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# City of Two Rivers **NEWSLETTER**

## **UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSED WPPI ENERGY CONTRACT EXTENSION**



### **What is WPPI Energy?**

Two Rivers has been a member of WPPI Energy for more than 45 years, as a founding member in 1980. WPPI is a regional wholesale power provider owned and governed by 51 locally owned municipal electric utilities. WPPI operates under a co-op, not-for-profit model that is fundamentally different from an investor-owned retail electric utility like WPS. With WPPI, there are no outside shareholders receiving profits. The organization operates strictly for the benefit of its municipal member utilities and their customers.

### **THE DECISION AT A GLANCE**

**Current contract:** Through December 31, 2055

**Proposed extension:** 18 additional years

**Changes today's electric service?** No

**Results in a rate increase?** No

The proposed contract extension is not an agreement to purchase today's electricity until 2073. It is an extension of the City's long-term relationship with WPPI, providing the contractual certainty WPPI needs to finance, acquire and replace generation and transmission resources over decades.

### **Why Consider an Extension Now?**

Although the City's existing agreement doesn't expire until 2055, electric generation and transmission projects take many years to plan, construct and finance. Major utility investments are commonly financed with long-term debt. **This isn't the first extension.**

Two Rivers' WPPI agreement has been extended twice previously:

2002 → Contract extended to 2037

2015 → Contract extended to 2055

2026 → Proposed extension to 2073

The current proposal continues that long-term planning model.

### **What Happens If Two Rivers Doesn't Extend?**

Nothing changes immediately. Two Rivers would remain a WPPI member and continue receiving wholesale power under the existing agreement through 2055. The important consideration is what happens after 2055. The current extension opportunity is available for a defined period. If Two Rivers declines it, there is no contractual guarantee that WPPI would offer the City another opportunity to extend later.

### **A real-world cautionary example: Preston, Iowa**

Preston chose not to participate in an earlier WPPI contract extension. Its agreement therefore expires earlier than the other participating members and Preston is not included in the current extension opportunity. Due to the decision not to extend several years ago, Preston still has no solid plan on how to obtain wholesale electricity for their community once their WPPI contract ends. This example demonstrates why declining an extension today is different from simply deciding to reconsider the same offer later. Delaying would have real world strategic consequences for future residents.

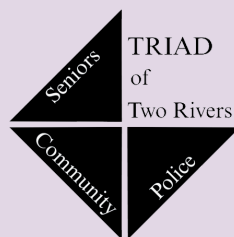
### **Will This Increase My Electric Bill?**

The contract extension decision does not change your electricity rates.

One purpose of maintaining long-term contracts is to support long-term financing of major infrastructure. Lower financing costs can help reduce the cost of those investments over time.

**Two Rivers' residential electric rates currently remain among the lowest in the region and approximately 21% below the Wisconsin average** (based on recent Public Service Commission comparisons).

The City has a more detailed **WPPI Contract Extension FAQ** answering questions about the proposal. This is available at: [two-rivers.org](http://two-rivers.org).



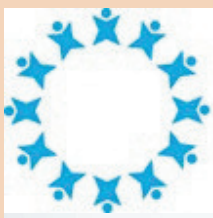
### **TRIAD TIPS:**

#### **Fire Prevention Week & Senior Center Health Fair**

October 4-10 is **Fire Prevention Week**. In addition to presenting educational programs to grades K-4, the Fire department offers the free service of installing smoke detectors to those who need them. For more information, contact the Fire Department at 920-793-5521.

October also brings the **Two Rivers Senior Center Health Fair**.

This event will be on Thursday, October 15, from 8 am to 11am in the gym. A free breakfast will be provided. There will be raffle baskets and goodies provided by many of the 45 vendors who will be present. See the reverse side of this newsletter for more information. Questions? Call 920-793-5596.



# TWO RIVERS ETHNICFEST

*Celebrate the Difference!*



## TWO RIVERS ETHNIC FEST

**Saturday, September 19, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Celebrate Cultures at Two Rivers EthnicFest

Experience the sights, sounds and savory tastes of the world at the 35th Annual Two Rivers EthnicFest! This beloved community celebration brings cultures from around the world to life through music and dance performances, delicious international foods, and colorful displays.

Enjoy a Parade of Flags, family-friendly activities, arts and crafts vendors, and plenty of opportunities to discover and celebrate the traditions that make our community so diverse. Bring the whole family and enjoy a day filled with entertainment, food and fun at this annual Two Rivers tradition!

# TWO RIVERS SENIOR CENTER HEALTH & INFORMATION FAIR!



**Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 8 - 11 am**

*Two Rivers Community House Gymnasium, 1710 W Park Street, Two Rivers.*

### Details:

For over 20 years, the Two Rivers Senior Center has been connecting seniors with resources in our community. Stop in Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and enjoy food and vendor resources from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

### Keeping tradition alive at the Senior Center

Stop in and enjoy a continental breakfast, visit vendors for helpful information, goodies, and services such as hearing screenings, flu shots, vitals checks, and injury screenings (services available at the 2026 Health & Information Fair may vary, and will be updated as that information becomes available). Enter to win door prizes, and more!

### Join us!

This FREE community event is meant to provide information to seniors on the health and safety resources available to them in our community by representatives from multiple disciplines of health care, insurance providers, and community businesses.



**Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 8am-3pm**

Celebrate the arrival of fall at the 42nd Annual Applefest, hosted by the Rotary Club of Two Rivers! This popular community tradition offers a full day of food, music, shopping and family fun.

Start your morning with an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast in the Community House's Koska Room beginning at 8 a.m. Breakfast is just \$8, with children ages 0-3 eating free. Craft and food vendors open at 9 a.m., followed by live music on the Schmitt Brothers Stage and plenty of activities for kids throughout the day.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun-filled fall day at Applefest!



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