

# NOVEMBER, 2024 CITY OF TWO RIVERS NEWSLETTER



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## COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT 101:

Two Rivers City Manager Greg Buckley, who has served in that position since 1995, recently announced plans to retire in early August 2025.

The City Council, based on the recommendation of its Personnel and Finance Committee, on August 19 approved a resolution to start the process for recruiting and hiring a new City Manager.

That resolution calls for a four-member committee--the Personnel and Finance Committee (Council members Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner and Adam Wachowski) plus Council President Scott Stechmesser--to head up the recruitment and selection process.

That process will start with the hiring of an executive search firm to assist in the recruitment and selection process. Final selection and hiring of a new City Manager will be a decision of the full City Council.

Along the way, the search firm is tasked with developing a candidate assessment process that provides the Council with input from City employees, department heads and members of the community.

Here's a bit of background on Council-Manager government in Two Rivers, across Wisconsin, and nationwide:

The City of Two River has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since it was adopted by a vote of the community in April 1924. Voters re-affirmed their support for Council-Manager government in an advisory referendum in 2001.

In Council-Manager government, the City Council serves as the legislative body for the municipality. The Council has considerable power, including approval of the annual budget and adoption of both local ordinances and city policies.

That elected legislative body in turn hires a professional local government manager, based on his/her relevant education, experience, skills and abilities. *(continued)*

## FALL LEAF PICK UP SCHEDULE

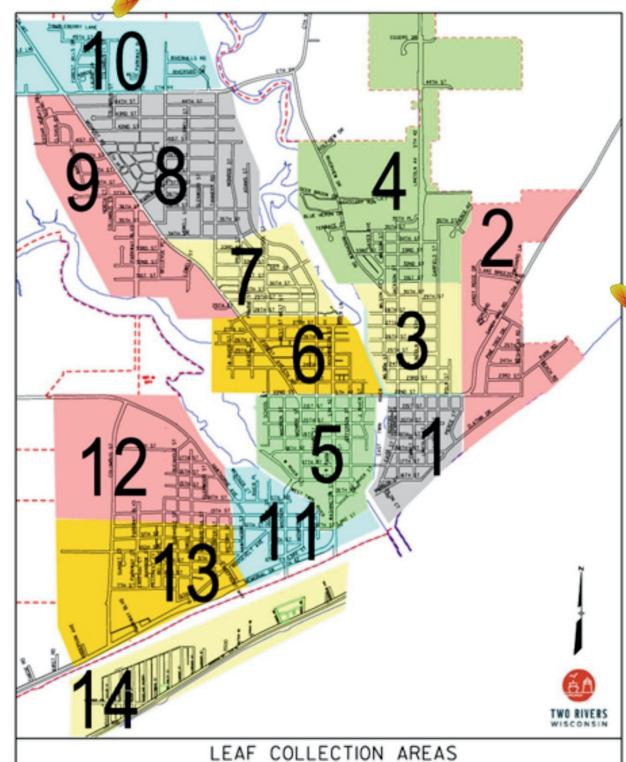
Crews are working through the City on an area by area basis. Areas will be selected based upon quantity of leaves.

Area updates will be posted on the City website: [www.two-rivers.org](http://www.two-rivers.org) and Facebook: Two Rivers City Hall.

Leaf pickup continues until approximately Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

Because of the type of equipment used for pickup, all leaves must be deposited in the gutter (curb line), **NOT ON THE TERRACE AREA** (between the sidewalk and curb). Bagged leaves will not be picked up. Grass clippings, branches, sod, pet waste and other yard waste will not be collected. These items must be taken to one of the Manitowoc County compost sites located at 3000 Basswood Road or 4189 Woodland Drive. For hours, please contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333.

**If you have questions regarding this schedule or leaf pickup in general, please call the City of Two Rivers Public Works Department at 793-5539.**



## COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT 101 CONT'D

That hired chief executive serves at the pleasure of the City Council. He or she can be removed from the position at any time by a majority vote of the Council, subject to any requirements in the law and subject to any employment agreement with the employee.

The legal authority of the City Manager is set forth in Chapter 64 of Wisconsin Statutes, Subchapter 1, "City Manager Plan." Major duties include developing and administering the City Budget, selecting and supervising department heads, and advising the City Council on matters brought before it. State law on the City Manager Plan provides for at-large election of Council members, versus use of aldermanic districts, although that can be changed by local charter ordinance.

Eleven Wisconsin cities currently operate under provisions of this statute, including some larger cities like Oshkosh, Eau Claire, Janesville and Beloit.

The latest addition to that list is DePere, whose City Council voted in September 2024 to approve a charter ordinance changing from mayor-council form (with a full-time city administrator) to the City Manager Plan.

Many Wisconsin municipalities that operate under mayor-council government employ full-time city or village administrators. At last count, there were over 90 Wisconsin cities or villages with full-time administrators. The power and authority given to the administrator position is based on local ordinance or resolution, not State law as with city managers.

Nationwide, the International City/County Management Association reports that 54 percent of U.S. municipalities with populations of 10,000 or more operate under the Council-Manager form. These range from very small municipalities that in some cases share a manager, to several large American cities including Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Phoenix, Tucson, San Jose, Kansas City and Charlotte.

## Need help with your heating & electric bills?

Utility Bills



Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) assists eligible households with their heating and electric bills.

WHEAP Program Year 2024-2025  
(Income Guidelines Valid 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025)

If your household gross income (before taxes) is less than the amount shown on the chart, you may be eligible. WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15). The funding pays a portion of energy costs, but is not intended to cover the entire energy costs of a residence. WHEAP also qualifies you for other programs such as Crisis Assistance, HVAC Services, Water Conservation Services, and Weatherization.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$3,061.08	\$36,733
2	\$4,002.92	\$48,035
3	\$4,944.83	\$59,338
4	\$5,886.75	\$70,641
5	\$6,828.58	\$81,943
6	\$7,770.50	\$93,246
7	\$7,947.08	\$95,365
8	\$8,123.67	\$97,484

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**WPS 1-800-450-7260**  
Customer Service

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**TWO RIVERS UTILITIES (920)-793-5523**  
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**Hometown Christmas Parade**  
**Saturday, November 25, 2023**  
**Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.**

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