

City Manager's Report City Council Meeting January 20, 2025



Photo by Jeff Dawson,
Lester Public Library Director

Monday morning, January 20, 2025, -6°

9. City Manager's Report

B. Status Update/Reports

1. Staffing Updates



Recent Hires:

Police Clerk/Evidence Custodian- Announcement pending

Ongoing Recruitment and Selection Processes:

City Manager-

Second meeting of Selection Committee completed; ad to be placed in March; targeting late May selection, July start date.

City Planner/Community Development Director- Accepting applications

Certified Water Operator-
Accepting applications



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2. Recent Recognition of Police Officer (Former DNR Warden) Alek Henseler with Wisconsin Conservation Warden Valor Award

Congratulations Officer Alek Henseler!

On January 10th 2025, one of our newer officers, Alek Henseler, received the Wisconsin Conservation Warden Valor Award which was presented by Chief Conservation Warden Casey Krueger and Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

Alek was previously employed as a Wisconsin DNR Warden. In July of 2022 Alek conducted a traffic stop and was violently attacked by the operator.

As the award states, Alek "is awarded this certificate in recognition of his extraordinary heroism while being fully aware of imminent threat to his personal safety while conducting a traffic stop on July 15, 2022, which would ultimately turn into a fight for your life."


Alek was commended for his bravery and courage during the incident.




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3. April 2025 Council Election Candidates

City Council Election

April 1, 2025



Five candidates for City Council have filed nomination papers that have been reviewed and approved by the City Clerk.



Candidates are selected at random for ballot placement, and will be listed in the following order:

- Andre Robitaille
- Tim Petri (incumbent)
- Jeff Dahlke
- Scott Stechmesser (incumbent)
- Bill LeClair (incumbent)



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4. Election Updates: Spring Primary, February 18, 2025

- Visit MyVote to request an absentee ballot by mail
- Absentee ballots will begin to be mailed Tuesday, January 28
- In-Person Absentee Voting at City Hall begins Tuesday, February 4, and ends Friday, February 14. Voting will be during regular business hours with an exception of Friday, February 14, until 5:00PM.



- Check your registration status
- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Request an absentee ballot
- Track your absentee ballot
- Find your polling place
- See what's on your ballot

Scan QR code or go to myvote.wi.gov

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5. Winter Sidewalk Clearing



Snow & Ice Removal

Snow and ice must be removed from any public sidewalk within 24 hours from the time when the snow ceases to fall. For corner lots, this includes the sidewalk and any ramps.

Do not shovel or blow snow into the street, or onto a neighboring property without the owner's permission.



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6. Winter Parking Ban Update: December 1, 2024 – March 15, 2025



**WINTER
PARKING BAN
ON HOLD**

The graphic features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of snowflakes. The text is in large, white, sans-serif font. Below the main title, there is a line of smaller white text. At the bottom, there is a circular logo and the text 'TWO RIVERS WISCONSIN'. The entire graphic is framed by a white border with snowflake icons at the corners.

Check our Website (two-rivers.org) and
Facebook Page for Updates



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN



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7. Explore Two Rivers: New Marketing Materials
a. 2025 Manitowoc/Two Rivers Visitor Guide

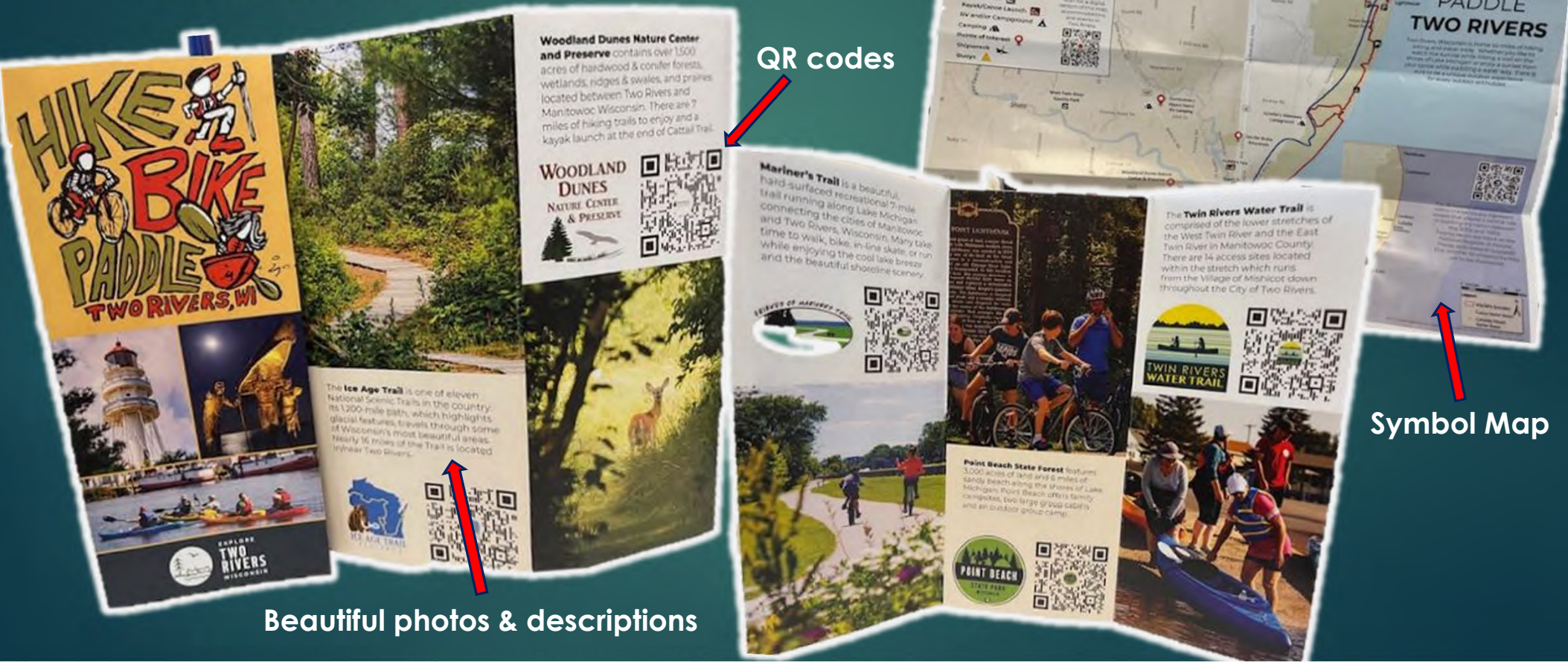


Many great Two Rivers businesses, attractions, & events mentioned



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7. Explore Two Rivers: New Marketing Materials
b. Hike, Bike, & Paddle Brochure



QR codes

Symbol Map

Beautiful photos & descriptions

Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve contains over 1,500 acres of hardwood & conifer forests, wetlands, ridges & swales, and prairies located between Two Rivers and Manitowish Wisconsin. There are 7 miles of hiking trails to enjoy and a kayak launch at the end of Cattail Trail.

WOODLAND DUNES NATURE CENTER & PRESERVE



Mariner's Trail is a beautiful, hard-surfaced recreational 7-mile trail running along Lake Michigan and Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Many take time to walk, bike, in-line skate, or run while enjoying the cool lake breeze and the beautiful shoreline scenery.



The **Twin Rivers Water Trail** is comprised of the lower stretches of the West Twin River and the East Twin River in Manitowish County. There are 14 access sites located within the stretch which runs from the Village of Mishicot down throughout the City of Two Rivers.



The **Ice Age Trail** is one of eleven National Scenic Trails in the country. Its 1,200-mile path, which highlights glacial features, travels through some of Wisconsin's most beautiful areas. Nearly 16 miles of the Trail is located in/ near Two Rivers.



Point Beach State Forest features 3,000 acres of land and 6 miles of sandy beach along the shores of Lake Michigan. Point Beach offers family campsites, two large group family campsites, two large group cabins and an outdoor group camp.



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8. Parks & Recreation Department and Grace Congregational Church receive Forestry Focused Grant from, "Faith in Place" environmental organization

Grace Congregational Church and the Parks & Recreation Department worked together to apply for a forestry focused grant from "Faith in Place", a faith based environmental organization. That grant was recently awarded.

Grace Congregational will be receiving \$15,931 for the project. Funding will be used to plant 20 trees at Washington Park, support a forestry track Youth Apprentice position that will work with P&R for the year, and cover additional administrative and planting costs.

At least 15 dead or dying trees were removed from Washington Park in the past year.



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9. Lead Water Service Lateral Replacement, 2024-25 Contract

Project Update:

Replacements as of 12-31-2024:

- 74 - Public Water Services Replaced
- 51 - Public Sewer Laterals Replaced
- 13 - Private Water Services Replaced
- 9 - Private Sewer Lateral Replaced



The contractor has paused construction for the cold winter days/nights; there will be no further updates until the weather warms up.

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10. Sandy Bay Highlands Subdivision Phase 3

Project Update

The contractor is braving the cold temperatures and has completed all of the sanitary sewer mainline and lateral work, all of the water main and water service work, & all of the storm sewer mainline and storm lateral work.

Since the frost has penetrated a good 12-inches into the roadway area, the contractor is opting not to continue with the road grading and gravel until the weather warms up.

Contractor will be working on the rough excavation of the stormwater management features (dry pond and bio-filters) in the upcoming weeks.



Contractor installing underground services

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12. Brief Report on Tax Incremental Financing Districts in Two Rivers

A few facts:

- The City has 12 active tax incremental districts (TID's)
- In terms of area, they cover a total of 486.11 acres, 12.47% of the city's total land area of about 3,897 acres
- Nearly 2/3 of the acreage contained in TID's is made up of two TID's that were created for "greenfield" industrial development: Eggers Industries TID 9 (76.4 acres) and Woodland Industrial Park TID 14 (229.05 acres)
- The other TID's cover about 181 acres, or 4.6 percent of the city's land area
- The equalized valuation (EV) of the increment being captured these TID's is \$42.2 million, about 4.6 percent of the city's total EV of \$918.8 million; the avg. for all WI municipalities is 7.2 percent

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TID 7, Old Hospital Redevelopment as Northland Lodge; amended to include Lincoln Avenue utility work



TID 8, Washington Highlands Redevelopment (above); amended to include grant to aid Riverside Foods expansion (below), area infrastructure work, façade work



TID 12, Blight Elimination, aided Cobblestone Hotel development; amended to aid Violet Inn, Sauve's (below)



TID 9, Eggers Industries/VT Industrial Development



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TID 11 St. Peter the Fisherman School Redevelopment; assist Vinton Construction in adaptive re-use of vacant school; plan also allows for Vietnam Vets Park improvements, aid to redevelopment along Lincoln Avenue, neighborhood infrastructure work.



TID 14, Woodland Industrial Park, funding for infrastructure, aid to All Energy Management and Braun Truss projects

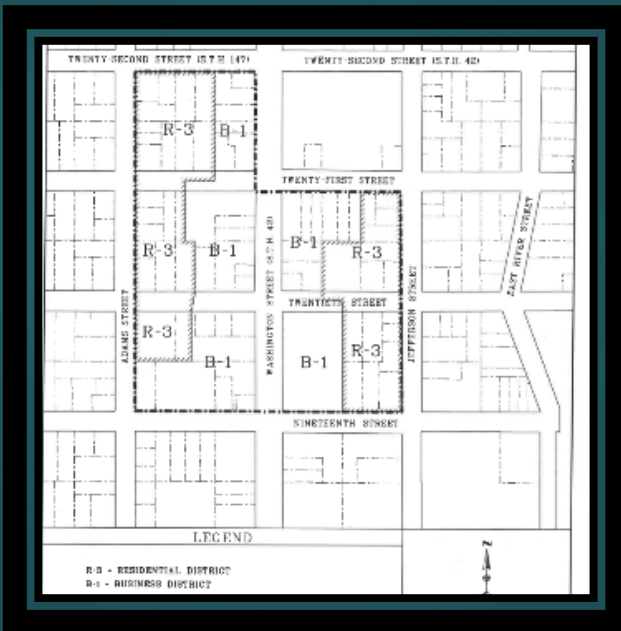


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Yes, some of the City's TIF plans have had setbacks, but they remain available to assist with redevelopment of priority sites:

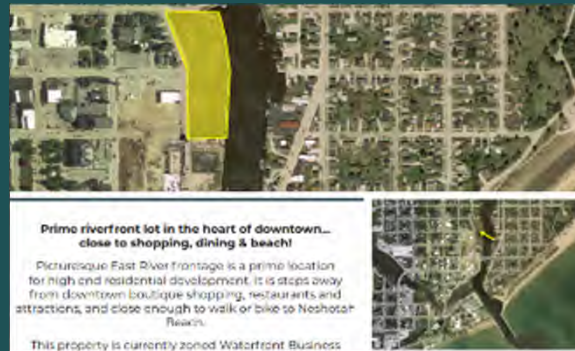
TID 13, Downtown
Redevelopment



TID 15 3000 Forest Avenue



TID 16 Former Eggers Downtown Site



TID 17 Former Eggers West Site



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a. Coffee with a Cop,

-Monday, January 27, 2025 at The High Lift coffee shop, 8:30AM

-Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at the Two Rivers Senior Center, 10:00AM

Coffee
With a COP

Join the
Two Rivers Police Department Officers
for coffee and conversation
at our local coffee shops!

The High Lift

Monday, January 27, 2025, 8:30am – 9:30am

Two Rivers Senior Center

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 10:00am – 11:00am



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b. Two Rivers Parks and Recreation, "Zumba Classes,"
Wednesdays, January 22 through March 5, 2025, 5:30-6:30 PM
at the Community House

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ZUMBA

Questions? Contact kenshi@two-rivers.org
or call 920-793-5594

Join our upbeat Zumba class for a fun, calorie-burning workout with experienced Zumba instructor Tori- what to expect:

- Easy-to-follow routines!
- Improve your fitness, and have a blast!
- Upbeat music!
- All levels welcome!

Details:

Two Rivers Community House - Behringer Room

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Dates: January 22 - March 5

Investment: \$50

Register here:



Registration deadline: 01/21/2025

Maximum Participants: 25



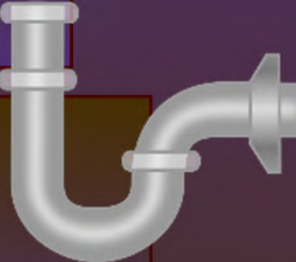
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**c. Public Information Meeting on
2025 Harbor/16th/Emmet Street Project,
Thursday, January 30, 2025, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM,
City Hall Council Chambers**



There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2025 from 5:00PM – 6:30PM with a formal presentation at 5:30PM regarding the reconstruction of the roadway and utilities on Harbor Street (East Street to 16th Street), 16th Street (Harbor Street to Emmet Street) and Emmet Street (16th Street to 17th Street) during the 2025 construction season.

The project will include:

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1. Complete reconstruction of the street surface, curb and gutter, and spot repair of sidewalks.
 2. Replacement or rehabilitation of the following underground utilities:
 - A. Replacement of water mains and the portion of water service within the street right-of-way.
 - B. Replacement of private water service (from the curb stop to your meter) if replacement is needed.
 - C. Replacement of sanitary sewer mains and the portion of sanitary sewer laterals within the street to the curb line will be replaced.

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d. Knights of Columbus, "Cornhole Tournament,"
Saturday, February 1, 2025, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
in the Community House Gym

Knights of Columbus
4th Annual
Cornhole Tournament

Maximum of 32 teams - \$50/team entry

Round Robin to establish seeding followed by
2 brackets with double elimination

\$150/\$100/\$75 prize money for each bracket

Call Kelly to sign up – 920-860-9320



All Proceeds Benefit Lakeshore Foster Families & Friends

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e. Two Rivers Historical Society Fundraiser, "Polka Bowl,"
Sunday, February 2, 2025, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM, at Sepia Chapel



The poster for the Polka Bowl fundraiser features a central illustration of a leprechaun playing a trumpet. The text includes: 'Two Rivers Historical Society fundraiser', 'COOL CITY BREWING COMPANY sponsor', 'SEEHAFFERNEWS.COM sponsor', 'SEPIA CHAPEL 1820 JEFFERSON ST TWO RIVERS, WI event venue', 'POLKA BOWL Sunday Feb. 2 2025', 'One week before Super Bowl', and 'TICKETS: \$20'.



doors open at 11:30am

Amy Potthoff - 11:30am-12:30pm

Mystic Moods - 12:30-2:30pm
Celebrating the Polka King, Romy Gosz

Copper Box - 3-6:00pm
"a beacon of timeless artistry"

FOOD - REFRESHMENTS - SILENT AUCTION

920.793.2490

tworivers-history.org/ticketed-events/polka-bowl/



\$20

Tickets available at the following:

- Cool City Brewing Company
- Lighthouse Inn
- Online at tworivers-history.org/ticketed-events
- By phone at 920-793-2490

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f. Two Rivers Business Association Fundraiser, Saturday,
February 8, 2025, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Sepia Chapel

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CASH BAR • RAFFLES • SWAG BAGS

THIS IS A 21 AND OLDER EVENT OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

\$10
IN ADVANCE

\$15
AT THE DOOR

Tickets are limited and available at the following Two Rivers businesses:

- American Family Insurance - Wargin Agency
- US Cellular - Cell Plus

This TRBA event is sponsored by
SEEHAFFERNEWS.COM

TWO RIVERS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

A portion of the proceeds raised will benefit a local non-profit organization.





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