

# City Update October 2020

## New Payment Drop Box in Front of City Hall

City Utility customers are encouraged to make use of the new, convenient payment drop box located on East Park Street, right in front of City Hall. The box can also be used to drop off other payments, for property taxes, parking tickets, etc.

Thanks to the City's energy supplier, WPPI Energy, for its contribution that made this drop box possible.



## Public Service Commission Extends Moratorium on Residential Electric Disconnects

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) recently voted to extend the moratorium on disconnecting the service of electric utility customers who are behind on their bills, to Nov. 1. That is the date when Wisconsin's annual moratorium on shutoffs for electric and gas customers takes effect. The annual winter moratorium runs to April 15.

The moratorium on shutoffs for customers of the state's 578 water utilities is scheduled to end on November 1. But the PSCW will require any water utility to get approval from the commission on its plan to disconnect customers service.

The moratorium was put in place on March 24 in response to the coronavirus pandemic and its economic impact on many households across our state. It was set to expire on Oct. 1. About 20 organizations across the state, ranging from the Wisconsin Council of Churches to the Sierra Club, urged the PSC to extend the moratorium.



While the moratorium provides residential customers with temporary protection for shutoffs, it does not relieve them of the ultimate responsibility of paying their utility bills.

With this in mind, we encourage any customers who are experiencing financial difficulties and are behind on their utility bills to contact the Economic Support Division of Manitowoc County Human Services at 683-4300. You can also apply for energy assistance on-line at [www.energybenefit.wi.gov](http://www.energybenefit.wi.gov).

Other organizations that may be able to assist with such expenses include:

St. Vincent de Paul 920-793-1266  
Salvation Army 920-684-7117



## **General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Still Need to Register?** You can register in person at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, during normal business hours (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday-Friday) or during the extended hours when in-person absentee voting is offered (see below).

Or you can register on-line at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).

In either case, you will need to provide a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license.

**Need an Absentee Ballot?** Absentee ballot applications can also be made at the City Clerk's Office or on-line at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov). Please apply for your absentee ballot as soon as possible, to assure that you receive it and have adequate time to get it returned to City Hall.

**In Person Absentee Voting** will be offered Tuesday, October 20 through Friday, October 23 and Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the City Hall Lobby. Extended hours for this period of time are offered to assist voters with registration and absentee voting.

**Curbside Service for In Person Absentee Voting** is available during these times. If you cannot come into City Hall, please let us know and we will gladly bring a ballot out to your car.

Voters can drop off their completed ballots at City Hall - Customer Service if they choose not to mail them back.

**Polls Are Open on Election Day**, from 7:00AM - 8:00PM. All locations are open.

**Reminder: Ward 7 & 8 voting location** has been moved from Koenig School to J.E. Hamilton Community House, Behringer Room.

You can also use [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) to find:

**Where Do I Vote?      What's On My Ballot?      Track My Ballot**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Main Street Downtown Trick or Treating, Saturday, October 24, 2020, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Two Rivers Community Trick or Treat Hours, Saturday, October 31, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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## **FREE WI-FI!**

Park in our lot, sit on a bench, or stand on the sidewalk to access **Wi-Fi** on the grounds.

## Want **SUGGESTIONS?**

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## Go **DIGITAL!**

Use your library card to access digital books, audiobooks and magazines, and to utilize research resources.

## Have **KIDS?**

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## Need to get **OUTSIDE?**

Take a Story Walk and play our window / Spy game! Or just bring a beverage and get cozy on a bench to access our **FREE Wi-Fi**.

# Curbside **PICK-UP**

→ MON-FRI 10<sup>AM</sup>-5<sup>PM</sup> SAT 10<sup>AM</sup>-2<sup>PM</sup> Call (920)793-8888

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## No **LIBRARY CARD?**

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## Reluctant **READER?**

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## Burning **QUESTION?**

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## Missing **Story Time?**

Pick up a weekly Story Time To-Go pack compiled by our early literacy experts. Bring your library card.

## Need a **SCREEN BREAK?**

Biweekly activity packs for school-age children!

## Bored **TEEN?**

Watch for TR Teen Nights like zombie capture the flag, outdoor escape rooms & night hikes!

When you receive notification that your items are ready, drive to the library and pull up to the designated pick-up spot. Have your library card ready and give us a call! No cell phone or need special assistance? No problem; contact us for instructions!