E Park Street
Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, 7:30 am - 11:30 am

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

1415 Lake Street
Monday - Thursday, 6:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday, 6:30 am - 10:30 am

**while supplies last*



TWO RIVERS UTILITIES

two-rivers.org • (920) 793-5550
At Two Rivers, we join forces with other local not-for-profit utilities through WPP1 Energy to share resources and lower costs.

SHARED STRENGTH THROUGH @WPP1 ENERGY



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10. Upcoming Events:

b. Wayzgoose Printers Workshop at Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, November 8-10



The Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum 16th Annual Wayzgoose will be live and in-person in Two Rivers, Wisconsin on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday November 8-10, 2024.

The conference hosts designers, printers, typographers and letter geeks of all stripes from across the globe. It's a weekend filled with type talk, great speakers, and lots of letterpress.



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**c. Two Rivers Senior Center- Thanksgiving Community Meal,
Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 12:00 PM (Registration deadline Nov 7)**



TWO RIVERS SENIOR CENTER
**Thanksgiving
Community
Meal**

You're invited to The Two Rivers Senior Center's community Thanksgiving meal, held at the J.E. Hamilton Community House!

Thursday, November 28th @ 12

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
SPACE IS LIMITED

Sign up today to enjoy this free holiday meal prepared by the Two Rivers Senior Center and their generous sponsors.
Registration deadline November 7th.
Call 920-793-5596 to reserve your spot today!



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10. Upcoming Events:

- d. Cool City Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, November 22 – 24, 2024
(Registration deadline, November 18, 2024)**



Registration fee: \$10
(to help offset the costs of the event)

Only 30 trees available

(Trees generously donated by
Sprang's Trees and Wreaths Farm)

For more information

Call 920-793-5592

OR

Scan image.



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e. Two Rivers Main Street Shop Small November

Shop Hometown

Saturday, November 30, 2024
9:00am to 4:30pm

Shop small!

Do your holiday shopping at downtown businesses—but first stop at the Two Rivers Main Street office (1608 Washington St.) to win prizes!



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f. Two Rivers Main Street Hometown Christmas Parade



Hometown Christmas Parade of Lights
Saturday, November 30, 2024

The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. - Staging will begin at 4:30 p.m.

To participate in the parade:
Email: director@tworiversmailstreet.com



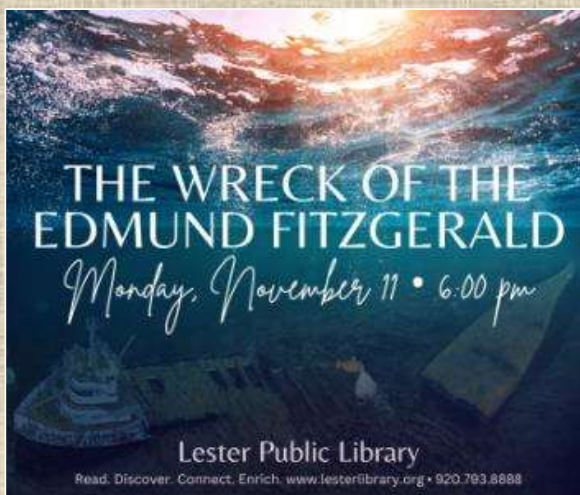
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g. Lester Public Library November Programs



Weekly stories, movement, learning and FUN! Play-based learning starts your child off on the right foot for school and life, and it's never too early to start! Story Time activities embrace the five early literacy practices: read, sing, play, talk and write. Stories are chosen for preschoolers but children of all ages are welcome. After Story Time, stay and engage with your child in process art and other hands-on activities.



An in-person Badger Talk with UW Emeritus Professor Steve Ackerman.

Explore the wreck from perspectives of the weather, the ship, and the iconic song by Gordon Lightfoot.

Shipwrecks of Rawley Point

Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:00pm



John Wrostek of the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary advisory council discusses research being conducted in the sanctuary and relates the rich history and breathtaking stories of Rawley Point shipwrecks. Sponsored by the Friends of Point Beach State Forest.

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Sky over Two Rivers
by Jeff Dawson, Lester Public
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