

City Manager's Report City Council Meeting April 7, 2025



Photo by Jeff Dawson, Library Director

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1. Recap of April 1, 2025 City Council Election Results; Reminder of Annual Council Reorganizational Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00PM



Thank you to all the Poll Workers!

The whole number of votes given for City Councilmember in the City of Two Rivers was	Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eight	8,408
Of which number		
Andre Robitaille received	One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three	1,223
Tim Peach Petri received	One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four	1,894
Jeff Dahlke received	One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen	1,616
Scott Stechmesser received	One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine	1,999
Bill LeClair received	One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two	1,632
Scattering received	Forty-Four	44

Incumbents Scott Stechmesser, Tim Peach Petri, and Bill LeClair were re-elected to serve 3-year terms as City Councilmembers.

The annual Council Reorganizational Meeting will be held on April 15, 2025 at 6:00PM in Council Chambers.

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2. Staffing Updates

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Ongoing Recruitment and Selection Processes:

- **Parks & Recreation-**

- Lead Worker for Facilities and Playground:**

Welcome Kevin Drossart! Kevin joined the Parks and Recreation Department on March 24th. He will work under the supervision of Jared Rohrer within our Parks Maintenance Department. With extensive experience running his own tree removal business, Kevin brings valuable skills to the role. He earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from UW Oshkosh, and also served for four years in the United States Marine Corps.

- **City Planner/Community Development Director-**

Still accepting applications

Welcome Kevin!



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Ongoing Recruitment and Selection Processes:

- **City Manager Recruitment-**
Position profile and video have been posted.
Application deadline is, April 28, 2025
As of Fri., April 4, six applications received
- **Recruitment for Seasonal Positions-**
Now hiring for many Parks and Recreation seasonal positions
- **Other-**Many Summer Seasonal Openings



EXECUTIVE SEARCH: CITY MANAGER TWO RIVERS, WI

Send cover letter, resume, salary history and references to
Public Administration Associates, LLC, by April 28, 2025.

Attn: Kevin Brunner, President
1155 W. South Street Whitewater WI 53190
E-mail: kevin.brunner1013@gmail.com
Phone: 262-903-9509

Confidentiality must be requested by the applicant and cannot be guaranteed for finalists.



Seasonal Job Positions:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| • Concession Stand Coordinator | • Scorekeepers | • Swim Instructors |
| • Concession Stand Cashier | • Umpires | • Park Hosts |
| • Recreation Program Support | • Lifeguards | • Park Maintenance |

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3. Youth Apprentices Working in City Departments

Parks & Recreation Youth Apprentice

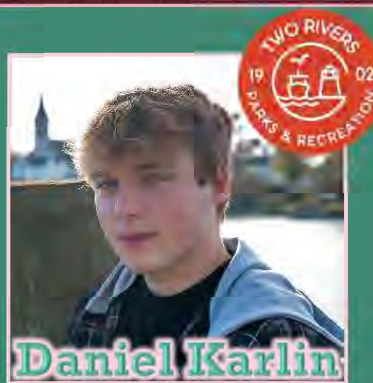
Daniel Karlin is the YA Program Assistant for Parks and Recreation in Two Rivers. A senior at Two Rivers High School, Daniel is graduating this year and heading to Whitewater next fall to pursue Sports Management.

He started with Parks and Rec in 2022 as part of the Concessions staff and has since taken on more responsibilities.

In his current role, Daniel helps organize and manage youth sports programs and special events, handling everything from logistics to coordination. He also creates and manages social media content to promote local activities.

Daniel works closely with Recreation Supervisors Rebeccah Hansen and Kenny Shillcox to ensure things run smoothly.

With his strong organizational skills and creativity, Daniel is a vital part of the team, making community events and programs a success.



Fire Department Youth Apprentice

The Two Rivers Fire Department has hired their first ever paid youth apprentice

Chris Parker is a junior at Two Rivers High School. He is involved in wrestling and football. Chris is a Two Rivers native and enjoys giving back to the community with community service.

He will be starting on April 16, working weekdays at the beginning of each shift.



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4. April 18 Recognized as Line-Worker Appreciation Day

**Thank
you!**



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5. City Staff Recognitions at April 5, 2025 Two Rivers Rotary Annual Dinner



Rotary honored the Two Rivers Police Department for its work throughout 2024, including the search and investigation related to the death of Elijah Vue



Police Chief Ben Meinnert and Lester Library Children's Services Director Terry Ehle were honored as Paul Harris Fellows

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6. City Clerk Awarded Grant to Attend International Municipal Clerks Conference

City Clerk Awarded Grant



City Clerk Amanda Baryenbruch has been awarded a grant to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Annual Conference.

Only two clerks are selected from our region—Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin—making this a significant honor.

The conference brings together municipal clerks from around the world to share knowledge and strengthen the profession.

This opportunity reflects the Clerk's ongoing commitment to professional growth and serving our community with excellence.

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7. Police Department Involvement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Bigs with Badges



Bigs with Badges is a one-to-one mentoring program through Big Brothers Big Sisters that connects youth with local police officers in partnership with our public schools.

These relationships give kids a healthy role model, help children develop into confident adults, and help build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve.

This mentoring program has been studied and proven to be an effective method for breaking the cycle associated with poverty, criminal behaviors, and instability. 7 TRPD officers currently participating.



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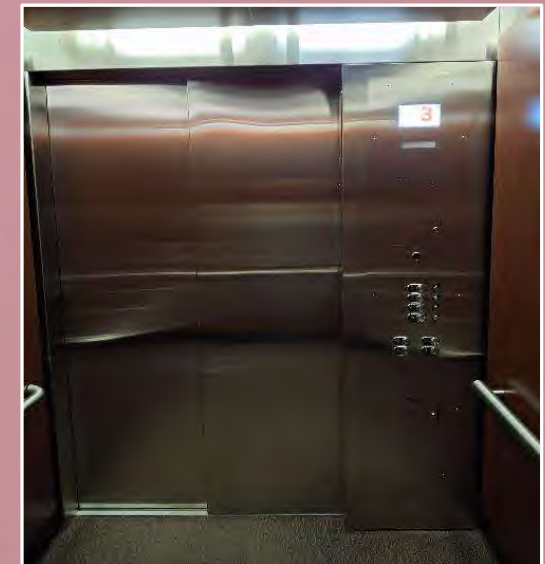
8. City Hall Elevator Upgrade Project: Update

City Hall Elevator Update: Project Completed

Today, after an overhaul that took of 6 weeks, the City Hall Elevator is up (and down) and running

New elevator features include:

- Cutting edge technology, energy saving features
- Advanced safety features
- New hydraulics
- New control system
- New digital LCD display
- Floor voice announcement
- Equipped with "Schindler Ahead" advanced diagnostic system.
- Digital alarm and monitoring



****All meetings will resume at their usual locations****

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9. Annual Utility Shut Off Moratorium Ends on April 15



**WINTER MORATORIUM
ENDS APRIL 15TH**



The statewide utility disconnection moratorium ends April 15.

Customers with an outstanding balances need to contact Two Rivers Utilities' Customer Service Department as soon as possible to set up a payment plan or explore assistance options. Staying ahead of the deadline can help avoid interruptions of your service.

For more information and support, call Customer Service at 920-793-5523 or visit the Customer Service Office at City Hall (Monday-Thursday 7:30am - 5:00pm and Friday 7:30am - 11:30am).

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10. State Highway 42/Memorial Drive Project

State Hwy 42/Memorial Drive

Project has started.

- Milling of Asphalt Surface to be completed this week
- Concrete Repair/Replacement
- Storm Sewer Repair/Replacement
- Bridge Deck Mill and Overlay

Detour to end by Memorial Day Weekend; paving will continue well into June, with lane closures.

Link is available on our website homepage for updates. <https://www.two-rivers.org/>

Starting Friday, April 11, a two-week outlook for upcoming road impacts will be available at:

<https://www.511wi.gov>



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11. Water Utility Service Line Inventory Approved by WI DNR

Two Rivers Water Works previously submitted its Service Line Inventory to the WI DNR as required by the EPA.

During the review process, some of the classifications were not fully aligned with the EPA requirements. The inventory was not approved the the Utility was required to send a Public Notice was sent out to all customers.

Corrections were made and the inventory was re-submitted to WI DNR.

The inventory has now been approved and accepted by WI DNR as compliant with EPA regulations.



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12. Bid Opening for East Side Street/Utility Reconstruction— Coming to Council for award on April 21, 2025

Harbor Street, 16th Street and Emmet Street 2025 Reconstruction project

- Four bids were received and opened on March 20
- The low responsive bid came from Vinton Construction
- Construction unit costs are higher compared to the 2024 Roosevelt Avenue reconstruction project, but still **within budget**
- Engineering Dept. is preparing for an April 21 public hearing on the proposed special assessments, with an informational that afternoon, meeting prior to the hearing
- Recommendation to award the contract will occur following the assessment public hearing
- Once awarded, will be able to get a proposed construction schedule

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13. Community and Economic Development Update



Sauve's Auto Service Project
Nearing Completion Downtown
--\$1 million project, assisted with
\$200,000 pay-as-you-go TID grant



Rush Logistics New Facility: Plans
approved by Plan Commission
on March 10; approved by BIDC
and CDA on March 25

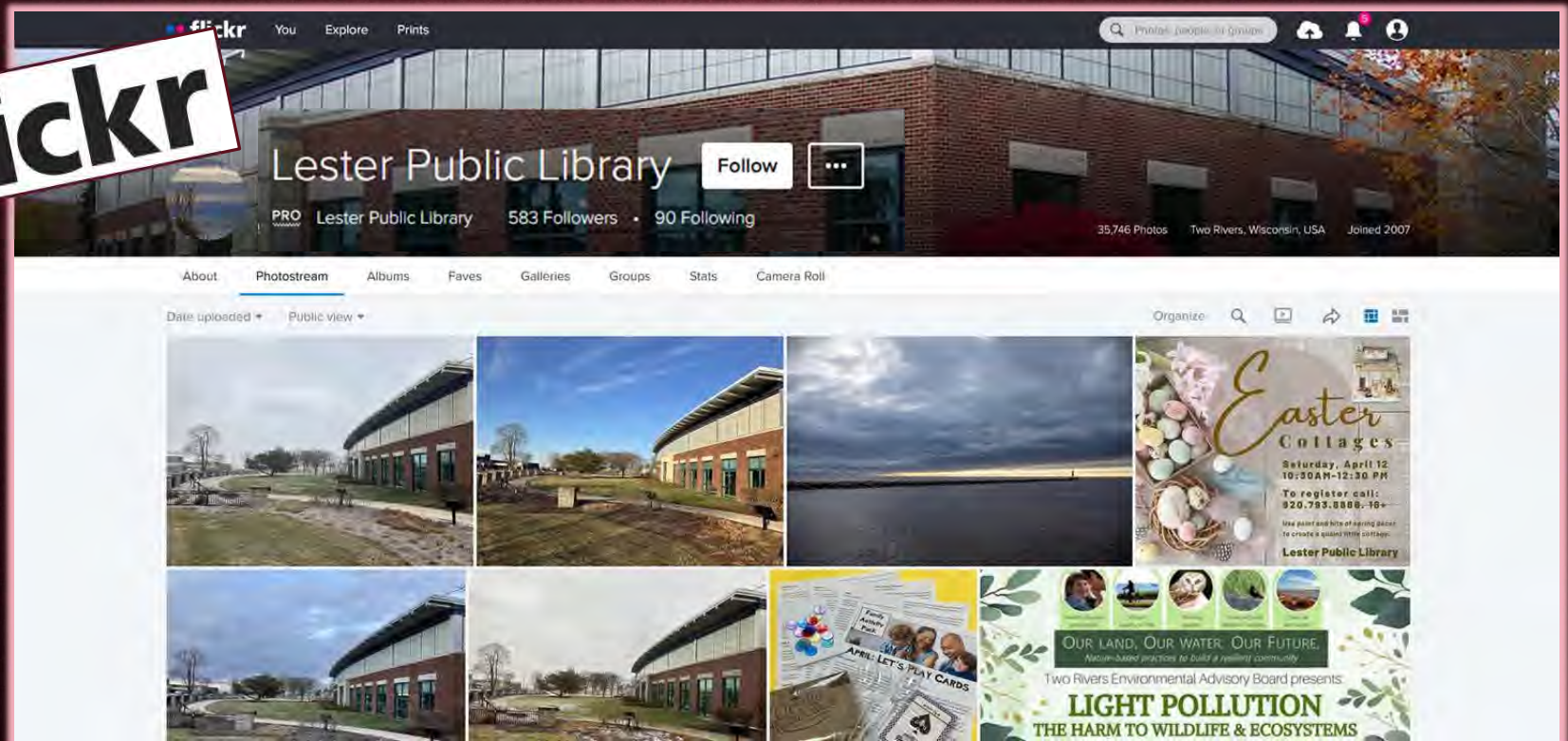


New building by Growth Garage
at Lincoln Ave and 33rd
--Approved At Plan Commission
Special Meeting on March 19

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14. 18-Year Anniversary of Lester Library Flickr Site: 12 Million Visitors to Date, Over 36,000 Images of Two Rivers



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a. Environmental Advisory Board program,
"Light Pollution: The Harm to Wildlife & Ecosystems,"
Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6:00PM at Lester Public Library

Two Rivers Environmental Advisory Board presents:

LIGHT POLLUTION: THE HARM TO WILDLIFE & ECOSYSTEMS



Thursday, April 10 • 6:00 PM

Still Bend steward **Michael Ditmer** discusses the negative impacts of nighttime lighting on birds, insects, mammals and humans, and shares local solutions to reduce its environmental damage. A recognized expert, Ditmer has presented at national conferences on the effects of LED lighting on both human and ecological health.

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b. Two Rivers Optimist Club, "In Remembrance Night,"
Luminaries placed in Two Rivers Cemeteries, April 12, 2025

In Remembrance Night



Pre-purchased luminaries will be placed at your loved one's headstone on April 12, 2025 (Two Rivers Cemeteries only)

A Welcome & Remembrance speech will kick off the evening at 6:00PM.
Pioneer Rest/Calvary- 25th Street/Forest Avenue
Holy Cross/Forest View- 3801 Mishicot Rd

Cost is \$10 per luminary. Orders due by April 8, 2025.

Reserve your luminary NOW! Order forms available at TR Senior Center, area churches, or by emailing TwoRiversOptimistClub@gmail.com



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c. Coffee with a Cop

1. Starbucks, April 16, 2025, 9:00AM-10:00AM
2. Senior Center, April 30, 2025, 10:00AM-11:00AM

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Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Two Rivers Police Department Officers for coffee and conversation.

Wednesday April 16th 9-10am
Two Rivers Starbucks

Wednesday April 30 10-11am
Two Rivers Senior Center

We look forward to meeting you.

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d. Woodland Dunes Event, "Emerald Ash Borer Field Day,"
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 4:00PM-7:00PM

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EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) FIELD DAY

Join us for an evening with expert professionals as we dive into learning about the continuing issue of EAB in Wisconsin! Discover the latest updates on the status of EAB in Wisconsin, and different management and reforestation strategies to address this issue. A hands-on, guided field tour will follow after presentations, where these important topics will be put into action.

Wednesday, April 16
4:00PM – 7:00PM

REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE OR ON THE
LAKESHORE NATURAL RESOURCE
PARTNERSHIP FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE!



<https://bit.ly/LISMAEABfieldday>



At
Woodland Dunes
Nature Center
& Preserve

3000 Hawthorne Ave
Two Rivers



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15. Upcoming Events:

- e. Estate Planning Workshop, Thursday, April 17, 2025,
6:00PM-7:30PM, at Lester Public Library**

Estate Planning Workshop



Attorney Tracy Gibson leads a workshop on estate planning, covering essential tools like wills, trusts, and powers of attorney.

Gain the knowledge needed to make informed decisions for yourself and your family.

**Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Lester Public Library
1001 Adams Street**



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f. Two Rivers Fire Department Fish Boil, Friday, April 18, 2025,
3:00PM-7:00PM, at the TR Fire Department

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City of Two Rivers Fire Department 13th Annual Fish Boil

Sponsored by:
Two Rivers Firefighters Local 423

April 18th, 2025 • 3:00 - 7:00pm

Two Rivers Fire Station • 2122 Monroe Street, Front Lobby, 22nd St

Dine-in and To-Go orders available

Adults \$15 - Cod, Carrots, Potatoes, Onions, Bread, Butter

Kids Meal \$7 - Smaller portion or Hotdog and Chips

Beverages and Desserts Available

Tickets available at the Fire Station

OR

Facebook.com/TwoRiversFire



All proceeds help

support local charities:

- Youth Sporting Teams
- School Organizations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Food Pantries

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g. Pancakes with the Easter Bunny, Saturday April 19, 2025,
8:30AM-10:30AM, at the Community House

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h. Two Rivers Optimist Club Easter Egg Hunt,
Saturday, April 19, 2025, 11:00AM, in Neshotah Park



2025 Easter Egg Hunt



WHEN: Saturday, April 19th

TIME: 11:00am

WHERE: Neshotah Park

(2111 Pierce St, Two Rivers)

**In the event of inclement weather,
listen to local radio for updates.

OPEN TO: Ages 10 & Under

Sponsored by:

Two Rivers
Optimist Club



-FREE EVENT

-PRIZES

-CANDY

-AGE DESIGNATED AREAS

-EASTER BUNNY



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i. Parks and Recreation Kayaking Program

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Kayaking Activities

Adaptive Paddling Workshop

• May 29 - June 1, 2025

A specialized workshop designed to make paddling more accessible for all. Learn adaptive techniques and inclusive paddling skills.

Summer Kayaking Programming

• June - September 2025

Join us for an exciting season on the water with our Summer 2025 Kayaking Series! Offering six unique programs, this series is designed for paddlers of all skill levels to explore, learn, and enjoy the adventure of kayaking. Whether you're a beginner looking to get started or an experienced paddler seeking new challenges, there's something for everyone. Get ready to paddle, connect, and make lasting memories on the water!

• Intro to Kayaking: June 14, June 26, August 10
• Morning Birding Paddle: August 23

• Great Lakes Education: July 19
• Sunset Paddle: September 25



**Call Parks & Rec,
920-793-5592
for more info**

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16. Other

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Community House Closed on Sunday, April 13

Maintenance Staff will be engaged in the annual stripping and waxing of floor surfaces throughout the building.

Full-time staff will be doing this work on a flex-time arrangement, with no overtime planned.

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