

SPRING 2023



## A Welcome Note from City Manager Joe Moore

Welcome to the first issue of our new City newsletter! Summer is just around the corner and with so many positive things happening across our City, we want to connect our residents with all Fond du Lac has to offer.

We've included a number of City updates throughout this newsletter, including dates for key initiatives, special events and City celebrations. But, because there is so much to do, be sure to check out the [Recreation Department's 2023 summer brochure](#), the [Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership Newsletter](#), and the [Senior Center Newsletter](#) - among many others.

New this year, we'll be experimenting with the voluntary implementation of No Mow May. We've seen a national trend of suspending grass and weed control requirements to help support pollinators coming out of hibernation. Pollinators play a pivotal role in the vitality of our food supply, and letting lawns grow longer for a few weeks ensures plenty of options for nectar and pollen. We'll want to hear from the community about renewing this initiative next year.

Regardless of when your mowing season begins, remember to collect your cut grass and other yard waste to prevent it from blowing into the street and storm drains which eventually end up in Lake Winnebago. Our [yard waste drop-off site](#) on Doty Street is always a good alternative.

We are eagerly anticipating the reopening of the Lighthouse Peninsula this summer after the completion of several improvement projects. By the way, this June marks the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Lighthouse in 1933.

These activities and services couldn't be done without the help from City employees and community partners. Because of their hard work, Fond du Lac is a thriving community, and we are excited for you to experience everything there is to do around the City this summer.

**Here's wishing you a healthy and happy summer.**



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# NEWS BRIEFS



## Seeking Board and Commission Volunteers

The City is accepting applications to fill volunteer positions on various City Boards and Commissions, including:

- ⌚ Advisory Parking and Traffic Board
- ⌚ Alcohol License Committee
- ⌚ Board of Appeals
- ⌚ Downtown Architectural Review Board
- ⌚ Historic Preservation Commission
- ⌚ Housing Authority

Boards and Commissions advise the City of Fond du Lac on issues important to the City. Most positions do not require specialized expertise, just a willingness to serve. Applicants should be City residents or work in the City of Fond du Lac.

More information on available volunteer positions [can be found on the City's website](#). Applications can be submitted in person or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, 160 S. Macy Street, or emailed to [mhefter@fdl.wi.gov](mailto:mhefter@fdl.wi.gov).



## Save the Date!

### SPLASH PAD OPENS FOR THE SEASON

May 26

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 29

### FARMERS MARKET

May 20 - October 28

### TAYLOR POOL OPENS FOR THE SEASON

June 10

### WALLEYE WEEKEND AT LAKESIDE PARK

June 9 - 11

### FAIRGROUNDS POOL OPENS FOR THE SEASON

June 12

### DOWNTOWN SUMMER WINE WALK

June 16

### NIGHT MARKET

June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

The City of Fond du Lac employs over 350 people in a number of different classifications. The City has various job openings for both full- and part-time employees. Learn more and check out current openings [here](#).



## FUTURE PARK PLANNING - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The City of Fond du Lac is seeking public input on our park system to help guide the next Recreation Plan and future park planning. We are interested in learning how often parks are visited and what amenities the public enjoys and would like to see more of.

[Learn more and take the park survey here.](#)



# CITY OF FOND DU LAC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) UPDATES

From clean streets and quality drinking water, to quality parks and robust transportation options, we take our responsibility to provide for City residents, businesses and visitors seriously.



## Construction Updates

Our Engineering staff are busy on various construction projects. Look for big changes on Lighthouse Drive along with parts of Ledgeview, Division, Third, and Warner streets. These projects represent an over \$6 million investment in the community. Timelines on these projects will vary: Lighthouse Drive is set to be complete before Memorial Day while the additional projects will be completed by October.

Our [Adopt a Drain program](#) is a great way to help prevent street flooding while keeping our waters clean.

## Waste and Recycling

As you embark on spring cleaning, keep these dates and Bulky Waste site hours in mind:



**June 11 - 17: Electronic Recycling**  
**September 12: Hazardous Waste Recycling**

Look up options for disposing of various items on the [Bulky Waste Disposal website](#).

### DOTY STREET BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL SUMMER HOURS

(April 1 - November 29)  
*Closed Memorial Day and Labor Day*

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Tuesdays: Closed  
Wednesdays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Fridays: 9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8 a.m. - noon

## Fond du Lac Area Transit

We have three new buses in service that come equipped with an [electronic payment app](#) and Wi-Fi. Download our [Bus Tracker app](#) to catch your next ride. You can find all updates - including closures and detours - on the [City of Fond du Lac Transit Facebook page](#).

### THURSDAYS: BUSES TO BOOKS

Students can ride to the Library for free each Thursday this summer.

### SEPTEMBER 1: FREE FARE DAY

Parents and students can plan transportation for going back to school.



# CITY OF FOND DU LAC DPW UPDATES

## Water Utility

Along with quality drinking water, the Water Utility provides a number of [services to residents](#), including starting or stopping service, pool filling and emergency support. Be sure to [visit our website](#) for ongoing system maintenance updates.

We offer [online bill payment](#), or you can pay your bill in person at the City County Government Center.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Our City wastewater treatment plant treats waste from not only City residents and businesses, but also from surrounding communities. The Village of North Fond du Lac and parts of the Townships of Calumet, Empire, Fond du Lac, Friendship, and Taycheedah send their waste to the wastewater plant for treatment. This accounts for about 30% of our plant flows.



## Parks

We are gearing up for warmer months! It takes 11 full-time and more than 20 seasonal staff to maintain and keep our parks in great shape. This year, plan your next event at the Pavilion in Lakeside Park - which is great for events with up to 150 people.

Also keep an eye out for our annual events, including:



The Memorial Day Salute the Troops Run/Walk  
June 4: Art on the Island  
July 4: Fireworks

## A Message from the FDL Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery Facility

**Think before you flush!** The Fond du Lac Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Facility is working hard to improve water quality by informing residents and businesses of ways to reduce water pollution and sewer backups.

The toilet was invented to dispose of human waste. Using it for any other purpose not only damages your plumbing and our sewer system, but it can also pollute the community's water supply.

### HERE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET:

Baby or Personal Wipes	Prescription Drugs
Feminine Hygiene Products	Condoms
Paper Toweling/ Napkins	Bandages
Dental Floss	Any Hazardous Waste
Cotton Swabs	Cooking Grease or Food
Disposable Diapers	Tobacco Products
	Pet Goldfish or Turtles

# UPDATE FROM CHIEF AARON GOLDSTEIN

Fond du Lac Police Department



The Fond du Lac Police Department is building a better police force through a culture where humanity is not debatable. This culture is based on our “people first”-vision, which is rooted in our core values and foundational beliefs of trust, understanding, compassion and professionalism.

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**We place tremendous value on community and neighborhood engagement and are excited about all the opportunities to connect with residents as the weather gets warmer.**

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From April through October, you will find our community service officers and police officers out and about in our incredible community. Whether it's helping with homework, playing kickball, just hanging out at the Boys and Girls Club or joining in on a game of basketball or football at one of our wonderful parks, our engagement activities allow us to build and maintain positive police-youth relationships.

If you miss us at the park, don't worry! We host monthly Coffee with FDLPD pop-ups with our Fire/Rescue friends. We meet in different locations around the City and invite you to ask us questions or share your thoughts about our community. This gives us the opportunity to get to know one another better and start to discover mutual goals we have for our beloved City.

Also, don't forget to follow our [Facebook page](#) where we share stories about our Youth Advocacy Program. Over the summer, our School Resource Officers, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and the Fond du Lac School District, provide opportunities to build special relationships with youth through playing laser tag, visiting the Fondy Sports Complex, driving go-karts, and many other fun outings. Look for the smiles throughout the summer as we share our stories with you.



Connect with us:



# UPDATE FROM CHIEF ERICK GERRITSON

Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue



Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue is not only a highly skilled all-hazards response agency, but we are also a family-centric, active organization in our community. We continually partner with service groups, agencies and organizations for the betterment of the City of Fond du Lac and surrounding communities.



As we turn the corner on colder weather and look forward to spring and summer, Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue (FDLFR) can't wait to take part in our favorite annual traditions. Mark your calendars for:

## FRIDAY, MAY 12: BRAT FRY TO BENEFIT THE RED CROSS

Join us for the first Brat Fry of the season at Fire Station 1 (815 S. Main Street) from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event is the one of the biggest donation opportunities for the Fond du Lac Area Red Cross, and FDLFR members will be grilling hundreds of delicious hamburgers and brats. Come down to the station for lunch, or place a pre-order delivery for a large group.

## TUESDAY, MAY 23: EMS OPEN HOUSE

To thank our paramedic first responders during National EMS Appreciation Week (May 21-27), we'll be hosting an Open House at Fire Station 1 on May 23 from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. This family event will be packed with numerous activities, demonstrations and booths, providing education and fun for all ages.

## JUNE 9 - 11: WALLEYE WEEKEND

Not only will Fire and Rescue be on duty making sure everyone is safe at Walleye Weekend, but our Firefighters will once again be sponsoring a tent with some of the best event food available. Be sure to stop down and see the great members that make up Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue and get yourself a gyro!

You will also find FDLFR at the Dock Spider Games, Coffee with Public Safety at area businesses throughout the City, participating with the Boys and Girls Club playing kickball or dodgeball, joining in pop-up events with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and numerous other events that make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Follow our [Facebook page](#), [our website](#), and our quarterly "Fire Line" [newsletter](#) for more information and events that your Fire and Rescue department is involved in.

Have a great and, more importantly, safe summer with family and friends!

Connect with us:





# FDL ON FACEBOOK

Stay connected with the City of Fond du Lac!  
Follow our Facebook accounts and stay up to date on local news and events:



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[Police Department](#)



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