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Preserving Quality Of Life

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission: September 18 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Economic Development Board: September 19 – 8:00 A.M. (**Agenda**)
Library Board of Trustees: September 20 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Park & Open Space Board: September 20 – 6:30 P.M. (**Agenda**)

Recap of September 12 Common Council Meetings

On Tuesday, September 12, the Mequon Common Council held its monthly meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall. During the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting, the Council reviewed and discussed proposed amendments to Chapter 62 of the Sign Code.

Thereafter, the Common Council, meeting as the Mequon Municipal Water Utility Commission, reviewed a draft update of the City's Water Utility Master Plan. During the business portion of the regular Common Council meeting, the Council acted to:

- Amend the City's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 to adjust budgeted amounts within the Department of Public Works due to unanticipated repairs and material cost increases in a net amount not-to-exceed \$36,576
- Approve a State/Municipal agreement for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Approve the purchase of a replacement compact track loader with related attachments from Fabick Cat in the amount of \$89,750

A summary of all action taken by the Common Council is available here via condensed **meeting minutes**, or the **video broadcast**. The Common Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 10.

SOFD Board Approves 2024 Budget

On September 13, the Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Department Board approved its budget for 2024. The 2024 budget uses available Ozaukee County ARPA funding, an adjustment to some ambulance transport fees, and a proposed 4.28% levy increase for operations. The 2024 budget also includes the addition of one firefighter/paramedic position. Upon the hiring of the additional firefighter/paramedic, daily staffing will be seven personnel—one full-time battalion chief, three full-time firefighters and three paid-on-call members. There is also a contingency of \$200,000, which is approximately 5% of the operational budget, and a capital contribution totaling \$130,285.



Wisconsin law allows for the communities of joint fire departments to use the levy limit exemption if the combined total of assessed charges to the municipalities does not exceed CPI + 2%. As proposed, the 2024 SOFD budget qualifies for this exemption.

Mequon Road Interchange Reconstruction Starts

As part of the I-43 North-South expansion project, the Mequon Road Interchange Segment began this week, with scheduled completion in mid-2025. This project includes reconstruction and expansion of 2.3 miles of I-43 between Glen Oaks Lane and Donges Bay Road, reconstruction of the Mequon Road interchange, and the construction of a noise wall along the west side of I-43, just south of Mequon Road. On Wednesday, eastbound and westbound Mequon Road, between the I-43 northbound ramps and Port Washington Road were reduced to one lane each way through mid-2025. The I-43 northbound exit ramp to Mequon Road is scheduled to remain open with reduced capacity through early 2024. Elsewhere, a full closure of the Highland Road entrance ramp to I-43 northbound was also initiated, and will remain in effect until late September for ramp tie-in work. Motorists should expect overnight lane and ramp closures along I-43 while these project phases are completed.







Taste of Mequon Celebrates 10 Years With a Bang



Taste of Mequon continues to grow year after year. Last Saturday's festival had 32 food & beverage vendors, 12 artists/craftsmen, and 15 Children's Area participants. The three bands, the *Vee Three*, *FallBack*, and *Hot Rod Huey and the B Sides*, were enjoyed by all. The evening concluded with a captivating fireworks display to celebrate the festival's 10th anniversary. Thank you to the Festivals Committee and City staff for all the hard work to make the event a success. Also, thanks again to this year's event sponsors: Kohler Credit Union, Sommer's Automotive, Froedert & Medical College of Wisconsin, Richmond Investment Services, Mequon Thiensville Community Foundation, Port Washington State Bank, and Olsen's Piggly Wiggly. See you at Taste of Mequon 2024!

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 HIDE IT Hide or remove valuables from your vehicle.	 LIGHT IT Keep exterior residence lights on or use motion detecting lights.

Police Department Issues Reminder to Lock Vehicles

Last weekend, the Police Department responded to several entries into unlocked vehicles and one stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was recovered outside of the City, and the Department is working on these investigations.

The Police Department would like to remind everyone to protect their vehicles by closing and locking all car doors and windows, taking valuables out of the vehicle, and not leaving keys or key fobs in or near the vehicle. Also, never leave vehicles running, even at gas pumps. In the event anyone needs assistance, please call 911 in cases of emergency or (262) 242-3500 for non-emergency or suspicious circumstances.

Ozaukee County Board Minutes Now Available

The Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors' **September 5** and **September 6** meeting minutes are now available.



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