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Preserving Quality Of Life

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission: October 23 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Sewer & Water Budget Meetings: October 30 – 6:30 P.M.
Economic Development Board: October 31 – 8:00 A.M.
Board of Appeals: November 2 – 6:00 P.M.
Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board: November 8 – 5:30 P.M.
Joint M-T Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission: November 9 – 9:00 A.M.

Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Department Hosts Swearing-In



On Monday, the Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Department hosted a swearing-in ceremony for its members. The badge pinning was for newly hired SOFD members in 2023 and members who transitioned over from the Mequon and Thiensville Fire Departments. The badge pinning included the promotion of Battalion Chief Rick Lemke and Captain Joel Deutsch.

The ceremony also included a salute to Carol Barthel, who retired after 42 years of service as an EMT. Carol was presented with a proclamation from Mayor Nerbun and a shadowbox of Mequon Ambulance, Mequon Fire Department and Southern Ozaukee Fire Department patches. Pictured (L) to (R) are Firefighter/Paramedics Garrick Gross, Wesley Reimer, Bradley Wachter, Bethany Price, Benedict Beck and Fire Chief David Biak.

Department of Public Works Ends Summer Hours

The summer hours for the Department of Public Works ended today, Friday, October 20. While “summer” ended for many before now, the modified work hours allow the Department of Public Works to take advantage of extended daylight, reduced heat indices, reduced traffic flow and increased efficiency of larger-scale projects. As operations turn to restoration, tree removal and winter snow removal, so comes the resumed normal hours from 7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.



SOFD to be Recognized at WI Policy Forum Luncheon

The Wisconsin Policy Forum will host the 31st Annual Salute to Local Government on Wednesday, November 15, from 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. The celebration recognizes the positive impact that public sector ingenuity and excellence have on taxpayers and communities throughout Wisconsin. The Southern Ozaukee Fire and EMS Department will be recognized at

this year’s luncheon for *Intergovernmental Cooperation* for its merger of the Mequon and Thiensville Fire Departments at the beginning of the year.



Sign-up for County's Emergency Notification Alerting System

The City would like to remind Mequon residents of an emergency notification alerting system that is available to all residents of Ozaukee County. Residents have long known that they may call 911 for police, fire or medical assistance. The Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office, Public Health Department, and Emergency Management Division participate with a mass alert notification system called Alert Sense, which operates like a reverse of the 911 system. The County Dispatch, at their request or at the request of City Officials, can send voice and text messages that alert the community to a variety of emergency and non-emergency circumstances, such as crime/imminent danger, evacuation alert, the presence of hazardous materials, a local area emergency, or missing persons/Amber Alert. For more information and to sign-up for the program, please visit this [link](#).



Tips for Disposing Leaves

Did you know that leaves falling from trees during autumn can pollute freshwater resources? When leaves pile up on streets, sidewalks, and driveways, they can be washed away by rainwater into storm drains. The leaves can clog storm drains, making it harder for rainwater to flow away safely which can cause local flooding. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg. When the leaves and other organic debris are left in the drain, they leach nutrients into local lakes and streams that encourage the growth of certain algae and bacteria that are harmful to people, plants, and wildlife.

Residents can help manage leaf waste by raking leaves and then bagging them, mulching the leaves, or using leaf pick-up services. Remember, every small effort counts when it comes to protecting the environment. By managing leaf waste properly, one can prevent stormwater pollution, reduce flooding, and keep water clean for everyone to enjoy. To learn more click [here](#).

Drug Take Back Day Taking Place on Saturday, October 28

Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 28 at Concordia University from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Mequon Officers and pharmacy students from Concordia will be available to take unused/old/expired medications. This will be a drive-up event located

near the Pharmacy Building on Concordia University's Mequon Campus, located at 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive. The Prescription Drug Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means for disposing of unwanted or unneeded prescription medications. Please see the **attached flyer** for additional details.



Join Mequon Nature Preserve for *A Habitat Haunting*

Saturday, October 28 is the Fourth Annual Habitat Haunting from Noon – 2:00 P.M. at the Mequon Nature Preserve. Dress in costume and hike the trails of the Streich Family Wetland. Staff and volunteers will be stationed throughout the trail system with candy and other goodies. Run around afterward on Marty's Playspace and play some fun games with prizes. Leashed dogs are welcome at this free family-friendly event.



Mayor Nerbun proclaiming October 16, 2023, to be *Carol Barthel Day* in honor of her 42 years of service to the City.

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