



Kites Over Lake Goes Out in Style: Thank you, Chow and Kim Chong for Years of Magic in the Air!

Photo by Lester Public Library Director Jeff Dawson

City Manager's Report City Council Meeting September 3, 2024

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

# 9. City Manager's ReportB. Status Update/Reports1. Staffing Updates

#### **Ongoing Recruitments:**

- Police Officer Full Time Completing Interviews
- Fire Department Completing Interviews
- City Planner/Community Development Director—Re-advertising with September 13 deadline
- City Manager's Admin. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

## WE'RE HIRING

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER / DEPUTY CITY CLERK

#### STARTING PAY : \$23.87 - 27.67 HOURLY

#### Full-Time Benefits Include:

- Comprehensive Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance
- . Health insurance opt-out incentive up to 55,000 annually
- . Free family fitness membership at J.E. Hamilton Community House
- B.B% 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 980 hours.





#### 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 ribu.
- 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 th City's northeast side.
- Neshotah Park and beach, a 50 acre city-owned shoreline park that' home to the Best Beach in Wisconsin.
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  The Rawkey 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



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### **B. Status Update/Reports**

#### 2. Roosevelt Street Reconstruction Project Update

- Completed underground utilities on August 8
- Completed grading and gravel operations on August 21
- Contractor placed portion of mainline pavement August 26
- Remaining pavement is planned to be placed the week of September 9
- Sidewalk and driveway replacement scheduled after completion of pavement

\*\*\*\* Residents may take their garbage/recycling to the nearest intersection during this concrete paving process.\*\*\*\* NOTE: Vehicular access will not be available along Roosevelt Avenue during Paving and Curing operations. This will likely be through the month of September





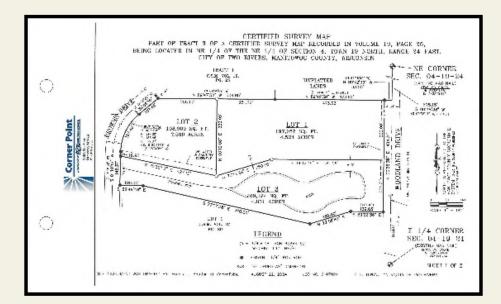
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The Community Development Authority at its meeting on August 11 approved the sale of a 2.5 acre parcel with frontage on Brown's Drive to Rush Logistics, which plans to construct a 6,000 SF facility in 2025.

The company is currently located in leased space on South 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Manitowoc, a building it shares with ACE Building Services.

Per a company representative, Rush Logistics currently employ 15 full-time employees and more 20 part-time staff.







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4. Revaluation Project: Open Book and Upcoming Board of Review—September 25

A total of 68 property owners appeared at Open Book on August 19-21 to discuss their assessments with representatives of Accurate Assessors.

Board of Review is scheduled to meet for a minimum of 2 hours, starting at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 25—in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Council Chambers here at City Hall.





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**Kites Over Lake Michigan 2024** 5.

#### THANK YOU, CHOW CHONG!

On Saturday, the event paused at mid-day to honor "Kite Boss" Chow Chong, the founder and driving force of Kites Over Lake Michigan, who is retiring from that role after 19 years. Best wishes to Chow and his wife Kim in retirement. Thank you for bringing magic in the air to the skies over Two Rivers!



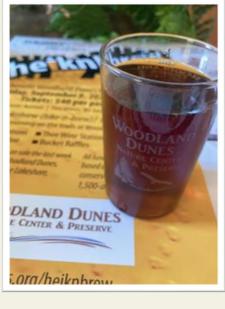




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#### 9. City Manager's Report **B. Status Update/Reports 6. Upcoming Special Events** a. Heiknbrew, Friday, September 6, 4:30-8 PM, Woodland Dunes Nature Center

Funds raised support nature-based education programs and conservation efforts on the 1,500-acre preserve.









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b. Fall Star Party, Saturday, September 7, 8:30 PM, Woodland Dunes Nature Center





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Fire on High is a high-energy band from the Green Bay area that plays country and classic rock. Their sound is reminiscent of Little Big Town and The Eagles.





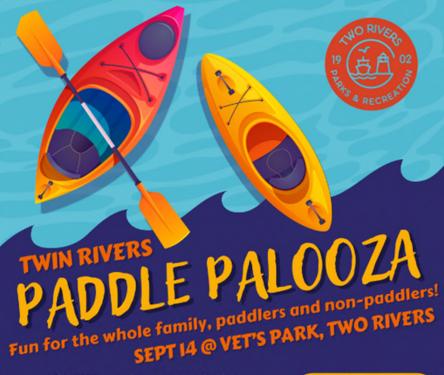


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d. Paddle Palooza, Saturday, September 14,
8:45 AM - 7:30 PM

FREE event brought to you by the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, Friends of the Twin Rivers, Two Rivers Parks and Recreation, and the Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers!







This FREE event brought to you by the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, Friends of the Twin Rivers, Two Rivers Parks and Recreation, and the Northeast Wisconsin Paddlers!

Bring your own canoe or kayak and float the Twin Rivers with us! A limited number of free kayaks will be available. Registration required to borrow a kayak. Registration preferred for all participants.



To Register Visit: secure.rec1.com/Wi/two-rivers-wi Call: (920) 793-5592 Scan: OR Code

#### SCHEDULE

8:45 - 9:30 Introduction to Kayaking Lesson

10:00 – 3:00 Cance/Kayak Float on the Twin Rivers (various paddle lengths available)

12:00 – 5:00 Kids Activities and Education Booths

> 12:00 - 5:00 Food and Drinks

6:30 - 7:30 Sunset West Twin River Paddle

Weather: Event organizers will notify participants if there are any changes due to the weather. The event will proceed in the event of light rain In the case of heavy rain, high winds, or severe weather, educational activities will move inside to the J.E. Hamilton Community House.

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Experience sights, sounds and savory tastes of the world at this 33rd annual event!

Music and dance reflecting different cultures. Great food, a parade of flags, family activities, and arts and crafts vendors.







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#### Upcoming Resurfacing of STH 301 Roundabouts West of Two Rivers

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WisDOT reminds us that:

- Through traffic will be detoured around the section of STH 310 between I-43 and STH 42 from Monday, September 9 through Friday, September 20
- This closure is to allow for repairs to the drainage structures and resurfacing of the road surface at the three roundabouts in this section of STH 310, at its intersections with CTH B, CTH Q and CTH R
- During this time, vehicles will be unable to cross through the roundabouts on STH 310 or the intersection county roads
- This work is part of a \$4.3 million repair and resurfacing project that extends from CTH P in the Village of Branch to Columbus Street in the City of Two Rivers



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