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**Preserving Quality Of Life**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Festivals Committee: April 22 – 6:30 P.M. (**Agenda**)  
Planning Commission: April 29 – 6:00 P.M.  
Economic Development Board: April 30 – 8:00 A.M.  
Board of Review: May 1 – 8:30 A.M.  
Committee of the Whole Strategic Planning Workshop: May 2 – 8:30 A.M.  
Board of Appeals: May 2 – 6:00 P.M.

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### **Common Council Holds Annual Organizational Meeting**



The Common Council recently held its Annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, to swear-in newly elected members, elect a Common Council President and approve various subcommittee and aldermanic assignments for the 2024-2025 legislative year. In all, two sitting aldermen were sworn in following re-election on April 2, including Brian Parrish (District 6) and Bill Gebhardt (District 8). Additionally, newly elected Alderman Peter Bratt (District 7) who is replacing outgoing Alderwoman Kathleen Schneider, also took the oath of office. Thereafter, the Common Council elected District 3 Alderman Dale Mayr to serve as Common Council President over the next year, and the following assignments were also approved:

<b>Board/Commission/Committee</b>	<b>Aldermanic Appointment(s)</b>
Finance-Personnel Committee	Gebhardt, Parrish, Strzelczyk
Public Safety Committee	Bach, Mayr, Tolocko
Public Welfare Committee	Bach, Mayr, Parrish
Public Works Committee	Bratt, Hansher, Tolocko
Planning Commission	Strzelczyk
Economic Development Board	Gebhardt
Park & Open Space Board	Bratt
Joint Library Board	Hansher

The four subcommittees of the Common Council noted above (Finance-Personnel, Public Safety, Public Welfare and Public Works) are next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 14, where newly appointed members will elect a committee chair for the upcoming year. Mayor Andy Nerbun also made appointments to a number of the City's citizen boards, commissions and committees, a listing of which is attached [here](#).

The meeting also included a proclamation honoring Kathleen Schneider (pictured above with Mayor Nerbun) for her seven years of diligent service in representing District 7.

During her tenure, she was an instrumental leader in countless initiatives, including helping the City navigate the effects of a worldwide pandemic and overseeing a significant expansion of the City's sanitary sewer system. Dr. Schneider was also a strong supporter of the consolidation of the City's Fire & EMS services with the Village of Thiensville that not only resulted in cost savings for local taxpayers, but also resulted in improved service delivery to the public. Thank you Alderwoman Schneider!

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## City Mourns the Passing of Retired K9 Iron



With heavy hearts, the City shares the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of retired K9 Iron. Iron was brought to the Police Department with the assistance of the *Mequon Community Foundation* in 2015 where he served alongside his handler, Sergeant Jacob Schiller, for 8 1/2 years before he retired in March 2023. K9 Iron demonstrated exceptional skills in numerous tracks, apprehensions, and drug arrests while on patrol with Sergeant Schiller. The City is grateful for K9 Iron's service, and he will be greatly missed by all.

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## Residents Encouraged to Check Culvert Pipes for Obstructions



With Spring finally here, this is a friendly reminder to residents with culvert pipes under their driveways to ensure they are clear of any debris such as leaves, twigs, branches, and especially large landscape rocks/stones that may have become dislodged during snow-clearing operations this past winter. These types of obstructions slow the flow of stormwater runoff through ditches, and the ditches of neighbors. While the City is responsible for maintaining the culvert pipes under the roads and some drainageways, property owners are responsible for maintaining culvert pipes under driveways. Please take the time to inspect driveway culverts for any obstructions and kindly remove any debris accordingly. Likewise, if any road culverts appear to be obstructed or appear to be restricting flow during a rainfall event, please report these issues to the Department of Public Works at (262) 236-2913. Thank you and enjoy the spring season!

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## PFAS Being Monitored by Multiple Organizations

There has been a lot of coverage of PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) in the media lately, including industry newsletters and this article in the *Milwaukee Journal*



*Sentinel*, leaving residents wondering how concerned they should be about their own drinking water. On April 10, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS, establishing legally enforceable levels in drinking water. In addition, EPA is making unprecedented funding available to help ensure that all people have clean and safe water. Many other public and private sector organizations are also conducting PFAS-related research including the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the Center for Disease Control, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Drinking water utilities in the state are in the process of monitoring for PFAS as well. Each utility will monitor its drinking water over the next three years. Once a “baseline” has been established, the WDNR will determine if anything needs to be done to treat the water at each utility. The Mequon Water Utility is a wholesale customer of two Lake Michigan treatment plants – the North Shore Water Commission (NSWC) and Milwaukee Water Works. Both of these plants have been monitoring for PFAS ahead of any distribution to wholesale customers. NSWC has sampled for two quarters, and both quarters were below the detection level. Milwaukee Water Works collected three quarterly samples in 2023. All MWW results for the 29 contaminants tested were below reporting limits. This is an excellent indication that the Mequon Water Utility should not experience issues as sampling is conducted over the next three years. For further information regarding PFAS, visit the EPA website [here](#).



## Celebrate Trails Event on Saturday, April 27

The third annual Celebrate Trails event hosted by the MT Trails Foundation will be held at the Spur 16 parking lot at 6330 W. Mequon Road along the Ozaukee Interurban Trail from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 27. It is a fun event for bikers, runners and dog walkers to get outside and enjoy trails and trail systems. Vendors include Wheel and Sprocket, Trailside Recreation, Fromm Family Pet Food, Fox Town Brewery, the Wisconsin Bike Federation, MT Trails Foundation and more! Come test ride an Ebike, get treats for your pups, pick-up bike and trail maps, and enjoy live music (weather permitting).

## Community Recycling Event Set For Saturday, April 27

All Ozaukee County Residents are welcome to participate in the Community Appliance & Electronics Recycling Event at Firemen's Park located at W65N796 Washington Avenue in Cedarburg on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Refrigerant Depot LLC will be collecting items. Please visit the City's [website](#) for more information and acceptable items. The other Saturday collection date for 2024 is September 28.

## Arbor Day Celebration to Take Place on Sunday, April 28



The City's annual Arbor Day celebration is taking place on Sunday, April 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. at River Barn Park. Last year, over 400 guests attended and close to 1,200 trees were handed out. This year, larger container trees will be raffled off, goodie bags will be available for children, and numerous local nature driven organizations will be on hand inside the pavilion. Brats, hot dogs, chips, water, and soda will be served and don't miss the forestry equipment that will be on display! Free trees and shrubs will be given out (3 per person), specific species can be found [here](#).

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Alderman Peter Bratt (District 7) being sworn in at the April 16 Organizational Meeting by City Clerk Caroline Fochs.

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