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Preserving Quality Of Life

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission: January 22 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)
Economic Development Board: January 23 – 8:00 A.M. (**Agenda**)
Board of Appeals: February 1 – 6:00 P.M.

Snowstorm Keeps City's Emergency Crews Busy



During the 24-hour snow event between January 12 and January 13, the Southern Ozaukee Fire Department (SOFD) responded to 15 EMS calls, eight calls related to electrical service issues (wires down, tree branch on wires), four fire alarms, two vehicle accidents, two CO alarms, and two citizen assist calls. SOFD assisted in removing two residents from their home that had lost power. The two residents were removed by stokes stretcher and carried through the snow to an awaiting van to take them to a hotel. Another resident was locked out of their apartment building due to the power outage. The resident walked to the Police Department and the Fire Department assisted with gaining re-entry to their building. The East side Fire/EMS crews responded to a resident having trouble breathing. The resident's oxygen machine failed due to the power outage. The patient was treated, then crews assisted in clearing snow from the driveway and transferred the patient and their oxygen machine into a family member's car. The West side Fire/EMS crews assisted several stuck motorists and removed multiple trees and other hazards on the roads.

During the two-day storm, the Police Department handled a total of 252 calls for service, surpassing the usual volume of day-to-day calls, indicating an increase in demand during the storm. The storm brought about a range of challenges. All calls were responded to promptly, including 9 false alarms, 32 reports of trees obstructing roadways or debris scattered across streets, 26 incidents involving disabled vehicles or vehicles in ditches, and 10 vehicle crashes.

Meanwhile, Public Works Crews worked diligently to treat roads, remove snow in parking lots, and plow streets to keep residents safe throughout the City. Many residents in the area lost power, with as many as 4,200 customers affected on Friday evening as reported by WE Energies. City Hall opened its doors on Saturday and Sunday as a warming facility for those needing to warm-up or charge electronic devices. Storm clean-up continued throughout this past week to remove a number of trees that fell during the storm. The dedication and hard work exhibited by each of these three Departments during this challenging period exemplify their commitment to serving and protecting the community, even in the face of inclement weather.

Police Department Issues Window Hours Reminder

As a reminder to residents, the Police Department has adjusted its administrative window hours from Monday to Friday starting January 2. The decision was made after the transfer of dispatching services to Ozaukee County last January. The window was previously open from 8:00 A.M. - 7:30 P.M. on weekdays and from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. on weekends. Upon analyzing the public's usage patterns, it was determined that there was minimal activity during weekdays after 6:30 P.M. As a result, the Public Safety Committee had a discussion in October and the Department decided to reduce the weekday window hours by one, now ending at 6:30 P.M. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Police Chief. The Department will continue to evaluate and adjust window hours as needed. Any notifications regarding future changes will be made via the *Weekly Bulletin*.

Mailbox Damage During a Snow Event



With winter weather underway, some residents experience the unfortunate side effect of mailbox damage. On City, County and State roads throughout the City, snowplows move through the streets to clear snow from the pavement. All three have similar policies related to mailbox damage, in that only damage caused by an agency snowplow hitting mailboxes are the responsibility of the agency to repair. Damage sustained by snow thrown from a snowplow or damage from another contracted snow removal service are the responsibility of the homeowner.

The City's policy for mailbox damage is established in Ordinance 70-11. If a resident living on a local City street sustains mailbox damage from a City snowplow, the City's website has instructions for reporting, which includes either calling 262-236-2913 or emailing kschlereth@ci.mequon.wi.us. Residents are asked to provide their name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of the damage. If a photo is available, that should be included as well.

If mailbox and/or support structures are physically struck by City owned and operated plow, the City of Mequon may, at its option, replace the damaged mailbox and/or support with a standard USPS approved steel mailbox and/or 4"x4" wood post and support. The maximum amount of compensation in lieu of replacement is \$50.00.

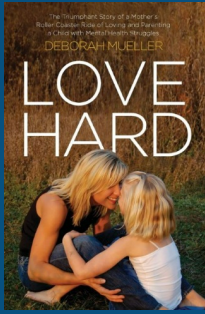
On County and State roads (Wauwatosa Road and Cedarburg Road south of Mequon Road, Port Washington Road and Mequon Road), residents should contact the Ozaukee County Highway Department at 262-284-9411. Similar to the City, mailbox damage due to direct contact with a snowplow is the responsibility of the Ozaukee County Highway Department. If replacement of the mailbox is required, the County supplies a standard size, black metal mailbox. If residents want a non-standard mailbox, they may supply one for the County to install, but the County will not pay for the mailbox. If permanent repairs cannot be made during winter, the County will maintain the mailbox temporarily until spring when a permanent fix can be completed.

Winter Activities to Enjoy at Mequon Nature Preserve

Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP) is proud to be open 365 days a year. Winter is a great time to enjoy the trails, even in the chilly weather. Here are some ideas to spend quality time with friends and family at MNP:

1. Look for tracks in the snow, many animals are still active during the winter months.
2. Test out your photography skills by taking pictures of snow and ice along the trail.
3. Bring your own snowshoes or borrow some from MNP for free.
4. Cross country ski around the trails.

5. Build a snowman at Marty's Playspace.
6. The trails are dog-friendly, so bring your canine companions along for a walk.
7. Attend MNP's Sugar Maple Tapping Event on February 24 and learn how staff makes delicious maple syrup. Sign-up is required, register via email [here](#).
8. Attend Craft and Storytime with your little ones, dates and times are listed [here](#).



Local Author to Feature New Book at Library on January 25

Deborah Mueller, Concordia University graduate and Mequon resident, will be featured at the Weyenberg Library on Thursday, January 25, from 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. to talk about her new book *Love Hard*. The book is a deeply personal story of one mom's roller coaster ride loving and parenting a child with mental health struggles.

4K Pre-Registration for MTSD to Begin on February 14

Online pre-registration for 4-year-old kindergarten and new-to-MTSD 5-year-old kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday, February 14. Please visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/4k for more information on the 4K program, as well as 4K wraparound and Kids' Campus before and after school care.



Wreath Making Class offered through the MTSD Recreation Department that took place on January 10 at the Range Line Community Center.

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