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City of Two Rivers

NEWSLETTER



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GETTING THE LEAD OUT: UPDATE

While activity is paused due to winter weather, the City continues to make substantial progress in replacing lead service laterals (lsl's) in the water system.

Coming into 2024, there were about 1,800 lsl's in the system, out of 5,100 total water services.

A \$3.9 million contract awarded in 2024 addresses about 300 service replacements at locations in the central part of the city. This work started in 2024 and will continue in 2025. Another 50 services were replaced in 2024 as part of the Roosevelt Avenue reconstruction.

Another contract will be awarded in 2025 for replacement of 150 lsl's on the city's eastside, south of 22nd Street.

The City continues to pursue State and Federal funding to assist in this very expensive undertaking. Federal ARPA funds (City and County) were applied to 2023 and 2024 projects. Low-interest loans and grants through Wisconsin's Safe Drinking Water Fund are an ongoing source of funds for these efforts, including the 2025 projects.



In 2025, the City will continue to provide funding of \$2,500 per property to help with the cost of the "private side" portion of the lsl's (from the shutoff valve near the street to the property's water meter).

In many cases, this funding covers the full cost of the private side lsl replacement. The "public side" replacement (shutoff valve to water main), covered by the Water Utility, is more expensive because it also involves tearing up and then repairing the street.

The federal government (US EPA) recently finalized a long-expected rule that requires replacement of all lead in municipal water systems within the next decade. That is a worthy goal, but one that will require an enormous amount of local, state, federal and customer funding to achieve over the next 10 years.

Investing in Our Urban Forest

Through the leadership of the Parks and Recreation Department, public trees along streets, in parks and on public properties are getting some overdue attention. Partnerships with several funding sources and community groups will expand those efforts in 2025.

For the third year in a row, the City has been awarded a WI DNR URBAN FORESTRY grant, for \$25,000. Previous years' grants have funded a tree

inventory, staff training and some tree planting. This year's grant will fund a Youth Apprentice in forestry and assist in removing dead and dangerous trees, planting replacement trees, and undertaking educational programming with our local schools.

The LAKE MICHIGAN BIRD OBSERVATORY (LMBO) Partnership received a grant from the DAYBREAK FUND to support community forestry efforts along the Lake Michigan shore.

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INVESTING IN OUR URBAN FOREST (cont'd)

LMBO will be providing the City with 60 trees to be planted in terraces on the southside. City staff will also participate in training related to the creation and use of bio-char, a substrate made from burned organic matter that can support the health of trees when used during planting.

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH and the City have been awarded a \$15,000 grant from an organization called FAITH IN PLACE. This grant will fund a forestry track Youth Apprentice for 450 hours, planting of 20 trees at Washington Park, and costs associated with tree care and administration. Washington Park has had close to 20 dead trees removed in the last year.

A portion of the ENVIRONMENTAL FEE on utility bills is used each year to support care for trees in parks and streets. This year the City will continue to remove dead and dangerous trees along streets that were designated in a tree inventory completed in 2023. Funding from this source will allow planting of 30 to 40 trees throughout the city, to replace those that have been removed in recent years.



GOLF & MULTI-SPORT SIMULATOR

We're excited to unveil our newly updated facility at the J.E. Hamilton Community House, transforming the old Racquetball Court into Two Rivers' premier golf simulator and multi-sport experience.

Golf Simulator: The New Truegolf Apogee system is a cutting-edge system designed to deliver unparalleled accuracy in tracking golf swings. It utilizes an advanced ultra-high-speed stereoscopic camera setup to capture a comprehensive range of data points from both the club & the ball for each swing. Play golf on over 100 different golf courses or you can practice on multiple driving & chipping ranges.

Multi-Sport Simulator: Our multi-sport simulator will allow you to play the following games: Hoops, QB (Football), Pitching, Field Goal, Hockey, Cornhole, Soccer, Footgolf, Disc Golf, Bowling, and Dodgeball.

HOURS	
Monday	9am - 8pm
Tuesday	1pm - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 8pm
Thursday	9am - 5pm
Friday thru Sunday	9am - 6pm

GOLF SIMULATOR GROUP RATES
\$25 per hour (Monday thru Thursday)
\$35 per hour (Friday thru Sunday)
Up to 4 players for golf

MULTI-SPORT SIMULATOR GROUP RATES
\$25 per hour (Monday thru Thursday)
\$35 per hour (Friday thru Sunday)
Up to 8 players, golf not included



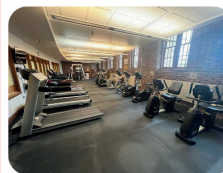
J.E. Hamilton Community House
Two Rivers, WI

To book your session, scan the QR code,
call (920) 793-5592, or visit the Community House.

J.E. HAMILTON COMMUNITY HOUSE FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center is located on the ground level of the J.E. Hamilton Community House. It includes treadmills, stationary bikes, ellipticals, free weights, and a weight machine. It is open seven days a week during normal building hours and closed for holidays and special events.

Use of the fitness center requires the purchase of a membership or daily pass. Memberships and passes can be purchased at the Parks & Recreation office Monday through Friday during normal business hours.



Annual Senior (55+)
\$65.00 Resident
\$97.50 Non-Resident

Annual Adult (18-54)
\$95.00 Resident
\$142.50 Non-Resident

Annual Joint Membership
(The same household must provide ID
or current bill for proof of address)
\$175.00 Resident
\$262.50 Non-Resident

NEW OPTIONS!

Monthly Senior (55+)
\$15.00 per month

Monthly Adult (18-54)
\$25.00 per month

Daily Pass
(Monday-Friday)
\$5.00 per day

Fitness Center Hours

Monday-Friday: 6am - 8pm
Saturday-Sunday: 7am - 6pm



For more information contact (920) 793-5592 or ashhag@two-rivers.org

-Note: Fire Dept phone number was incorrect
in November 2024 Newsletter-

POLICE • FIRE • EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIAL 911



POLICE DEPARTMENT (920)-686-7200
Non-Emergency Dispatch

POLICE DEPARTMENT (920)-793-1191
Business Office

FIRE DEPARTMENT (920)-793-5521
Business Office

WPS 1-800-450-7260
Customer Service

WPS ELECTRIC 1-800-450-7240
(outside Two Rivers) Emergency

WPS NATURAL GAS 1-800-450-7280
Emergency

TWO RIVERS UTILITIES (920)-793-5523
Customer Service

TWO RIVERS UTILITIES (920)-793-5555
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