

**City Manager's
Report
City Council
Meeting
April 1, 2024**



Photo by Robert Olsen

9. City Manager's Report
B. Status Update/Reports
1. Staffing Updates

Ongoing Recruitments:

Finance Director: Recruitment Ongoing,
Interviews Scheduled

Recreation Clerk, Full-Time: Applications
Close April 8

Recreation Coordinator, Part-time;
Applications Close April 1

Electric Meter Tech: Position Filled; Employee
Introduction at April 15 City Council Meeting



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WE'RE HIRING!

**PART-TIME
RECREATION
COORDINATOR**

Starting Pay: \$13.06 per hour

TWO RIVERS
WISCONSIN

**WE'RE
HIRING**

Recreation Clerk

STARTING PAY RANGE: \$19.11 TO \$20.27 PER HOUR

Full-Time Benefits Include:
Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance. Free family fitness membership at J.E. Hamilton Community House. 6.9% matching contribution to Wisconsin Retirement System. Paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, and personal holidays.

Find out more at: www.two-rivers.org/jobs

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2. Update on the Search for Elijah Vue



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3. Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary April 2, Polls Open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Residents from the City's eight wards vote at one of two locations:

Wards 1-5:

St. Peter the Fisherman
Parish Center
3201 Mishicot Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Ward 6-8:

Abundant Life Church
1969 Roosevelt Avenue
Two Rivers, WI 54241

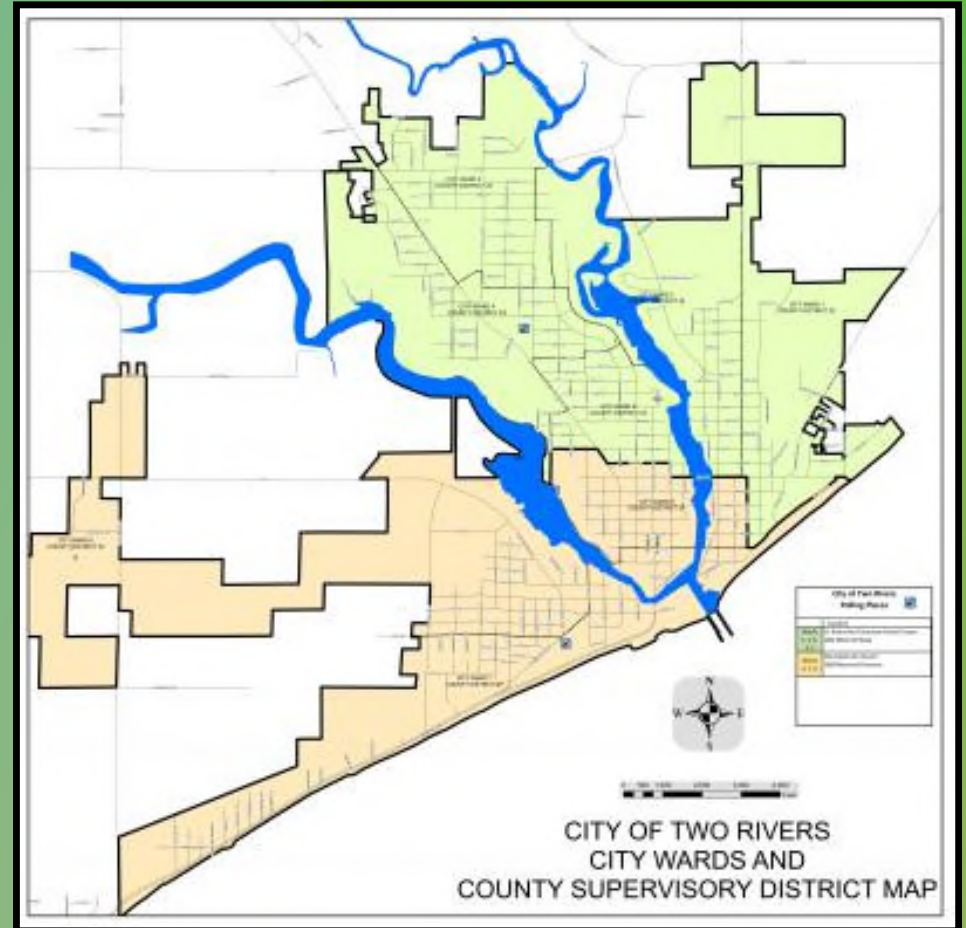
Central Count - All Wards:

City Hall
1717 E. Park Street
Two Rivers, WI 54241

NOTE: Access to the Abundant Life Church Polling Place remains available via Roosevelt Street, which is now under reconstruction.

The north end of Roosevelt, at 12th, is currently closed for utility work.

There is access from 12th street via Hawthorne, directly to the church driveway on Roosevelt. This site also has direct access from southbound Memorial Drive.



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Primary April 2, Polls Open 7:00 AM
to 8:00 PM

The April 2 ballot
Includes election of 3
City Council
Members; 5
candidates appear
on the ballot.

To view the complete
ballot, go to
myvote.wi.gov

Two Rivers Council Member	
Vote For Not More Than Three	<input type="radio"/> DOUG BRANDT
	<input type="radio"/> ANDREW QUACKENBUSH
	<input type="radio"/> SHANNON DERBY
	<input type="radio"/> JEFF DAHLKE
	<input type="radio"/> MARK BITTNER
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4. April 2024 Marks 100 Years Since Two Rivers Voters Adopted Council-Manager Form of Government

- In 1924, encouraged by the City's auditor, the community newspaper and representatives of a national "good government" group, the National Civic League, over 500 TR voters petitioned the City Council to reorganize the community's local government under Chapter 64 of Wisconsin Statutes, "providing for the City Manager Plan."
- Voters approved the ballot proposal in the April 1924 regular municipal election, 1080-799
- A 2001 petition drive sought a ballot issue ("direct legislation") on a charter ordinance to change the form of government. Petition was ruled invalid by the State, but City Council proceeded to ask voters, in an advisory referendum, if they wished to retain the current form of local government. The voters said "yes," 1,419 to 884.
- Over the past 100 years, Two Rivers has been served by 12 city managers



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5. Explore Two Rivers Opportunity Grant Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Explore Two Rivers Opportunity Grant program acknowledges the pivotal role of Two Rivers' arts, cultural, nature, and heritage venues in driving tourism and fostering a thriving community.

Annually, these diverse attractions contribute significantly to the generation of Room Tax revenue, thereby amplifying their economic impact. **A portion of these Room Tax funds are allocated to provide Opportunity Grants, which range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are distributed quarterly.**



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6. Annual Utility Shut Off Moratorium Ends on April 15

Help is available for those behind on their utility bills as Wisconsin's utility shutoff moratorium nears its annual April 15 end.

The annual moratorium, which runs from Nov. 1 to April 15, prohibits utility providers from disconnecting residential heating services for nonpayment. Call Customer Service at 920-793-5523.

As of April 1, delinquent electric accounts total about \$420,000.



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7. Reminder: Pilot Program for Front Yard Produce Gardens
Registration for 2024 Pilot Program Now Open

FRONT YARD VEGETABLE
GARDENING PROGRAM 2023



Questions?
Call 920-793-5539
www.two-rivers.org



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The Lake Michigan Bird Observatory (LMBO) is looking for feedback on what barriers people have supporting pollinators and birds through their lawn care practices. Scan the QR code to take the survey.

If you elect to take the free gift of 3 oak saplings that is offered to those completing the survey, the Parks and Rec Department would be happy to accept a donation of these saplings, to be planted in City parks and natural areas.



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**FREE GIFT
WITH SURVEY PARTICIPATION**

Take our short plant and yard survey and choose a thank-you gift!

- Upcycled Birdfeeder
- Vintage Book Print
- Native Flower Seed Packet
- 3 Oak Saplings

SCAN FOR THE SURVEY

Lake Michigan Bird Observatory



HELP US HELP BIRDS!



WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORY!
Living a bird-friendly life is a journey we can all embark on together.

SCAN FOR THE SURVEY



Participants receive a free gift!

Please take our short survey and share what is growing in your yard, how you decide what to plant, where you learn about plants, and more!



By making small changes in our daily lives and embracing bird-friendly practices, we can create a network of welcoming habitats for our avian neighbors.

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8. Lake Michigan Bird Observatory (LMBO) Grant Project

In addition:

The Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory (LMBO) as part of their grant project, "Utilizing Biochar and Tree Planting to Benefit Coastal Communities". The project, funded by the Day Break Fund, will provide \$10,000 to Two Rivers for street tree planting on the cities southside. Two Rivers will be one of five partner communities that will receive funding for 2025. Parks and Recreation staff will also receive training in the use and creation of biochar as a soil enhancement used when planting the trees. Biochar will be provided free of charge for the 2025 project.



Biochar is produced when biomass is super-heated with little oxygen in a specially designed kiln, in a process known as pyrolysis. Typically, burning results in the release of carbon previously held within plant tissues in the form of gaseous CO₂ and other emissions, but biochar "locks" much of that carbon in the produced biochar. Its benefits include long-term sequestration of carbon (~2000 years), retention and slow release of water to trees, and filtration and absorption of pollutants, including nutrients.



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9. Upcoming Events:



a. World on the Move Exhibit, March 20 to April 23, Lester Public Library

WORLD ON THE MOVE:
250,000 Years of Human Migration™

SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR FOLKLIFE & CULTURAL HERITAGE
SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL
AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
ALA American Library Association

Dr. Sara McKinnon
Contemporary U.S. Asylum, Refugee, and Immigration Policy
Monday, April 15 • 6:00 PM

TICKETS REQUIRED
PICK UP AT HELP DESK



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b. Van der Brohe Arboretum & Bird Sanctuary Tree/Shrub/Plant Sale



TREE SALE

Annual Fundraiser

Beautify
your yard
with trees!

Trees, shrubs & more — order online at VDBA.sale

Support the Arboretum!

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c. "Curbing Carbon Emissions,"
Thursday, April 4, 6:00 PM,
Behringer Room Community House
-- Environmental Advisory Board
Educational Series



Healthy human population. Vibrant quality of life. Thriving species. Protected and restored habitats. Clean air and water.

OUR LAND. OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.
Nature-based practices to build a resilient community

Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board presents:

CURBING CARBON EMISSIONS

THU. APRIL 4 | 6:00 PM

Featuring WPPI Energy president & CEO Mike Peters.
Community House Behringer Room • 1710 W. Park St. Two Rivers, WI



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9. Upcoming Events:

d. Main Street Fool Around Downtown, Monday, April 1-Sunday, April 7



**Great shopping, dining and
service businesses in Two
Rivers
Win \$200 in Cool City Cash!**

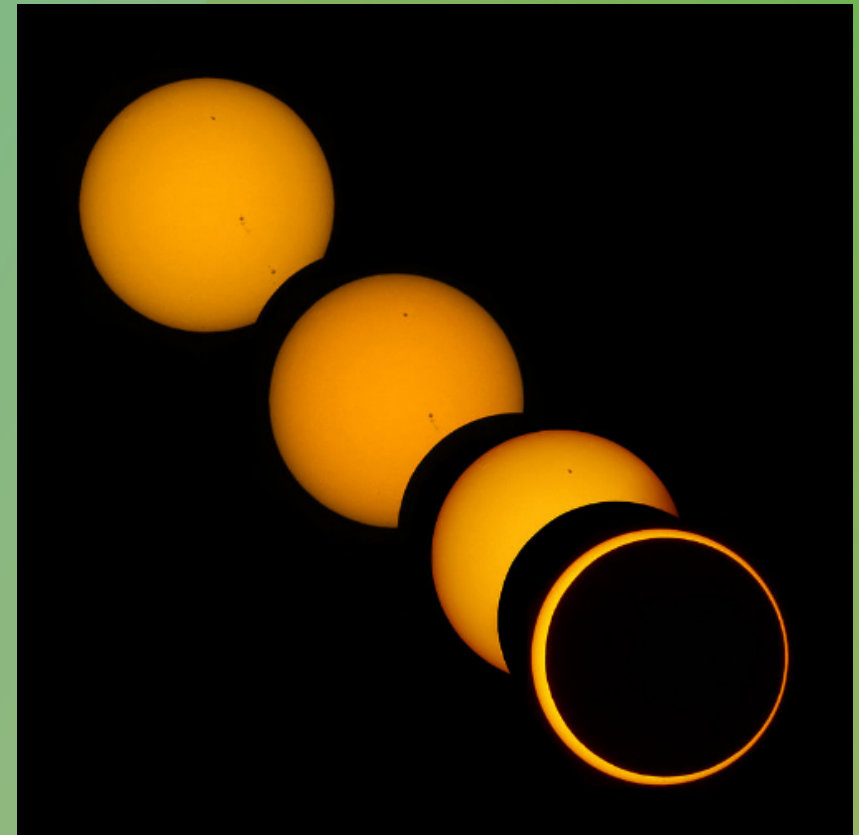


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e. Solar Eclipse Viewing, Monday, April 8, 12:30 PM-3:30 PM, Woodland Dunes Nature Center

Join Astronomer Al by the Sky Shed to view the solar eclipse safely through filtered telescopes. The eclipse begins at 12:54pm and at mid-eclipse (2:09pm), the sun will be 88% covered by the moon! Stop in anytime or stay for the entire event (feel free to bring a camp chair). This program is dependent upon weather and sky conditions.



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City closed today on \$3.02 million in 10-year financing for 2024 capital projects.

Interest rate for this financing is 3.59%.



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**Congratulations to Washington House
on its Great New Sign**



**Synthetic Ice Has Been Removed
for the season at Central Park West**



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Winter Parking Ban may be over...

...But with the forecast for a major storm Tuesday night into Wednesday, please keep cars off the street during this storm event, **IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.**

SPRING STORM TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY... SNOW & WIND ON THE WAY!

Your First Alert Weather Forecast:

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TUESDAY PM - WEDNESDAY

HEAVY, WET SNOW

- ▶ **HEAVY, WET SNOW... 5" TO 15"+**
- ▶ **HIGHEST TOTALS VALLEY TO LAKE**
- ▶ **WIND GUSTS 40-50 MPH**

HIGH

FIRST ALERT WEATHER DAY

The graphic features a blue background with a white and red banner at the top. A yellow diamond-shaped warning sign with a black car skidding is positioned on the left. The text is in bold, white, and yellow fonts.

Areas of rain and snow will remain possible this evening and tonight, especially south of HWY 29.

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Drone photo by Phil Rohrer