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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE DESK OF WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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Dear Friends,

Later this month the United States will celebrate Memorial Day. Though this day is often celebrated as the unofficial start of summer, this day is much more than that.

We honor Memorial Day to pay tribute to so many brave and heroic individuals that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect freedom and democracy, virtues that we often take for granted. It is their sacrifice that ensures our freedom, their dedication that keeps us safe, and their courage and love of country that inspires us all. On Monday, May 31st, I encourage each of you to pay tribute to these individuals for what they have done to secure these important and time-honored American ideals.

On Memorial Day, use this day to remember those who have lost their lives fighting for our freedom. There are a number of ceremonies, parades and other events throughout Waukesha County to remember those who fought for us. Though our small actions are nothing in comparison to the actions of those we honor on this day, it is important that we display our unwavering commitment to our Armed Forces by attending a ceremony and displaying the flag.

Though we have set aside Memorial Day to honor the individuals who died, it is important to honor them and what they did for us everyday. It is also important to honor all veterans who have put, and continue to put, their lives on the line for our freedom. These brave individuals embody patriotism and the American spirit.

Sincerely,



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The Lake Country Trail includes scenic views of Pewaukee Lake.

LAKE COUNTRY TRAIL PAVING

Earlier this week, the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use began paving two segments of the Lake Country Trail. The first segment is from Valley Road (Town of Summit) to Milwaukee Street (City of Delafield), and the second is from Glen Cove Road (Town of Delafield) to Golf Road (City of Pewaukee) in Waukesha County. The paving project will be completed by fall.

The project will improve portions of the Lake Country Trail, a multi-purpose path, by widening it to ten feet, leveling portions of the path, and resurfacing it with asphalt. These improvements will bring the trail in compliance with state and federal standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. These segments of the Lake Country Trail will be closed to users while under construction.

Paving of this trail will make it more accessible to individuals with disabilities, parents pushing strollers, rollerbladers, and everyone who wants to enjoy the natural beauty of Waukesha County.

WAUKESHA COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG COLLECTION A SUCCESS

More than 2,000 vehicles dropped off 4,688 pounds of medication, collectively, at the 6 location sites during the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition’s Prescription Drug Collection held on Saturday, May 8th. At the collection, with drop-off sites in Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Waukesha, 4,297 pounds of non-controlled and 265 pounds of controlled substances, as well as 126 pounds of inhalants, were disposed of.

The goal of the program is to dispose of unused medications in an effort to reduce prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings in Waukesha County, help protect local waterways and create awareness of the dangers of prescription drug abuse. The pounds collected Saturday exceeded last year’s collection by nearly 2,000 pounds.

The program is partially funded through a partnership with ProHealth Care, donations from Bronze Level Sponsors Dohmen and DDN and donations from individuals. Donations are still needed for future collections. If you would like to join us in this effort and make a donation to the program, please contact Erin Drout at edrout@waukeshacounty.gov.



The Drug Collection is a committee of the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities Coalition.

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FARMERS' MARKETS NOW OPEN

There are numerous Farmers' Markets in Waukesha County to enjoy. Here you will find fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, milk, eggs, baked goods and flowers. Below is a list of the Waukesha County Markets:

Butler Farmers' Market

5251 N. 127th St. – Mon. 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Brookfield Farmers' Market

2000 North Calhoun Rd.

Sat. 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Delafield Farmers' Market

Municipal Parking lot

Sat. 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dousman Farmers' Market

235 N. Main St. – Wed. 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Menomonee Falls Farmers' Market

N. Junior High School Parking lot

Wed. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mukwonago Area Farmers' Market

Corner of Bayview Rd and Hwy 83

Wed. 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

New Berlin Farmers' Market

3600 S. Moorland Road

Sat. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Oconomowoc Farmers' Market

210 E. Pleasant St.

Sat. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Waukesha Farmers' Market

Riverfront Plaza off Barstow

Sat. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WAUKESHA COUNTY AWARDED WATER STAR

Waukesha County has been honored as one of Wisconsin's first Water Star communities for its exemplary water protection efforts. This program honors cities, villages, towns and counties that have taken important steps to protect surface water and groundwater, such as effective storm water controls, ensuring water quality, protecting habitats through sound land use planning, shore land protection and encouraging residents to conserve water.

Waukesha County updated its storm water ordinance in 2005 to meet new state runoff pollution performance standards. The updates included changing technical standards to prevent basement flooding, which proved their value during the 2008 floods experienced in the area.

In addition to storm water regulations, Waukesha County has executed intergovernmental agreements with 25 local communities to implement a comprehensive storm water educational program in the county. The program includes a popular annual workshop for developers, engineers and contractors.

Waukesha County, along with the city of Waukesha, has established the Water Conservation Coalition, a coalition among businesses, water utilities and citizens that has been nationally recognized for its water conservation efforts.



County Executive Dan Vrakas and Director of Parks and Land Use Dale Shaver accept the Water Star Award at the Expo Center.

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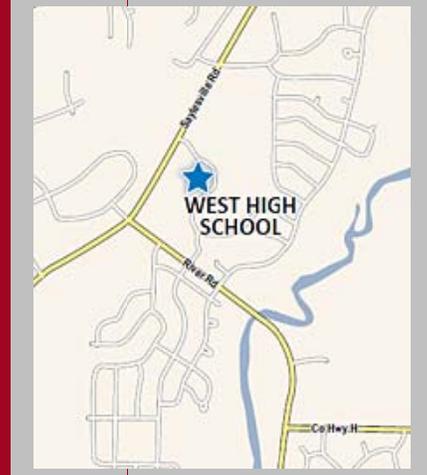
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WEST WAUKESHA BYPASS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The first public information meeting for the West Waukesha Bypass study will be held next week, Tuesday, May 18th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Waukesha West High School cafeteria. The school is located at 2201 Saylesville Road in Waukesha.

The meeting will be an open house where interested persons may stop in anytime between 4 and 8 p.m. to visit with the project team, learn more about the study, review displays and share ideas and concerns.

This public information meeting provides an opportunity for community involvement. There will be several other opportunities for interested persons to keep informed and participate in the West Waukesha Bypass study. In addition to the public information meetings, interested people will have the opportunity to coordinate with local officials and receive newsletters, news releases and information posted on the website – www.waukeshabypass.org. In addition, the study team is available upon request to meet with interested residents, business owners and community groups.



Waukesha West High School is located at Saylesville Road and River Road in Waukesha.

WINGS OVER WAUKESHA

Aviation and military enthusiasts in Southeastern Wisconsin will want to mark their calendars for the return of "Wings over Waukesha" June 25 – 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at Waukesha County Airport. Celebrating the 75th anniversaries of both the airport and the storied B-17 bomber this year, the event will feature a variety of WWII aircraft on display, formation flights over the airport, Flight for Life, hot air balloons, numerous military and aviation displays and refreshments.

The cornerstone of the "Wings over Waukesha" event will be the "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 bomber, which is on tour from the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum in Oshkosh, and will be available for rides and tours. Several crew members who flew in the B-17 during World War II will also be on site at the event to offer their first-hand accounts of what it was like to fly in the magnificent aircraft.

For more information on the event, email wingsoverwaukesha@gmail.com.



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