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Preserving Quality Of Life

UPCOMING MEETINGS

M-T Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission: February 8 – 9:00 A.M.

Public Safety Non-Emergency? Call (262) 242-3500



The Police Department non-emergency phone number, (262) 242-3500, is answered by a phone tree. All emergency calls should dial 911. The non-emergency phone tree will first ask if a Police Officer needs to respond to a location or if something needs to be reported to an Officer. If so, the call will be routed to the Ozaukee Dispatch Center. If a resident has administrative questions for the Police Department, the call will be routed to the Police Department's Administrative Specialists whom are available Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday. In the event an Administrative Specialist is not available to answer the call, the call will be routed directly to the Ozaukee Dispatch Center.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up Ends on January 31



The City began collecting Christmas trees on January 2 and will continue through next Wednesday, January 31, weather permitting. The Highway Division requests that all trees be placed on the right side of the driveway, facing one's house. In the event of snow, please clean it out, as the City will not unbury trees. Additionally, please note that City crews are unable to pick-up wreaths, garland, or any other decorations. To report a Christmas tree for pick-up, residents may contact the Public Works Department by e-mail at kschlereth@ci.mequon.wi.us or by calling (262) 236-2913.

Study Ranks Mequon Third in the Nation for Largest Yards

On January 19, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* published an article about a study conducted by LawnStarter, a lawn care company, to determine where a city dweller can have a house with a large yard. LawnStarter compared the 2,000 biggest U.S. cities based on the average yard sizes of single-family homes from the Federal Housing Finance Agency and found that Mequon, with an average yard acreage of 0.966, has the third largest yards in the country. Carney, Maryland, and Linton Hall, Virginia, were ranked Nos. 1 & 2, respectively. Read the full article [here](#).








Save the Date for Candlelight Walk-In-The-Woods

The 2024 Annual Candlelight Walk-In-The-Woods at Pukaite Woods in Mequon's Rotary Park is set for Saturday, February 17, from 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. The event is a joint effort between the Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club and the City of Mequon and will be the fourth year that it takes place. The event is meant to highlight not only the woods, and the work done, but also engage the community during a time of the year when residents do not typically frequent the Parks. The event also offers a unique opportunity for residents to enjoy a candlelit walk in the park during hours that it would not customarily be open to the public. The event is free and open to the public. The public restrooms will be open, and volunteers from the Rotary Club will be serving hot cocoa with bonfire stations positioned throughout the park for marshmallow roasting. New this year will be the addition of a Winter Beer Garden. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed. No registration is required.

Snow and Ice Tips for Residents

SNOW AND ICE TIPS

<h4>SHOVEL EARLY</h4> <p>The greatest way to minimize the use of salt is to remove snow before it has a chance to turn into ice.</p> 	<h4>CHECK THE WEATHER</h4> <p>Use the sun to your advantage and let it do the work for you.</p> <p>When pavement temperatures are below 15° then salt will not melt ice.</p> 
<h4>A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY</h4> <p>Its important to use the proper amount of salt for a given surface. A 12oz mug of salt is enough for 10 sidewalk squares.</p> 	<h4>SCATTER</h4> <p>Use a shaker or handheld spreader to scatter salt evenly. Avoid large piles and aim for granules 1-2 inches apart.</p> 

In the winter, it is important to salt driveways, sidewalks, and roads for the safety of drivers

and pedestrians. However, when excessive salt accumulates on surfaces, it can pose a threat to the environment, infrastructure, and drinking water.

Chloride, a catch-all term for salts, damages freshwater ecosystems by destroying the species at the bottom of the food chain. It also acts as a chemical instigator that frees metals and nutrients bound in the soil, adding more pollution to fresh water systems. Excessive chloride also accelerates infrastructure aging. It causes concrete to crack and requires costly repairs, as well as decreasing the life span of bridges, buildings, and cars. In addition, salt can contaminate drinking water by corroding pipes and damaging wells.

Overusing salts leads to a damaged environment, expensive infrastructure maintenance, and contaminated drinking water. Don't fret, there are smart salting practices residents can employ at home or work to protect freshwater bodies shown in the above picture.



Donges Bay Gorge - Photo Courtesy of Andrew Reinders

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