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

Independence Day, the 4th of July, is one of my very favorite holidays. The celebration of our great nation and the patriotism displayed on that day always fills me with pride. The community celebrations throughout Waukesha County are something to be admired. Neighbors and civic groups in many of our municipalities come together each year to celebrate American freedom.

On the 4th of July, as we share time with friends and family, it is important to remember the sacrifices of many individuals that have made our freedom possible. So many brave men and women have fought for our freedom and as we celebrate this holiday, we must recognize these individuals who have sacrificed so much, some giving their lives, for the freedom we enjoy.

Many communities in Waukesha County offer ways to celebrate, including parades, fireworks, picnics and other celebrations.

On the 4th of July, there will be fireworks in the City of Waukesha at the Expo Center, Mitchell Park in Brookfield, Frontier Park in Butler, Pine Lake in Chenequa, New Berlin City Hall, Pewaukee's Lakefront Park, Pewaukee Lake and Sussex Village Park.

There will be parades in Oconomowoc, Hartland, Downtown Waukesha, Brookfield, Butler, Menomonee Falls, Delafield, Pewaukee, Sussex and Eagle. The Waukesha Freeman and the Journal Sentinel have a list of 4th of July events with more information. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Sincerely,

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COUNTY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

It's that time of year in Wisconsin – Highway Construction Season. Waukesha County has a number of highway projects underway this summer. Here is a summary of some of them.

- County Trunk Highway (CTH) L, also known as Janesville Road, from CTH O to Lannon Drive in the City of Muskego will be widened from two lanes to four this summer. Construction began in April and is expected to be completed in November.
- Throughout the summer, Waukesha County's Department of Public Works will be repaving roads in the County. All paving projects are expected to be completed by September. This summer, the three projects are:
 - CTH JJ from Pewaukee to Hartland
 - CTH ZZ from Highway 59 to Dousman
 - CTH GG from Highway 36 to the County Line in Muskego
- The intersection of CTH D (Cleveland Avenue) and Sunny Slope road will be updated with new signals to increase the safety and usability of the intersection.

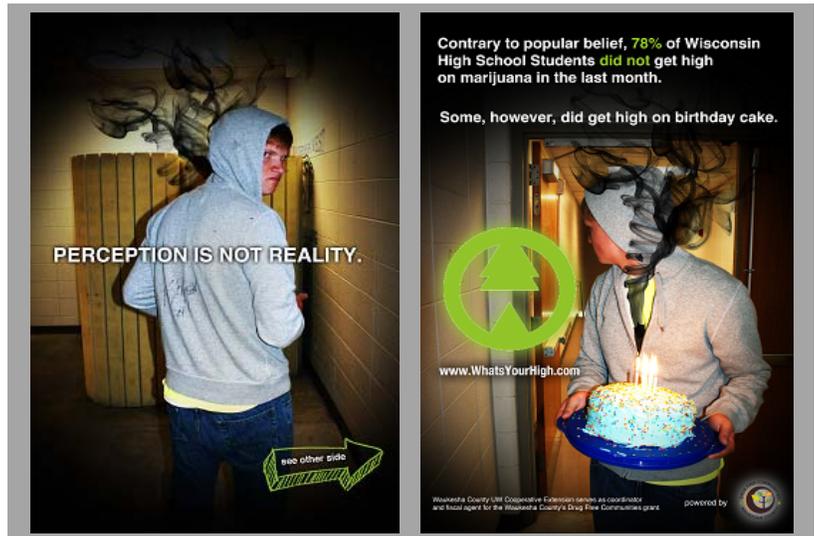
The Department of Public Works provides up-to-date information on their projects and road closures on their website. Visit www.waukeshacounty.gov and click on "Public Works."

ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

Waukesha County Drug Free Communities (DFC) Coalition launched a program earlier this year with Waukesha West High School students to create an anti-drug campaign. The product the students developed is called "What's Your High" and is aimed at showing their peers that there are ways to get high that do not involve drugs and alcohol such as sports, music and art.

As part of their program, the students developed three 30 second anti-drug videos that are being played alongside movie trailers at Marcus Majestic Cinema in Waukesha. In conjunction with the videos, the students have developed movie posters and kiosks that are on display at the cinema.

The goal of the program was to empower youth to create social change in their community and to convey that the "everyone is doing it" perception is not reality and that most Waukesha teenagers do not use drugs or drink alcohol. Throughout the months of June, July and August, the videos and posters will be available for viewing at Marcus Majestic.



This poster, created by Waukesha West High School Students is on display at Marcus Majestic Cinema.

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BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETINGS DATES ANNOUNCED

As part of the budget creation process, Waukesha County holds a series of Budget Town Hall meetings to communicate with residents on our budget activities. These meetings are essential in the budget process as they provide an opportunity for stakeholders – taxpayers – to provide input and feedback on how the county is doing.

This year, Waukesha County will be holding three Budget Town Hall presentations. The dates and locations are outlined below:

Tuesday, July 17, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
YMCA Pabst Farms
1750 Valley Road
Oconomowoc

Tuesday, July 24, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.
Kolb+Co.
13400 Bishop's Lane, #300
Brookfield

Monday, July 30, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Courthouse
515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room 350,
Waukesha

WAUKESHA COUNTY PARKS SUMMER TOP 10 LIST

1. Take a ride down the 32 foot slide built in the hill at Fox River Park
2. Take your son or daughter golfing. Juniors golf free with paying adult Saturdays after 3 pm at Wanaki, Sundays after 12 pm at Moor Downs
3. Introduce yourself and your dog to new friends at Minooka or Nashotah Dog Exercise Areas
4. Check out the fantastic view of Pewaukee Lake from the 14th hole of Naga-Waukee War Memorial Golf Course or the path of the Lake Country Trail
5. Take the family to Retzer's "School" of the Land, where Nature Center staff is on hand every Saturday
6. Watch the sunrise while fishing from a boat on Pewaukee Lake
7. Cool off by ice skating at Eble or Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arenas
8. Take a Paddle Boat for a ride on the water at Fox Brook Park
9. Check out the difference dog breeds at Waukesha Kennel Club's Dog Show – Waukesha County Expo July 27-29
10. See a Planetarium Show and then check out the 720 gallon fish tank of native fish in the "Unseen World" exhibit at Retzer Nature Center



The Charles Z. Horwitz Planetarium is located inside Retzer Nature Center.

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MUNICIPAL BURN BANS

Due to severely dry, hot weather in Southeastern Wisconsin, several Waukesha County municipalities have issued “burn bans” meaning that residents cannot create any fires including those in outdoor fireplaces, pits, burning lawn waste, camp fires and the private use of consumer fireworks including sparklers, caps and novelty fireworks. The Waukesha County communities issuing the ban as of June 29th are:

- Chenequa
- Big Bend
- Brookfield
- Delafield
- Eagle
- Genesee
- Lac La Belle
- Lisbon
- Menomonee Falls
- Mukwonago
- Muskego
- New Berlin
- North Prairie
- Nashotah
- Oconomowoc
- Sussex
- Vernon
- Wales
- Waukesha



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DANGEROUS HEAT

The State of Wisconsin Department of Emergency Management is encouraging residents to take extra precautions in the heat. Last summer over 100 Wisconsin residents had to receive medical treatment for heat related illness. To help keep cool, here are some tips to stay safe during extreme heat:

- Never leave children, a disabled person or a pet in a parked car – even briefly.
- Keep your living space cool. Cover windows and use an air conditioner or open windows to keep your home cool.
- Know your cooling shelters and locations by visiting <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>
- Slow down physical activity, drink plenty of water and eat lightly.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Don't forget your sunscreen!
- Take a cool shower or bath to help cool yourself down. A cold shower can work faster than an air conditioner.
- Look in on your neighbors or family members who may have challenges getting to a cooling center.

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