



A Welcome Note from City Manager Joe Moore

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

We had a wonderful spring and summer full of activities like Walleye Weekend, the Fond du Lac County Fair and Fourth of July celebrations. Gathering together to celebrate as a community remains one of my favorite parts of spring and summer. Thank you to all our community organizers, volunteers and attendees for bringing these events to life.

This fall and winter will once again be full of opportunities to celebrate the holiday season and spend quality time with loved ones. Halloween Trick-or-Treating, the annual Homecoming and Christmas parades and Small Business Saturday are great activities to get involved in the community. For a full list of upcoming events, take a look at the [community calendar](#) published and updated by Destination Lake Winnebago Region.

In this newsletter, you'll find the latest information about the upcoming election, leaf collections, property tax payments, and other important City happenings, as well as updates from our Fire & Rescue, Police Department and The Center - A Place for Active Older Adults. Plus, learn more about exciting events happening this fall and winter!

This fall and winter are slated with exciting activities for the whole family. I am looking forward to seeing our community join together to enjoy our beautiful City and everything it has to offer.

Until next time,



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NEWS BRIEFS



Looking Ahead to Elections

Tuesday, November 5 – General Election
Tuesday, April 1 – Spring General Election

Important information for the November 5 General Election

There are many methods for how to cast your vote in the November 5 general election:

- ✓ Absentee ballots can be requested via online or paper application until October 31 at 5:00 p.m.
- ✓ If you don't have access to the internet, you may pick up an application at the City Clerk's office at 160 South Macy Street, weekdays 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, in person at the City Clerk's office, deposited in the secure drop box outside the City Clerk's office, or in-person at your polling place.
- ✓ Voters with disabilities have the right to assistance in returning an absentee ballot.

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

NOTE: Ward 13 has moved from the Aquatic Center (100 W 9th St) to the City/County Government Center (160 S Macy St).

Not registered to vote?

Register in the City Clerk's Office up until November 1st or at your polling location on Election Day! For more information on voting and elections, [please visit this site](#).

In-person absentee voting will begin Tuesday, October 22 through Friday, November 1, weekdays only. City of Fond du Lac residents can come to the City Clerk's office located at 160 S Macy St., 1st Floor, main lobby. Hours are as follows:

Tuesday, October 22
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 24
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 25
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 31
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 1
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Save the Date!

MONSTER MARCH

October 26

TRICK-OR-TREATING

October 26

LAKESIDE PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTS

November 28

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 30

CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 7

For a full list of upcoming events, visit the Lake Winnebago Region [community calendar](#) and the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership [calendar of events](#).

City-Wide Property Revaluation



As our city continues to grow and evolve, it's important that property assessments keep pace with changing market conditions. To ensure fairness in property taxation, the City of Fond du Lac is conducting a city-wide property revaluation for the 2025 assessment year. This routine process can lead to many questions and concerns among property owners.

[Learn more](#) about the property revaluation process and see answers to common questions.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Are you looking for a career or change of scenery? Do your values align with ours: Excellence in Service, Honesty, Integrity, and Personal Accountability?

Visit the City website for a variety of diverse opportunities, both working indoors or outdoors or a combination of both. We support employee development by investing in continuous education and learning to benefit personal and professional advancement possibilities for the current and future benefits of the employee and the City.

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 and Maintenance

It's that time again for leaf collection, which began on October 14. The City's crews work in a clockwise manner working their way around the city collecting leaves raked into piles on residents' terraces. Stay informed on the progress by visiting the [City's website](#) and clicking on the Leaf Collection Map.

As an alternative to the collection, residents may haul their leaves to the City's yard waste drop-off site at 530 Doty Street. Bags must be emptied and disposed of properly at the site. More information on yard cleaning can be found [here](#).



Additionally, to assist in the City's efforts to remove snow and ice in a snow event, please remove your vehicles from the street so that the City's snow crews can clear the roadways. This action will better serve the residents because:

- Plows will be able to clear streets during the plow operation and not have to return to re-plow.
- Plows will leave a windrow of snow around parked cars. Snow windrows may be too high to allow vehicles to easily move out of on-street parking locations.

When driving, please allow space between your vehicle and City Vehicles. State Law requires a following distance of no less than 200 feet. Snow plow vehicles have many blind spots, so please reduce your speeds to aid in roadway safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

(November 30 - March 31)

Monday: 9:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

A snow event may cause the site to temporarily close as our staff works to clear the streets.

The Bulky Waste Drop-Off Site will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving (November 28) and Christmas (December 25).

Waste and Recycling

The Bulky Waste Drop-Off Site's winter hours will soon be 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. View [this video](#) for more information.

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.

Tip from Fond du Lac Water Utility

With the cold weather approaching, remember to seal up doors, windows, basements and crawl spaces to prevent pipes and meters from freezing. When snow arrives, your help in clearing it from hydrants on your property is greatly appreciated!



UPDATE FROM THE FOND DU LAC CENTER FOR ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

A Place for Active Adults | Stay Active, Stay Engaged

We have proudly served the seniors in our community for over 56 years.

Did you know that more than 14 million older adults reported falling last year? Even more concerning, Wisconsin EMS responded to 131,000 fall-related calls in 2022, and Wisconsin leads the U.S. in fall-related deaths in older adults. This autumn, The Center took the opportunity to highlight fall prevention while dispelling some of myths regarding falls.

1 Myth: Falling happens to other people, not to me.

Fact: 71% of high fall-risk adults do not identify themselves as high fall-risk.

2 Myth: Falling is a normal part of aging.

Fact: Falling is not considered a normal part of aging.

3 Myth: Limiting activity will prevent falls.

Fact: Decreased physical activity can increase fall risk due to loss of strength and range of motion.

4 Myth: Staying home prevents falls.

Fact: Over half of all falls happen at home. Pets, throw rugs, unsafe stairs or uneven terrain, clutter, poor lighting and lack of grab bars all contribute to falls at home.

5 Myth: Flexibility and strength can't be regained.

Fact: Exercise can help restore strength and flexibility. Physical activity is always preferred.

6 Myth: Medications don't cause falls.

Fact: Medications can cause dizziness or fatigue and increase fall risk. It's important to communicate with your pharmacist about any medication changes or side effects you may be experiencing.

7 Myth: I don't need an eye exam every year.

Fact: Changes in vision can increase risk of falls and injury.

8 Myth: Use of a walker or cane will make me lose my independence.

Fact: Walking aids are designed to help people maintain or improve their mobility.

9 Myth: I need to keep my falls or my fear of falling a secret.

Fact: There are many resources to help you maintain mobility and independence and reduce your risk of falls. Research shows that the fear of falling can actually increase the likelihood of a fall. Instead, take control of your mobility and enact measures to stay safe.

10 Myth: It's none of my business if I'm concerned about someone's risk of falling.

Fact: Supporting people you care about to live as independently and safely as possible is important. Having a tough conversation with a loved one could prevent significant injury or death.



The Center - A Place for Active Older Adults offers many programs monthly to help with balance, strength and falls prevention. It's one way that we can help people age well. To learn more about the Center and to stay connected, find us at www.fdlseiorcenter.com or on our [Facebook page](#).



UPDATE FROM CHIEF AARON GOLDSTEIN

Fond du Lac Police Department



The Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) has two major announcements for fall 2024.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY RETURNS

First, our FDLPD Family is excited to announce that our Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is back beginning in October 2024 following a hiatus. The CPA is a course designed to provide community members with a better understanding of and behind-the-scenes look at the FDLPD's operations. The CPA also enhances the collaboration and partnership between the community and FDLPD. The program involves demonstrations, discussions, scenarios, and plenty of time to ask questions and provide feedback. Some of the topics will include: use of force, drug recognition, OWI enforcement, investigations, crisis negotiations, firearms, K-9, SWAT, drone/robot usage and more.

The CPA is held on Tuesdays from October 8 to November 12, 2024 from 6 - 8 p.m. The academy is free of charge and open to all community members who are at least 18 years of age and have passed a criminal background check. For more information contact Lt. Ryan Williams at rwilliams@fdl.wi.gov or (920) 322-3705.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION POLICE SPECIALIST JOINS FDLPD

Each year, the FDLPD responds to a substantial number of domestic violence- related incidents in our community. Because of this, the **FDLPD is launching its first full-time Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI) Police Specialist position.** With a full-time focused specialist, we will be able to better impact and improve our overall response to domestic violence.

The DVI Police Specialist is a crucial addition to the FDLPD, dedicated to addressing the complex and sensitive needs of individuals affected by domestic violence. This position was designed to provide a comprehensive support system, ensuring that victims receive the care and assistance they need and to hold offenders accountable. The position is also responsible for investigating domestic abuse cases, stalking, order of protection violations and incidents where the perpetrator is a current or former partner/spouse.

The DVI Police Specialist will work closely with victims from when an initial report is filed through the recovery process. They can provide emotional support, safety planning and crisis intervention, ensuring that each individual's unique needs are met with compassion and understanding. By acting as a liaison between victims and law enforcement, the specialist helps to facilitate clear communication and build trust, making it easier for victims to seek help and participate in the legal process.

In addition to direct support, the **DVI Police Specialist connects victims with essential community resources**, including shelter, counseling, legal assistance and healthcare services. By fostering strong partnerships with local organizations and service providers, the specialist ensures a coordinated response to domestic violence, enhancing the effectiveness of intervention efforts.

Education and advocacy are also key components of this role. The DVI Police Specialist conducts community outreach and training programs to raise awareness about domestic violence, educate the public on recognizing signs of abuse, and promote prevention strategies. Through these efforts, they work to break the cycle of abuse and create a safer, more informed community.

Our commitment to addressing domestic violence is unwavering, and the DVI Police Specialist is at the forefront of this mission. By providing support, facilitating access to critical resources, and promoting community awareness, **this specialist plays a vital role in fostering a safe and supportive environment for all individuals affected by domestic violence.**

FDLPD is always dedicated to keeping the people of our wonderful community safe and protected. These initiatives will bolster our efforts and provide more resources to ensure our community's safety and security. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and visit our [website](#) to stay updated on the latest from FDLPD. Have a safe and celebratory fall and holiday season.

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.

As we enter the fall season (which is the very best time of the year in my opinion), I hope the incredible citizens of Fond du Lac are in good health and even higher spirits. Can you believe we are a few short months away from Christmas? Let us not rush our time away into the hectic holidays, but instead take a minute to step back and enjoy the pumpkin spice, colors of the changing leaves and all things autumn. As we enjoy the remainder of 2024, it's critical to remember that your health and well-being should remain a top priority for each and every one of us. So take a second to enjoy life and all it has to offer!

Over the next few months, Fond du Lac Fire Rescue will be involved in events and initiatives to remind our community to be aware of fire and associated safety risks.

- National Fire Prevention Week concluded on October 12, and the Fire Rescue hosted an Open House at the Public Safety Training Center to spread awareness. This year's event focused around the theme "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you." Thank you to everyone who attended this year's event. This fall, make sure to check your smoke alarms and ensure they are functioning properly.
- Toward the end of October, we will participate in numerous "Trunk-or-Treat" events throughout our community:
 - October 26, 3:20 - 5:30 p.m.
Grace Evangelical Free Church, 163 18th Street
 - October 26 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Yah's House of Worship & Healing, 20 East Arndt Street
- These events allow children to safely trick-or-treat in a controlled space while avoiding roadways and other hazards. Be sure to join us for a truly sweet event!
- Starting right after Thanksgiving and running through New Year's Day, we will once again be implementing the "Keep the Wreath Green" campaign. Each of our three fire houses will display a festive wreath lit with green bulbs. Anytime a fire is reported in the City, a green bulb will be removed and replaced with a red bulb. As you drive by your local fire station and see the wreaths, it should serve as a reminder to be fire safe through the holiday season so you can enjoy time with family and friends without worry.

In addition to the above events, Fond du Lac Fire Rescue will be involved in many other programs, including Halloween safety tips for our little trick-or-treaters, Thanksgiving and holiday cooking and kitchen safety, the Red Kettle Campaign, and various other events that make our community the very best place to live, work and play.

Continue to monitor our Facebook page [City of Fond du Lac Fire Rescue](#), our [website](#), and our quarterly "Fire Line" [newsletter](#) for more information and events that your Fire Rescue department is involved in. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

GET CONNECTED

Follow our Facebook accounts and stay up to date on local news and events:



City of FDL



Fire Rescue



Police Dept.



Transit



Public Library



**The Center for
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