

WHITEWATER CITY NEWSLETTER



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Police Department Receives Reaccreditation

In June, the Whitewater Police Department was formally reaccredited by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) Governing Board of Commissioners. The Board found that the Department is in compliance with 220 standards. The Board is comprised of representatives of the Wisconsin City and County Manager's Assoc., Wisconsin Dept. of Justice Training and Standards, the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Assoc., the UW-Milwaukee School of Criminal Justice, and the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company.

The Whitewater Police Department is the smallest of the 16 accredited agencies in WI and the only accredited agency in Walworth/Jefferson Counties.

Final Report for University Tech. Park Feasibility Available; Council Presentation on July 15th

NorthStar Economics and MSA Professional Services were contracted by the City to study the feasibility of the development of a University Technology Park located in the southwest corner of the City across the STH 12 bypass from Whitewater High School. This study is near completion with the final report presented to the Common Council at its July 15th meeting.

The report is available on the city website at [www.ci.whitewater.wi.us/Doing Business/whats happening](http://www.ci.whitewater.wi.us/Doing_Business/whats happening).

4th of July Family Festival

When: July 3rd - 6th **Where:** Cravath Lake Front
Parade: July 4th at 10AM **Fireworks:** July 4th and 5th at 10PM
Activities: Amusement Rides, Water-Ski Show, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Live Music, Food Stands, and Much More!!
 For more information visit www.ww4th.com

First Time Home-Buyers Education Program

The Whitewater Community Development Authority has partnered with the Home Buyers Connection and local businesses to offer a First-Time Homebuyer Education Program for Whitewater residents.

Education Program Benefits include: possible certification for government-funded grants and low interest loans; budgeting; home purchasing process; requirements of home-ownership and learning how to monitor and improve your credit.

Sign up! Questions? Contact the CDA at 473-0148

Downtown Whitewater Garners State Honors

Whitewater received a number of awards at the Wisconsin Main Street 20th Anniversary and Awards Banquet held on May 22nd in Madison.



Two projects were State 1st place award winners:

- Warhawk Country LLC and Ryan Hughes for Best Façade Rehabilitation over \$7500 at 200-214 W. Whitewater Street
- Ginny Coburn, Rev. Jerry Wendt, and the City for Best Public-Private Partnership in Downtown Revitalization for the Stone Stable Project.

Dan and Kristy Malone of Dan's Meat Market received honorable mention for Best New Downtown Business.

Dr. John Patterson was named one of the top Wisconsin Main Street volunteers.

Bill Bowen was named to the 2007 Wisconsin Main Street Honorary Board of Directors.

Congratulations to everyone involved on receiving this state-wide recognition for their work!

Summer Reading Programs

The Summer Reading Program at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library is now underway. Sign-up continues through July 19th. The theme for preschoolers through 4th graders is "Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library." The theme for fifth graders and up is "Metamorphosis at Your Library." Besides the reading programs, there will be weekly activities for school-age children, Wednesday performers, field trips, the annual library sleepover, a Buggy Film Fest, and weekly story times.



There will be a Battle of the Books Competition for 5th graders and up. We will be hosting the system-wide Battle of the Books Tournament here in Whitewater. Volunteers are needed.

The library staff has set a reading goal this year. If all youth readers collectively read more than 3,000 hours, staff will dine on delicious bugs at our Summer Finale which will include a picnic, prizes, and entertainment by Mister Billy.

For more information about the Summer Reading Program, please contact Cathy Bloom, Youth Services Librarian at 473-0530.

Library Hours:

Monday -Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

Community Garden Getting Good Reviews

Dr. Tim Reutebuch, Whitewater Community Gardens Coordinator, reports that this project is off to a good start with 25 plots including 4 for the Children's Garden.

This project is a joint effort of the Community Development Authority (providing a one acre site off of E. Main Street), the Park and Recreation Department (providing marketing and city coordination) and the Public Works Department (providing mulch and water).

The City is pleased that it has worked with this "grass roots" citizens group to make the Whitewater Community Gardens a reality. More Information can be obtained from Dr. Reutebuch at reutebut@uww.edu or by calling 472-1478.

Whitewater Utility Costs Below State Average

According to a recent study by Waukesha-based Municipal Economics and Planning Group (2008 Wisconsin Community Water and Sewer Rate Survey), Whitewater's annual utility costs are well below state-wide averages.

Water: Ranked 235 of 304 surveyed communities. Whitewater's average charge is \$191.50 vs. the state average of \$265.65.

Sanitary Sewer: Ranked 174 of 313. Whitewater's average charge is \$410.84 vs. the state average of \$465.68.

Total Water and Sewer: Ranked 205 of 305.

Whitewater's average charge is \$602.34 vs. the states average of \$730.91, which is 17.6% lower.

Public Notice - Inside Meter Readings to Take Place September 1st-5th

The City's Water Dept. will be reading the inside water meters in early September. The meter readers will be comparing the inside meter readings with the outside to find any discrepancies. Meter readers will have to enter your residence and will inspect for cross connections to eliminate any potential contaminating sources. Sump pumps will also be inspected to make sure they are not discharging into the sanitary sewer.

Learn more on the City's webpage at: http://www.ci.whitewater.wi.us/Departments/Public_Works/water.html.

Meter readers will have a City ID badge. **Please be sure to request that any city representative present their ID before entering your building.** Questions? Please call Dean Fischer, Public Works Director at 473-0140

Closing Main Street - 2009 Eastgate Project

A public information meeting will be held August 14 from 4-6 PM in the Municipal Center Community Room for the 2009 Eastgate project which includes reconstruction of Main Street from Whitewater St. to Wisconsin St. This project includes a bike path, streetscaping, and a new railroad crossing.

The planned construction detour route will be Newcomb St. to North St. to First St.

Mark Your Calendars - Taste of Whitewater - September 12th and 13th

Lumberjack Show, Science Show, Whitewater Food, Local Beer and Wine Garden, Live Music, and More!!

www.tasteofwhitewater.com