

**City Manager's
Report
City Council
Meeting,
September 5,
2023**



Neshotah Beach:
Drone Photo by Phil Rohrer



- 9. City Manager's Report
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- 1. Staffing Updates

Ongoing Recruitments:

Public Works Maintenance Worker – Scheduling Interviews

Building Inspector – Accepting Applications; current Building Inspector is done working on October 26



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PART-TIME BUILDING INSPECTOR

Approximately 20 Hours Per Week

\$35 - \$50 PER HOUR

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- 2. Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project

Week of Aug. 28:

Contractor placed sidewalk and driveway approaches. Contractor began topsoil and seeding restoration. Roadway open to local traffic via side streets Sept 1.

Week of Sept. 5:

Contractor plans to complete placement of sidewalk pedestrian ramps, plus topsoil and seeding restoration. Proposed to open to full traffic by end of the week of Sept. 5



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- 3. Tourism / Room Tax Update

Room Tax Revenues, 2023 YTD: Collections through August total \$190,031.10;
That's up from \$164,306.46 at this time last year (+15.66%)

Explore Two Rivers, Inc. Board: Meets at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, September 12 at City Hall

Room Tax Commission: Meets at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 19 at City Hall

"Two Minutes With Two Rivers" podcast airs weekly on WOMT and Lake 98.1; posted weekly to ExploreTwoRivers.com and community social media



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4. Neshotah Park Improvements

Installation of new light posts underway around the 22nd St. parking lot and the path running from Pierce St. to the back of the beach concession stand.

Earlier this summer old non-functioning concrete light posts were removed.

2023 capital improvement funds are covering the cost of the project.



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New Neshotah Park playground work is at the halfway point.

Department of Public Works has completed site excavation and grading, plus installed perimeter sidewalk and gravel base during August.

Park maintenance team has begun work on landscaping features.



Installation of play equipment begins September 11; will take about 3 weeks.

Poured-in-place safety surface will be installed first week of October.



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**Grand Opening
Celebration
Sunday October 15,
10:00 AM to noon**

Grand Opening

 **SUNDAY**
October 15, 2023

 **TIME**
10:00AM-12:00PM

 **NESHOTAH PARK**
Old Ball Diamond

Free Cider and Donuts from Parks & Rec!
Our special treat to thank you for your support! Cool City Brewing will also be present with coffee available for purchase with proceeds donated to support the park!

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a memorable event that promotes inclusivity, community, and fun. We can't wait to celebrate with you! See you there!



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5. Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) awards \$1600 Grant to Police Bike Patrol Program

The Police Department applied for the Rewarding Responders Grant through Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) and was awarded \$1600 to assist with revamping the TRPD bike patrol program in 2024.

WPS is handing out \$75,000 in grants this year in Wisconsin. Funds will go toward outfitting the bike unit with two new bikes or toward the purchase of an E-Bike for patrols at festivals and events, as well as regular patrol on City streets and trails.

Watch for more fundraising activity in support of the Bike Patrol unit.



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Programming Highlights

The following programs for Fall are showing very good numbers:

NFL Youth Flag Football (2nd-4th grade) = 73

Pee Wee Flag Football (K-1st grade) = 34

Swim Lessons = Level 1, 2, 3 all full, with 8 participants each. Parks and Rec will be offering more sessions.

Fall Soccer = 22



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7. Water Department Projects

-8 percent rate increase took effect September 1; last increase was Sept. 1, 2018

-Starting UDF hydrant flushing; operators out flushing for the next several weeks

-Work continues on the interior repaint of the East Side Water Tower

-Orthophosphate chemical feed system for Lead and Copper corrosion control is complete and will be tested for operation and then placed into service by mid September

-Staff is reaching out to customers to participate in Lead and Copper testing which will require 60 homes to be tested in the next several months

-Work continues on upgrades to the Lab; city staff have done all the work on this project and will be done shortly



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8. Upcoming Events

a. **Heiknbrew, Friday, September 8, 5-8 PM, Woodland Dunes Nature Center**

An evening on the trails with craft brew tasting, wine samplings, food, and live music by Glo & Joe. Bucket raffles and nature trivia, too. For adults 21+.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Includes beer and wine tastings, brat/burger/bean burger and live outdoor music.

Purchase tickets at Woodland Dunes, Tapped on the Lakeshore, and online.

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



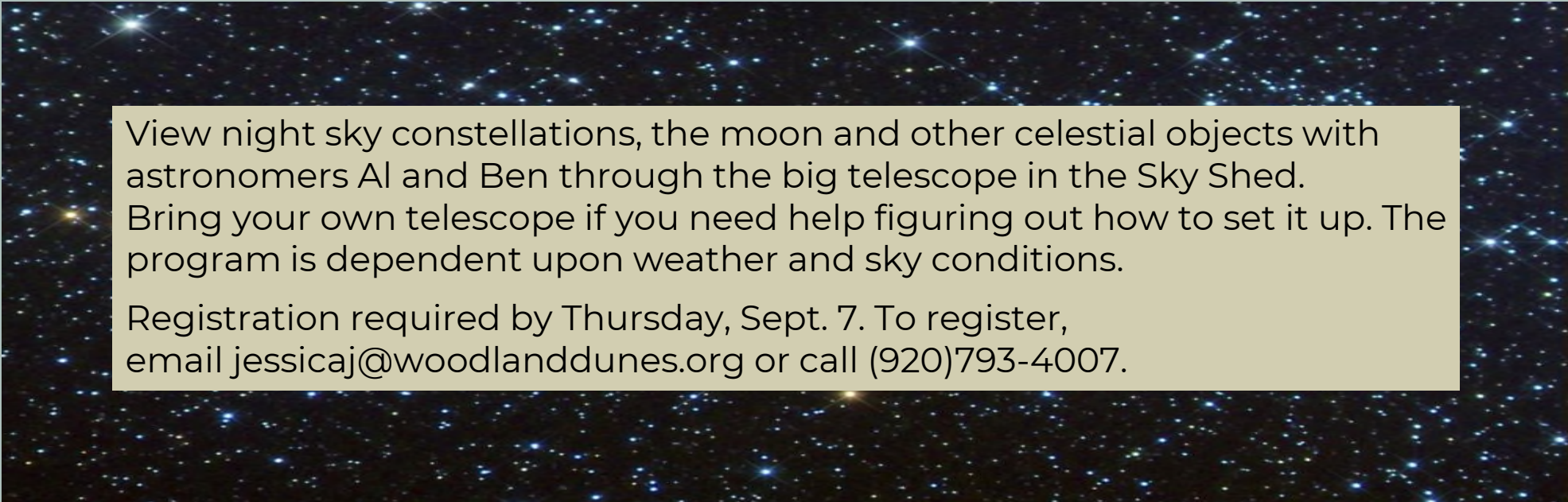
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**d. Fall Star Party, Saturday, September 9, 8:30 PM,
Woodland Dunes Nature Center**



View night sky constellations, the moon and other celestial objects with astronomers Al and Ben through the big telescope in the Sky Shed. Bring your own telescope if you need help figuring out how to set it up. The program is dependent upon weather and sky conditions.

Registration required by Thursday, Sept. 7. To register, email jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org or call (920)793-4007.



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e. Studebaker International Meet, September 12-16

59th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet,
Hosted by Wisconsin Region Studebaker Drivers Club

Based at the Manitowoc County Expo grounds, events include swap meet, judging, & memorabilia; driving tours to Lambeau Field and Manitowoc and Two Rivers attractions.

Studebaker parade Wednesday night departs UW Green Bay Manitowoc campus at 6:00 PM, headed to the historic Two Rivers Washington House.



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- f. Main Street Ethnic Fest, September 16**

Experience sights, sounds and savory tastes of the world!
 Music and dance representing the Hmong community, Ukraine and more. Great food, a parade of flags, family activities, and arts and crafts vendors.



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Saturday, September 16

9:30 - 5:00 • Downtown Two Rivers

Ethnic Food & Drink • Entertainment
 Crafts • Music • Kids Activity Area



Entertainment Schedule	
10:00 - 11:00	La Nueva Tendencia <i>sponsored by Nicolet Bank</i>
11:30 - 1:00	Bob Breuer Czech Polka Band <i>sponsored by Schroeder's</i>
1:30 - 2:15	Frogwater Irish Band <i>sponsored by Nicolet Bank</i>
3:00 - 4:30	Safe Sax Quartet <i>sponsored by Schroeder's</i>

Metal Ware Tent Sale
 1700 Monroe Street
 8:00 - 2:00



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 - g. Furniture for Funds Fundraiser
- September 16 Silent Auction**

Fundraising goal of \$10,000 for historic Washington House

FURNITURE FOR funds

Calling all artists & crafters, businesses and team members!

Please support our fundraising goal of \$10,000

Makeover & donate a piece of furniture*

***SEPTEMBER 2:**
 Bring your piece to
 The Washington House
 for the silent auction on
SEPTEMBER 16 at 1622
 Jefferson St., Two Rivers

bid on this chair

The Washington House
 Museum & Visitor Center
 1622 Jefferson Street, Two Rivers
 920.793.2490
 museums@tworivers-history.org




Chair featuring the artwork of Dean Konop



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"What a great way to touch the heart! On Monday, the Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center donated a beautiful used van to Ascend Services. Heather Ihlenfeldt, Two Rivers Senior Center Supervisor and Sid Kemp are pictured with Deanna Genske, Executive Director of Ascend. Sid stated that they felt that our mission is very close to that of the Senior Center, and they wanted to be able to help us carry that mission out. If you would be interested in donating a vehicle to Ascend please contact Dale Cayemberg, Operations Director at dcayemberg@ascendservicesinc.org or call Dale at 920-682-4663 Ext. 122."



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1 Two Rivers Wisconsin Home Page Two Rivers Wisconsin	4,772	2,736	1.74	0m 21s	20,309
2 Neshotah Park & Beach Two Rivers Wisconsin	2,163	1,671	1.29	0m 31s	9,718
3 Explore Two Rivers Two Rivers Wisconsin	1,568	1,066	1.47	0m 18s	7,416
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5 Two Rivers HarborCam Two Rivers Wisconsin	1,385	562	2.46	0m 15s	8,019
6 Search Two Rivers Wisconsin	1,159	548	2.11	0m 55s	3,446
7 Things to Do In Two Rivers Two Rivers Wisconsin	671	414	1.62	0m 39s	2,101
8 Two Rivers\Manitowoc Official 2023 Visitors Guide Two Rivers Wisconsin	570	414	1.38	0m 20s	2,087
9 18th Annual Kites Over Lake Michigan Two Rivers Wisconsin	495	378	1.31	0m 50s	2,653
10 Job Openings Two Rivers Wisconsin	536	360	1.49	0m 28s	2,551

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Clarification regarding change of assessment notices

Notices regarding changes in assessments were mailed only to property owners who pulled building permits in 2022 (213 permits issued in that year) AND whose permits indicated activity that would likely be adding value to those properties. There were 88 such notices mailed.

Property owners wishing to challenge their assessments have from now until September 21 to discuss with Assessor ("Open Book" period) and can also appeal to the Board of Review, which meets September 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.



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Sunrise at Neshotah Beach--Photo by Greg Buckley

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