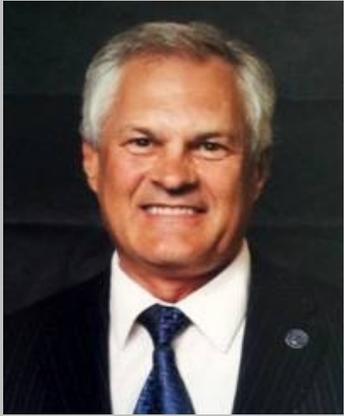


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MONTHLY UPDATE FROM THE DESK OF WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE
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Dear Friends,

Next Tuesday, November 6th, is Election Day across the country, and in Waukesha County we have a number of very important elections, not only for President, but other federal and state offices. Not only is voting a right extended to us as Americans, it is also a civic responsibility that should be taken seriously.

On Tuesday, you will be asked to make some very important decisions that will affect the future of this country. I encourage you to research the candidates and make an informed decision at the ballots.

Waukesha County plays a very important role in elections. The County prepares and distributes the ballots and supplies, programs election equipment, works with municipalities on voter registration and training, receives and tabulates unofficial elections results and runs the board of canvass for all state and federal offices in Waukesha County.

The County website has a number of resources available to you including information on election results, election dates, how to find your polling place and sample ballots. This information can be accessed by visiting www.waukeshacounty.gov, clicking on the "County Clerk" webpage and then the "Election Information" link.

Your local city, town or village hall can also be a resource for you if you are seeking election information. Be sure to vote on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

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WINTER AWARENESS WEEK IN WISCONSIN

Governor Scott Walker has declared November 5-9, 2012 as Winter Awareness Week in Wisconsin. The annual campaign reminds people to be prepared for winter conditions that could threaten their safety.

ReadyWisconsin will air Television and Radio Public Service Announcements in November, urging viewers and listeners to keep an emergency kit in their vehicles.

Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. For example, in the last five years Wisconsin has averaged 56,000 motor vehicle crashes during winter months. An average of 55 people are killed and 6,000 injured on icy or snow-covered road.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is also a danger. According to the Centers for Disease Control, carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, with more than 20,000 people visiting the emergency room and nearly 500 killed each year from overexposure to the gas.

Now is the time to winterize your car and home, gather items for an emergency kit in your car, and make sure you have a NOAA Weather Radio with fresh batteries. Additional winter weather tips and how to put together a winter emergency kit are available at www.readywisconsin.wi.gov.

PARK SYSTEM TO HOLD MASTER PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSES

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use, Park System Division, is in the process of Master Plan updates for Minooka, Mukwonago and Menomonee Parks. During this process the Park System would like to get feedback from the park users. Three open houses have been scheduled, and Minooka's was held on October 22. The Park System invites you to attend the next two in the series. These events offer an opportunity for all to share input into the uses of the undeveloped areas and updates to the current use areas of these three parks.

Each open house will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on the dates and at the park locations listed below. The park entrance fee will be waived for these events; however, it is a great time to purchase a 2012 annual sticker at a reduced rate. Waukesha County resident stickers are \$14.00, resident senior citizens stickers are \$7.00, and non-resident stickers are \$19.00, these stickers are good through 2012.

- Mukwonago Park, County Hwy LO, Mukwonago (in lower level of barn) - November 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Menomonee Park, W220N7884 Townline Road, Menomonee Falls (in Camp PowWow Lodge) - November 12, from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you are not available to attend the meetings, we ask that you fill out the online survey for the parks you utilize, which can be found at www.waukeshacountyparks.com.

The Master Planning process helps to insure that the Waukesha County Park System meets the long term recreational needs of residents while preserving and enhancing the County's exceptional natural resources. The updated Master Plans will guide improvements and enhancements, by determining new uses and facility development for the immediate 10-year future of each park, which helps prioritize and budget for the projects that make up the County's five-year Capital Improvement Plan. The open house format helps the County gather input from all user groups.

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FLU SHOTS

Waukesha County Public Health Division is now administering the flu vaccine to the public. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends yearly flu shots for all people ages 6 months and older. Waukesha County Public Health is one of only a few places where the entire family can receive flu vaccine at the same time without an appointment.

Children's flu vaccines (6 months through age 18) are available for a \$7 fee. No child will be turned away for inability to pay. Flu vaccines for adults (19 and over) cost \$30. Cash, check or Medicaid (T19) are accepted for payment. Please bring your Medicaid card with you to the clinic. Credit cards are accepted at the Public Health Center only. The Waukesha County Public Health Division is no longer able to accept Medicare.

Immunization Clinics are held each month in communities throughout Waukesha County. Immunizations are also available at the Public Health Center, 615 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-in service is available at all clinic locations. For immunization clinic dates, times (including evenings), and locations, please visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/flu or call the Waukesha County Public Health Division at (262) 896-8430. Please call to confirm availability of vaccine as there is a limited supply.

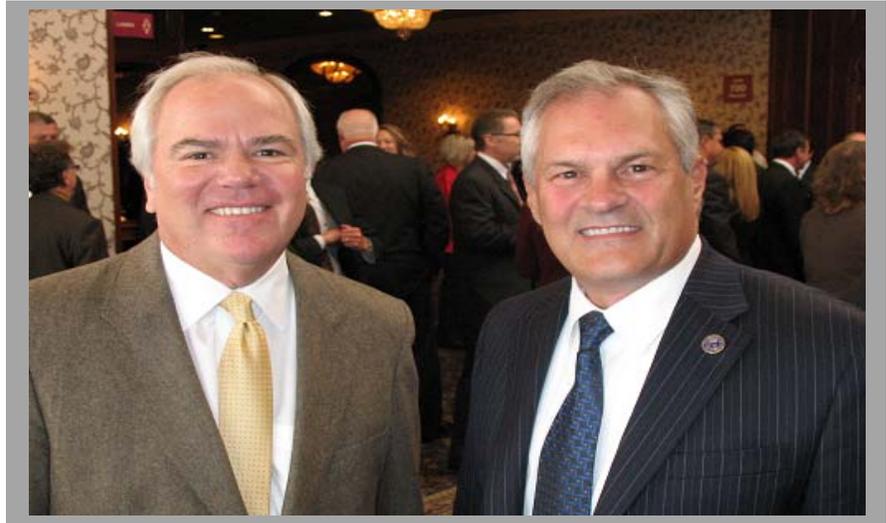
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AWARDS

Last month, over 300 people came to the County Springs Hotel to honor the Waukesha County Executive Award winners recognized for their success and contribution to the greater Waukesha County community. This year marked the 17th annual awards presentation. This year's winners were:

- Business of the Year – Kolb + Co.
- Large Non-Profit of the Year – The Women's Center
- Small Non-Profit of the Year – Your Choice to Live, Inc.
- Government Agency of the Year – Waukesha County Drug Free Communities

An independent panel of judges that includes business executives, community leaders and past award winners, select award recipients each year.

Craig Culver, Owner and CEO of Culver Franchising System, Inc., addressed the attendees and FOX 6 news anchor, Brad Hicks, acted as Master of Ceremonies alongside County Executive Dan Vrakas.



County Executive Dan Vrakas with Owner and CEO of Culver's Franchising System, Inc., Craig Culver.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS GROUPS

Waukesha County is in the process of updating its strategic plan. As part of the process, Waukesha County's outside consultant, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause (Baker Tilly), will conduct a series of three focus groups to solicit feedback from Waukesha County residents on issues facing county government.

The three focus groups are: 1.) members of the business and non-profit community 2.) a group of randomly selected County residents, and 3.) a group of residents, whom have had direct contact with county government, selected by each of the 25 County Board members. The focus groups will be held on November 14 and 15.

Residents selected for the focus groups will receive a letter via mail and are strongly encouraged to attend as their input will be extremely valuable in Countywide strategic planning. If you are contacted to participate in a focus group, please RSVP to the contact information provided on the request letter, or to the County Executive's Office by calling (262) 548-7902.



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WAUKESHA WEST BYPASS PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

Waukesha County's Department of Public Works has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the location, design and environmental aspects of proposed improvements on County Trunk Highway (CTH) TT between Rolling Ridge Drive and Wisconsin State Highway (WIS) 59 in Waukesha County.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the Waukesha North High School auditorium, 2222 Michigan Avenue, Waukesha, WI. The hearing will be conducted from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a presentation and oral testimony beginning at 5 p.m. Interested persons may attend anytime between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions and provide testimony.

Project maps and other information will be on display and staff will be available to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. Information on how to present oral and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing.

For more information, please contact Allison Bussler, Waukesha County Director of Public Works at (262) 548-7740.

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