

WHITEWATER CITY NEWSLETTER



Historic Whitewater Train Depot to be Renovated

The Whitewater Passenger Train Depot will be extensively renovated next year through a Transportation Enhancements grant recently awarded to the City by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The total cost of the renovations is projected at almost \$400,000, 80% of which will be funded by the WisDOT grant. Work is expected to begin on the train depot in fall of 2009 and extend into the next year with a July, 2010 anticipated completion date.

The Big Read

The Irvin L. Young Auditorium and the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library are sponsoring a month-long community event next April. The Big Read, a program created by the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, promotes literature as a revitalizing and transformative power in people's lives. The book selected is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. The **Big Read Kick-Off** event at People's Bank Community Room in Elkhorn on March 19, 2009 at 5:00 PM invites volunteers, teachers, partners and participants to learn all about different events that are planned and receive materials to support their efforts. **No Foolin'...A Free Book** will be on April 1, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library in Whitewater. People can sign up for the Rock City Challenge and receive a free copy of the book. The Challenge is for participating communities in Rock, Jefferson, and Walworth counties to have the most citizens read the book. On April 28, 2009, at 7:30 PM, there will be a public performance of the play based on the book by the Montana Repertory Theatre. The ticket line number is 262-472-2222 or go to www.edu/youngauditorium. Tickets are \$32/\$29/\$19.

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Freeze Fest Scheduled for February 21st

The City of Whitewater will be holding it's annual Freeze Fest on Saturday, February 21, 2009. The festivities start early with a pancake breakfast at 6:30 AM at the Downtown Armory. After breakfast, be sure to venture to Cravath Lakefront for family entertainment and courageous polar bear plungers, or visit Big Brick Park where you can enjoy an afternoon of ice skating. Visit the Cravath Lakefront warming tent where cooking enthusiasts battle in the chili cook-off or the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library for a Snow Dogs Presentation. For further information or to register for events, please visit the city website at www.ci.whitewater.wi.us



Trippe Lake Park Improvement Projects

City Staff is working with Strand Engineering to finalize design plans for the Trippe Lake Shelter & Restroom building. This facility will replace the existing beach house and provide a trailhead, handicapped accessible restrooms, a picnic shelter and recreation storage space. This project received a matching grant through the Wisconsin DNR Stewardship grant program for a total of \$100,000. The budget for this project is \$205,000.

The City is currently awaiting word from the Town of Whitewater on an easement request so that the City can finalize design plans for the Water's Edge Trail extension. This project includes construction of a 10' multi-use path from Waters Edge South along Wisconsin Street, Clover Valley Road and the Hwy 12 Bypass right-of-way to the underpass of the HWY12 Bypass. This project is funded through a DOT Transportation Enhancement Grant.

Police Department Announces Citizens Academy

Just after the first of the year, the Whitewater Police Department will be conducting its 7th Citizens Police Academy. Classes for the fifteen participants will be held every Wednesday night for ten weeks. The Academy consists of nearly thirty hours of instruction designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of law enforcement-related policies, procedures, tactics, and operations.

Our Citizens Academy also includes a firefighting and emergency medical component. Members of the Whitewater Volunteer Fire Department will instruct class participants in fire suppression and the use of firefighting equipment. WFD medics will instruct in first aid and in the use of the automatic external defibrillator (AED). This component of the course is intended to enhance citizen understanding and appreciation for the role of firefighting and emergency medical service in public safety operations.

The goals of the Citizens Academy are to strengthen community support for professional policing and public safety, to make the Whitewater Police Department more accessible to the people it protects and serves, and to work with citizens in addressing issues of mutual concern.



Sgt Ray Trost leads a discussion at a recent Whitewater Citizens Academy

An East Campus Neighborhood meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 7:00 PM, Starin Park Community Building. Residents living east of the UWW campus and north of Main Street are cordially invited to attend.

City of Whitewater Supports Reducing Holiday Waste

Did you know it is estimated that an extra 5 million tons of waste are generated nationwide between Thanksgiving and the New Year?

The amount of ribbon thrown away adds up to 38,000 miles, enough to wrap a bow around the earth! In Southeast Wisconsin alone, we generate an extra 5,000 tons of holiday trash! This year, consider giving the earth a present with how you package your holiday gifts.



- ★ **Make the wrapping a part of your gift.** Use reusable decorative boxes or bags for gifts, such as giving clothes in a hat box or a gift certificate for dinner in a reusable lunch box.
- ★ **Give a gift that keeps on giving.** Consider a membership to the Whitewater Aquatic Center or enrolling in a Parks & Recreation activity or program.
- ★ **Time is Money.** Give a service gift of your time for child care, housework, or yard work. Home-made food is always a wonderful treat as well!
- ★ **Plants.** Outdoor evergreens or bulbs, indoor house plants, herbs for the chef, aloe for those susceptible to burns, etc.
- ★ **A Year of Dates.** Give a wall calendar to someone you don't get to see as often as you would like and mark out one day a month to spend some time together. Whether it be going to the Cravath Lake Front for a picnic, the Cultural Arts Center, or just for a coffee or a hike, the preplanning of events works great for busy people or people who have trouble coming up with ideas for what to do.

Lead Safe Work Training

The Whitewater CDA, in conjunction with Milwaukee Lead and Asbestos, announces Lead Safe Work Training in Whitewater. Those encouraged to attend this class include: renovation contractors, maintenance workers, building supervisors and landlords, homeowners who are planning to remodel, and others interested in learning how to work in a Lead Safe manner. Learn proper Lead Safe setup, work practices, and cleaning on renovation jobs. Learn about the Lead Paint pamphlet that renovators are REQUIRED to hand out and hear about the new 2010 EPA rule that will require one person per crew to take a Lead Safe Work class and require Lead Safe Work practices.

This class will be held January 20, 2009 at the Cravath Lake Front Center, 341 S. Fremont Street, Whitewater, WI 53190. Fee is \$260. To register call 414.481.9070, or on line at www.ci.whitewater.wi.us/Doing_Business/housing_assist.html or www.mlaic.com. A form may also be picked up at the Whitewater Municipal Center.