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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Board: December 11 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Public Works Committee: December 12 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Finance-Personnel Committee: December 12 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Committee of the Whole: December 12 – 6:30 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Common Council: December 12 – 7:30 P.M. (**Agenda**)
M-T Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission: December 14 – 9:00 A.M.
Library Board of Trustees: December 18 – 6:00 P.M.
Park & Open Space Board: December 18 – 6:30 P.M.

Preview of December 12 Common Council Meetings

Starting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12, the Mequon Common Council, meeting as the Committee of the Whole, will discuss the planning process for development of the City's next Community Survey. A Legislative update will also be provided by the City Attorney, providing an overview of statutory law changes that may potentially impact City ordinances or policies.

Starting at 7:30 P.M., the Common Council will hold its monthly meeting and consider a number of items, including:

- Authorizing the final plat for an 11-lot single-family residential subdivision located at 10766 Torrey Drive
- Amending the Municipal Code to rezone the property located at 11743 N. Port Washington Road from R3 (Single-Family 1-Acre) to R5 (Single-Family ½-Acre) with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) Overlay, and amending the Land Use Plan Map from Residential (1 - 1.5 acre) to Residential Plex in connection with the development of a 19-lot cluster subdivision
- Approval of the City's Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2024 with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance, in the estimated amount of \$395,308
- Appointing Lester Ahrens as the Statutory City Assessor through December 31, 2025
- Awarding a contract for Long-Term Disability Insurance and Employee Assistance Program Services to Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada for an annual estimated premium of \$23,690
- Awarding a contract for construction of a combined concession and restroom facility at Lemke Park to Altius Building Company in an amount not-to-exceed \$984,500

Agenda materials for the Common Council meeting, as well as for all other Committee and Board Meetings are available at:
<http://mequoncitywi.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>.

2023 Tax Bills Now Available

2023 Tax Bills were posted online on December 6. Ozaukee County's mailing service is handling the printing and mailing of the physical bills. The bills are expected to be delivered over the next couple of days. Due to levy adjustments across most taxing jurisdictions, the City expects that many property owners will see a slight increase in their total tax bill from last year. For information on City Hall collection hours, Port Washington State Bank collection hours, dog licenses and more, please see the **enclosed copy** of the insert that is being mailed with the bills.

City Issues RFP to Assess the Port Washington Road Corridor

The Common Council, by recommendation of the City's Economic Development Board, approved development of a North Port Washington Road Market Analysis Request for Proposal (RFP). The City issued the RFP on December 1 with a submission deadline of January 15, 2024. The RFP can be viewed **here**. The City is requesting proposals from interested and qualified professionals to develop a comprehensive real estate market

analysis for a variety of land uses within the City that identifies the primary strengths and weaknesses, along with opportunities and constraints. Subsequently, results from the contracted analysis will drive future land use decisions and may result in the creation of new zoning districts.

Mequon Celebrates Manufacturing Month at Super Steel



Last week, the City's Economic Development Board and guests, including members of the Common Council, City Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, MT School District and City staff celebrated manufacturing month at Super Steel, located on Industrial Drive. Founded in 1923, Super Steel celebrated their 100th Anniversary this year and shared the evolution of the business and its roots in the greater Milwaukee area. Super Steel delivers a wide range of products in metal fabrication and finished assemblies, including design services. Super Steel's markets include agriculture, construction, energy, power generation, transportation, and waste management. The tour exposed attendees to creative and complex operations and the company's energetic leadership team. The City will look to grow and maintain its relationship with Super Steel to support the future generations of the company in Mequon.

Don't Miss Winter Wonderland This Sunday!

Join friends and neighbors at City Hall this Sunday, December 10, from 3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. for this year's Winter Wonderland. Take pictures with Santa or Judah the Maccabee, enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, make your own ornament, sip hot beverages from busy B tea around a fire, decorate Julie's Blue Ribbon cookies complements of Lumia Mequon, sing along to music from local choirs, have your face painted, climb aboard a Southern Ozaukee Fire Truck, and purchase eats from Smokin' C's BBQ food truck. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for Ozaukee Family Sharing. The Menorah Lighting will take place at 4:30 P.M. and the Tree Lighting will take



place at 5:45 P.M. Thank you to event sponsors Kohler Credit Union, Super Steel, and Bingle Premier Lighting! To sign-up for a picture to be taken with Santa in the Isham Day House (pictured to the left), click [here](#).

Mequon Named One of Ten Best Small Towns to Retire in U.S.

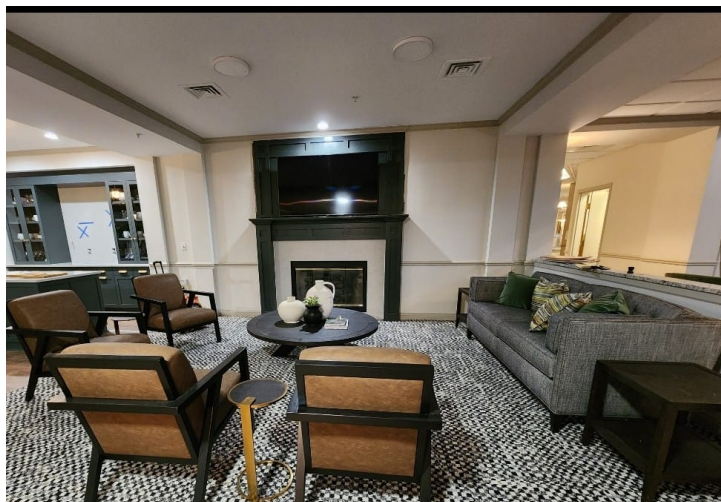
Travel and Leisure Magazine recently named Mequon one of the 10 Best Small Towns to Retire in the U.S. The full article can be viewed [here](#).

Young Professionals Host Virtual Event on December 13



Mequon-Thiensville Chamber's Young Professionals are hosting a free event entitled *Tales of Launching a Business as a Young Entrepreneur* presented by Amy Falluca, founder of COMFYIST & Bravent. The virtual event will take place on Wednesday, December 13, from noon - 1:00 P.M. Learn more about the event and register to attend [here](#).

Cedarhurst of Mequon Invites Community to Paint & Sip Event



Cedarhurst of Mequon is wrapping up renovation work and will be giving tours of the remodeled community on Wednesday, December 13, at 1:00 P.M. The public is invited to stay and attend a paint & sip event following at 2:00 P.M. Cedarhurst is located at 10803 N. Port Washington Road.

Changing Climate Impacts Affecting U.S. Property Insurance

Recently, Alice Hill from the *U.S. Council on Foreign Relations* reported how private insurers in the United States are now limiting coverage in a growing number of areas, due to climate change. At present, this primarily affects a handful of coastal U.S. states, including California. In other states, insurers have substantially increased the price of property insurance, adding strain to both local communities and the country's overall economic health. Read the full article [here](#).

Car-Deer Collisions Costly, But Drivers Can Learn How to Avoid

A recent *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* article explored the costs associated with the over 16,000 collisions that reportedly happen each year between deer and Wisconsin motorists. Drivers should be aware that deer are naturally drawn to roadsides at night because of their specific preferences for food and land cover, particularly between 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. Between fiscal years 2001-02 and 2022-23, Wisconsin has devoted approximately \$16 million in public funds to manage deer killed by cars. The DOT pays contractors to manage the carcasses on interstates and state highways, while counties manage other local roads. Read the entire article [here](#).



Holiday Lights at the Jonathan Clark House

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