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**Preserving Quality Of Life**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Planning Commission: March 18 – 6:00 P.M. (**Agenda**)  
Economic Development Board: March 19 – 8:00 A.M. (**Agenda**)  
Library Board of Trustees: March 20 – 6:00 P.M.  
Festivals Committee: March 20 – 6:30 P.M. (**Agenda**)  
Park & Open Space Board: March 28 – 6:30 P.M.

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## Recap of March 12 Common Council Meetings

On Tuesday, March 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 was provided with an overview of the proposed updates to the floodplain maps for the Milwaukee River Watershed and a Model Ordinance regulating activity within the City's floodplain.

Thereafter, the Common Council held its monthly meeting. During the business portion of the regular Common Council meeting, the Council acted to:

- Amend Chapters 10 and 58 of the Municipal Code in connection with approvals by the City's Architectural Review Board and adopt updates to the Board's *Guidelines for Residential Structures*
- Repeal and recreate Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code relating to the regulation of signs within the City
- Clear the personal property tax roll of delinquent accounts deemed uncollectible for Tax Roll Year 2022
- Authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement for completion of a real estate market analysis of the Port Washington Road corridor between County Line Road and Glen Oaks Lane with Redevelopment Resources in an amount not-to-exceed \$69,710
- Amend the City's FY2024 Compensation Plan in connection with establishment of a full-time Management Intern during 2024-2025
- Approve award of the 2024 Road Improvements Contract to Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$1,260,000
- Award the 2024 Crack Sealing Contract to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in an amount not-to-exceed \$252,000
- Approve the purchase of the residential property located at 2010 W. Ranch Road, in connection with the relocation and reconstruction of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station E

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, April 9.

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## Police Commission Adopts New Policy and Procedure Manual

The Board of Police Commissioners has taken a proactive approach towards creating and implementing a new policy and procedure manual to ensure transparency, accountability, and consistency within the Department and on the Board. This manual will serve as a comprehensive guide for the Board and the Department, outlining best practices, protocols, and guidelines for handling the responsibilities of the Board. By establishing clear and standardized procedures, the Board aims to enhance public trust and confidence in law enforcement while also promoting professionalism and ethical conduct among officers. The manual will be regularly reviewed to reflect any changes in laws or regulations, ensuring that the Department and the Board are always equipped with the most current information and resources to effectively carry out their duties. Upon completion of the final review by the City's Labor Attorney, the manual will be available for review on the City website.

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## In-Person Absentee Voting Begins Next Week



In-person absentee voting begins next Tuesday, March 19 at City Hall for the April 2 election. Hours for voting are Monday through Friday, March 19 – 28, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., and Friday, March 29, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Voting takes place in the Council Chambers, so please enter through the doors facing Cedarburg Road. A handicap-accessible entrance to City Hall, which is adjacent to the facility's elevator system, is located on the west side of the building facing Rennie Field.

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## Finance Director Leaving for Position with Technology Firm

After nearly three years with the City of Mequon, Finance Director Jennifer Engroff is leaving the organization to accept the position of Senior ERP Consultant with Heartland Business Systems. Ms. Engroff, who began her duties as City Finance Director in August 2021, has overseen a number of initiatives that have improved the day-to-day functioning of the Finance Department, as well as the organization at-large. These include the City's switch to a municipal insurance pool, the introduction of credit card processing for all transactions, and the generation of additional income through active management of available cash reserves. Jennifer's last day with the City will be May 2, and upon her departure, the City's current Assistant Finance Director, Marie Keyser, will assume the role of Acting Finance Director. Presently, the City Administrator's Office is reviewing available options to ensure the continuity of day-to-day operations during this interim period, and for filling the position prior to the onset of the 2025 budget development process later this year.

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## Temporary Speed Radar Signs Arriving Soon



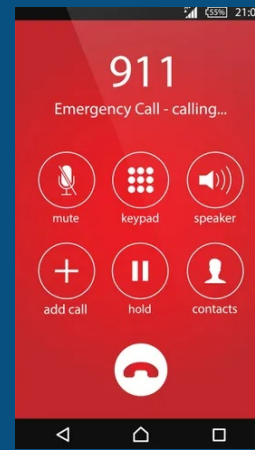
As a result of discussions during the Appropriations Committee meetings last fall, the Police Department has ordered two Solar Powered Radar Speed signs. The topic was then discussed at Public Safety Committee meetings, and a policy for the use of these signs was created. Overall, the goal of this project is to create a safer and more attentive driving environment throughout the City.

Residents who are interested in having a radar speed sign temporarily placed in their neighborhood can review the policy on-line and fill out a request form on the webpage located [here](#). The Police Department will review requests and determine the best locations for the signs based on factors such as traffic volume, speed limits, and previous speeding complaints. The signs will be rotated to different locations throughout the City on a regular basis, to maximize their effectiveness in reducing speeding. The program is expected to start in April once the equipment arrives.

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## Police Department Issues Notice about 911 Calls

When dialing 911, a caller may become confused as to whether the system is working properly due to a 5 to 12 second delay that can occur just prior to the "ringing" signal. This silence is due to a component of the system called "call setup time" which is part of the 911 system. The call setup time is necessary due to changes in technology. The 911 systems countrywide went from old copper "landlines," which were part of a locally-based system, to the nationwide 911 system that is based on internet technology. This is complicated by many phone numbers no longer being "local." Additionally, the setup time can then be further complicated by radio connections between a cellular phone and a tower, and having to use GPS to correctly route cellular calls. Please rest assured that once a call is connected, emergency services will be dispatched as quickly as possible. If a person is experiencing a delay in the ringing signal after dialing 911 and the caller has an active cellular signal, please remain on the line and do not hang up; your call will be connected.

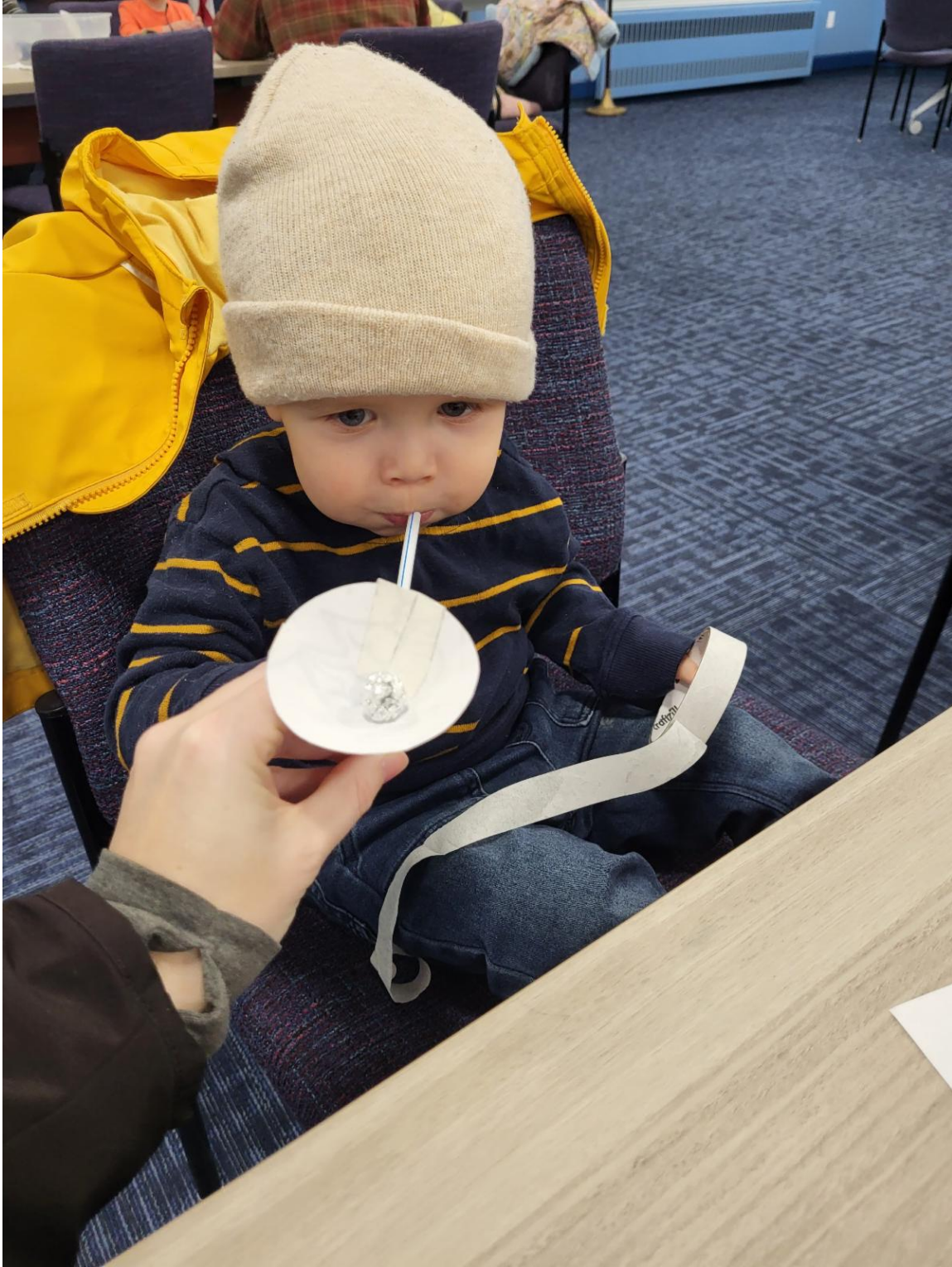


## MATC Seed Library Opens on March 18



The **MATC Seed Library** will open for its seventh season next Monday, March 18. Seeds are continuously processed through early May, with new varieties added to the inventory each week. There are two options to get your five free mini packets of seeds per household:

- 1) Community members are welcome to visit the MATC Mequon Campus Library. Order and get your seeds immediately. While picking up your seeds, enjoy browsing the library's large selection of **gardening books**.
- 2) **Use the online order form on the website** for porch pick-up. Allow one business day for processing, and then during their open hours, Monday - Thursday 7:30 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. and Friday 7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., retrieve the envelope of seeds from the porch pick-up box outside the MATC Mequon main entrance.



*Little Scientists* meet at the Weyenberg Library the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M. This past Thursday, they experimented Bernoulli's principle, which enables you to use slight differences in pressure to make a ball hover in a column of air.

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