

A Welcome Note from City Manager, Joe Moore

Welcome to the spring 2024 edition of the City newsletter, highlighting exciting news, updates and events throughout the City of Fond du Lac.

We had a wonderful fall and winter full of activities like the Monster Mash, Sturgeon Spectacular and St. Patrick's Day parade. It brings me great joy to see residents come together to partake in such fun celebrations. Thank you to all our community organizers, volunteers and attendees for making these events possible!

Spring and summer 2024 will once again be full of activities for our community to enjoy, with old favorites returning alongside new opportunities to create warm weather memories. For a full list of upcoming events, visit the Lake Winnebago Region community calendar and the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership calendar of events.

The Dock Spiders will begin their eighth season in the Northwoods League with an opening game on Memorial Day afternoon. Stop by after the annual Memorial Day Parade to cheer on our local team and celebrate the unofficial start of summer. Less than two weeks after Memorial Day, the 45th annual Walleye Weekend kicks off and the city swimming pools open for the season — just in time for summer vacation!

Fondue Fest, Fond du Lac's largest one-day festival, is set to return in early September shortly after Labor Day. Follow our [Facebook](#) page to stay updated on the latest information, including music events and programming announcements.

Additionally, a number of City projects will be completed this year, including:

- A new social gathering shelter in Hamilton Park
- Expanded landscaping, and a synthetic ice rink in McDermott Park
- Significantly expanded bike and pedestrian trails near Frazier Point in Lakeside Park
- A state-of-the-art playground in Russell Park

The Division Street Bridge project will also wrap up this summer, and the next section of Pioneer Road by Theisen Middle School will be rebuilt with an expansion of the bike and pedestrian trail between Highway V and Martin Road.

This spring and summer are slated with exciting and fun activities for the whole family to participate in. I am looking forward to seeing our community come together to enjoy our beautiful City and everything it has to offer.

Until next time,



What I'm Looking Forward to This Summer:

JUNE - AUGUST

Free Concerts at Thelma Sadoff Center and Buttermilk Creek Park Amphitheater

JULY 4

Lakeside Park Independence Day Concert

JULY 17-21

Fond du Lac County Fair

AUGUST 6

National Night Out at Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds

Check out the Recreation Department's [Summer Recreation Guide](#) and [Destination Lake Winnebago Region's Events Calendar](#), the perfect places to find information about summer events and activities!

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NEWS BRIEFS



Looking Ahead to Fall 2024 Elections

Tuesday, August 13 – Partisan Primary
Tuesday, November 5 – General Election

Not registered to vote? [Register online now!](#)

Want to be more involved in our elections? The City of Fond du Lac is hiring election officials for the 2024 - 2025 election cycle. Election officials perform a valuable community service by assisting voters at polling places throughout the City on Election Day to ensure the election process runs smoothly. Citizen involvement is essential to conduct open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin. [Learn more and apply today.](#)



Save the Date!

FIRE RESCUE BRAT FRY
May 10

FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays, May 28 - October 26

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
May 27

WALLEYE WEEKEND
June 7 - 9

TAYLOR PARK POOL OPENS
June 8

**FAIRGROUNDS FAMILY
AQUATIC CENTER OPENS**
June 10

**FONDY FLICKS AT THE FIELD:
SUPER PETS**
June 21

NIGHT MARKET
June 27, July 11, July 25,
August 8, August 22

**FONDY FLICKS AT THE FIELD:
TOP GUN: MAVERICK**
July 20

**FONDY FLICKS AT THE FIELD:
MOVIE TBD**
August 4

FREE FARE DAY
August 30

FONDUE FEST
September 7

Bulky Waste Hours

The Bulky Waste Drop-Off Site's summer hours are now in effect! Various bulk household items can be taken to drop off at the Municipal Service Center - 490 Doty Street.

[More information](#) on Bulky Waste Drop-Off can be found on the City's website.

Summer Hours of Operation (April 1 - November 29):

Monday	9:00 to 3:15
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00 to 6:00
Thursday	9:00 to 3:15
Friday	9:00 to 3:15
Saturday	8:00 to Noon
Closed Memorial Day and Labor Day	

WE'RE HIRING!

The City of Fond du Lac is hiring for seasonal labor positions this summer. A limited number of vacancies are available in the Parks & Forestry Division, Construction & Maintenance Division, and the Water Utility. The City will fully train all employees, and no experience is required. **This position is great for high school and college students, with pay at \$14.11/hour and a day shift schedule that keeps evenings and weekends open.** Seasonal laborers will work for Parks & Forestry, Construction & Maintenance or Water Utility.

More information and application materials [can be found on the City's website.](#)

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.



Parks

The new pedestrian bridge between Lakeside Park and Lakeside Park West is scheduled to be completed and open in May.

Get your game on! Six new pickleball courts were added in Adelaide Park last year and are ready for use. Gather some friends for friendly competition and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Waste and Recycling

Cleaning up this spring? An Electronic Recycling event will be on June 17-June 22, 2024 with hours of operation matching the Bulky Waste Drop-Off Site. **Additionally, annual Hazardous Waste Collection will be on September 10, 2024 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. More information is available on the City's website.**

Road Construction

There will be several higher impact construction projects in 2024, including:

Pioneer Road (County Highway VV) from Martin Avenue to County Highway V

South Military Road from Hickory Street to Warner Street

West Ninth Street from the bridge to Linden Street

Follow the [City of Fond du Lac on Facebook](#) to receive the latest updates on road construction.

Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery Facility

To keep our community's sewers functioning, it is vitally important to only flush the Three Ps: pee, poo and paper.

Never flush baby or personal wipes, feminine hygiene products, paper towels or napkins, dental floss, diapers, cotton swabs, prescription drugs, bandages, food or cooking grease, tobacco, or pet goldfish or turtles. Flushing these items can cause damage to your plumbing and our community's sewer system.

Transit

Fond du Lac Area Transit will again collaborate with the Library to promote Buses to Books during the summer months. Students will be able to ride the bus free to the Library on Thursdays to encourage summer reading.



Free Fare Day is scheduled on August 30, 2024. This is a great opportunity for students and families to learn how to ride the City bus ahead of the school year!

UPDATE FROM THE FOND DU LAC SENIOR CENTER

A Place for Active Adults | Stay Active, Stay Engaged
We have proudly served the seniors in our community for over 56 years.



Dedicated to enriching the physical, emotional, social and intellectual well-being of older adults in the community, The Center— the City of Fond du Lac’s Hub for Active Older Adults — offers a wide variety of programs and activities every month in order to serve the 50+ population in Fond du Lac.

Whether your goal for life after 50 is to create new friendships, stay physically active, become a life-long learner, or know what resources are available to help you plan for the future, the Center offers a variety of programs, from art classes to Zumba, and everything in between.

Thanks to our amazing community partners, as well as the Friends of the Fond du Lac Senior Center, 2024 has gotten off to a great start. In addition to over 200 regular monthly activities, special programs we have offered so far this year centered around electric vehicles, dating for the 50+ crowd, technology classes including 1:1 technology help, our Leap Year “Leap In for Lattes” Coffee social, weekly movies and much more.

Want to stay updated? Check out our [monthly newsletter](#) and follow our [Facebook page](#) to keep up with the Center’s latest programs and activities.

We are immensely grateful for your support as we work to make life for seniors in Fond du Lac more active, educated and engaged!

Connect with us: 

UPDATE FROM CHIEF AARON GOLDSTEIN

Fond du Lac Police Department



The Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) places a tremendous value on community and neighborhood engagement. From April through October you will find us out and about in our incredible community. You may see officers playing a pick-up game of basketball, tossing a football around, passing a soccer ball during a friendly match in between calls, or at National Night Out on August 6 at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds. FDLPD will also join the summer program at the Boys and Girls Club where we annually host wiffle ball and kickball games, and bike rodeos.

We will again host our monthly Coffee with Public Safety pop-ups along with our Fire/Rescue friends this summer. The event includes fun giveaways for kids, and we look forward to meeting with you to answer any policing questions and hear about your thoughts about our beloved community. We will share event locations and times on our [Facebook page](#), so be sure to follow us for the latest updates.

Over the summer, our school resource officers, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services and the Fond du Lac School District, provide opportunities to build special relationships with youth that may not normally have the opportunity to engage in summer fun. School resource officers will play laser tag, visit the Fondy Sports Complex, drive go-karts and more with local youth to encourage positive relationships and simply have fun! Look for the smiles throughout the summer as we share our stories with you all on Facebook.

This summer, we're introducing a new initiative called Carpool Convos to help our community get to know FDLPD officers and personnel. Officer Vandermolen and Lt. Williams will ride along with team members as they share their personal journeys to becoming FDLPD officers. Look for Carpool Convos on our Facebook and [LinkedIn](#) pages this summer.

Additionally, FDLPD is currently seeking to expand our team. We invite individuals with law enforcement experience at the municipal, county or state level to join our team as part of our lateral transfer program and serve a Department that truly prioritizes mental health, wellness and physical fitness. I encourage you to share this opportunity with friends and family as we work to add new members to our Department. Visit the [City's website](#) if you're interested in applying.

Have a fantastic spring and summer, and stay safe!



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UPDATE FROM CHIEF ERICK GERRITSON

Fond du Lac Fire Rescue



Fond du Lac Fire Rescue (FDLFR) 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.



Spring has sprung here in Fond du Lac! Although winter was relatively mild, we're thrilled to get out and participate in the many events held over spring and summer. We always enjoy being able to spend time with the community we strive to protect.

As the school year draws to a close, FDLFR will once again attend numerous school events and safety talks with our elementary school partners, providing important fire prevention and health safety lessons to our youth. Keeping youth educated and informed is key to safe and happy summer breaks.



Throughout the summer, our crews and fire companies will be participating in many public service events and celebrations including:

- Touch-a-Truck
- Juneteenth
- Ice Cream Socials,
- Dock Spiders Games,
- Coffee with Public Safety pop-ups in partnership with FDLPD
- Walleye Weekend
- Fourth of July Celebrations
- National Night Out on August 6



We'll also actively participate in the many Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters partnership events occurring over the summer. We can't wait to see you there!

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

Have a great and fire-safe summer relaxing with friends and family!

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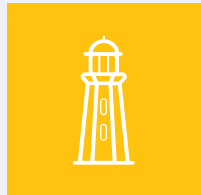
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**BRAT FRY TO BENEFIT
THE RED CROSS**

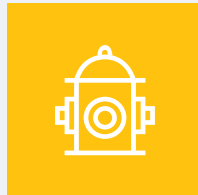
May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to
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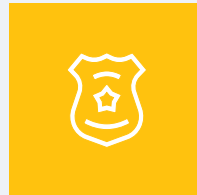
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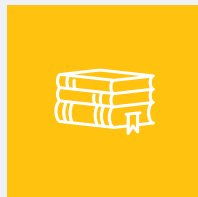
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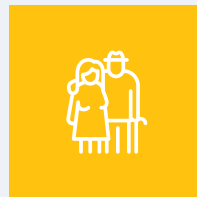
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Public Library



Senior Center



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