

WHITEWATER CITY NEWSLETTER



Whitewater University Technology Park Receives Federal Grant to Develop Both Park and Whitewater Innovation Center



A \$4.7 million federal Economic Development Administration grant was awarded in early September to the Whitewater University Technology Park to help fund the Whitewater Innovation Center (shown above) and park improvements. The technology park will be developed in the southeast corner of the existing Whitewater Business Park north of Bluff Road and east of Howard Road.

The Innovation Center is designed to foster the development of new business-based research conducted by University of Wisconsin-Whitewater faculty and staff and their business partners and is expected to create several hundred jobs in the future.

“The Whitewater University Technology Park will be a great addition to the City of Whitewater and the UW-Whitewater campus,” Chancellor Richard Telfer said. “This joint project will give our faculty and staff and students yet another way to expand the reach of the campus into the region. The research and development that will take place at the Whitewater University Technology Park will have a positive impact on the future economic growth of southeastern Wisconsin. UW-Whitewater is pleased to be a key player in this project.”

The total cost of developing the Whitewater University Technology Park is about \$10 million. The remainder of the funding will come from the Whitewater Community Development Authority (CDA), revenue bonding and other sources.

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The building will be owned by the CDA with UW-Whitewater providing the intellectual capital.

“The City of Whitewater is very excited about the partnership it has forged with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in the development of the Whitewater University Technology Park and planned Whitewater Innovation Center, which will serve as a focal point for this park,” said Kevin Brunner, Whitewater city manager. “The EDA grant will allow us to expedite our schedule for the construction of the Technology Park and Whitewater Innovation Center as well as for the extension of Starin Road to better link the UW-Whitewater campus and the Technology Park site. These projects will bring new jobs to our community as well as significantly benefit the future economic development of our entire region.”

Census Surveys to be mailed April of 2010



2010 CENSUS IT'S IN OUR HANDS

What is the Census?

- The Census is a count taken every 10 years of everyone living in the United States.
- The Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is April 1, 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

For more information go to:
<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

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Utility Rate Increase

Whitewater water and sewer rates are scheduled to increase effective on December 1, 2009. Customers will not be billed at the new rates until the March 2010 billing statement. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission has granted a 3.8% rate increase for water customers of the City. This is the first water rate increase in over 5 years. The average residential customer (12,000 gals/quarter) will see the bill for water usage increase by \$1.50 per quarter or \$6.00 per year.

Sewer rates will increase by 5% effective with usage after December 1, 2009. The typical residential customer quarterly billing will increase by \$4.77. This is the first comprehensive review of the rates and the rate structure since July 1995. Rates have been increased to cover ongoing utility operations and to cover debt service for the \$5.6 million in improvements to be made at the treatment plant. \$2.8 million of the improvements will be offset through a grant received from the Federal Clean Water Fund.

Task Force on Race, Ethnicity, Diversity Begins Work

This past summer a task force was established with the primary goal of gaining a better understanding of race relations in our community and determining possible steps to make them better. The group is made up of representatives of the community at large, the University, the School District, and City government, and also includes a number of elementary, middle and high school students. They have met twice, with discussions focusing on race relations as well as broader issues of respect for diversity. The task force welcomes your input regarding the state of human relations in Whitewater as well as any suggestions of ways to foster respect and inclusion for all people. You may contact the task force by writing to Kevin Brunner, City Manager, P.O. Box 178, Whitewater, or Dr. Suzanne Zentner, School District Administrator, 419 S. Elizabeth Street, Whitewater.

Irvin L Young Library Expansion Proposed Design



The proposed design of the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library addition is pictured above. The current library is in the right half of the picture. Based on a study conducted by Library Planning Associates of Normal, Ill., the proposed addition would add 30,127 sq. ft. spread over three levels, to the existing building. Estimated cost for the project is \$8.1 million. The Library Board of Trustees is currently working on ways to secure funding for the project.

Home Buyer's Workshop

On Saturday, October 17th, 2009 The Whitewater Community Development Authority is offering a six-hour course to help you achieve your goal of home ownership. The course will teach you what you need to know to purchase a new home. Topics include establishing good credit, developing a household budget, deciding how much house you can afford, learning what to look for in a home, negotiating the best price, identifying needed repairs, and the loan process.

A FREE workshop to help you own your own home
The Home Buyer's Workshop is designed to help more families become homeowners in the City of Whitewater. This program will give you a greater opportunity to own your own home by:

- Giving you the information you need to make a wise purchasing decision.
- Possibly lowering the down payment requirement.
- Possibly eliminating a savings reserve.
- Possibly lowering the amount of income you need to qualify for a home loan.

Cravath Lakefront Center, October 17, 2009

8:30 Registration

9:00am-3:00pm (*Program to include working lunch*)

Register Early - Space is limited

To register: Email the Community Development Authority mnimm@ci.whitewater.wi.us or call at: 262-473-0525