

SPRING 2025



A Welcome Note from City Manager Joe Moore

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of our bi-annual newsletter, highlighting exciting news, updates and events throughout the City of Fond du Lac. Since I last wrote, the Fond du Lac Beer Company prepared to open, and soon it will serve the first commercially brewed beer in the City since 1938.

We approach spring and summer with exciting activities and good times ahead. From parades and fireworks to concerts and pool days, there is plenty to enjoy in Fond du Lac in the coming months!

The City is investing in Main Street with major road improvements. While there will be some temporary lane closures during construction, we know it will be a major benefit for years to come. (Learn more on page 4.)

Other infrastructure investments include **a new parking lot at the Pavilion at Lakeside Park, resurfacing of tennis, pickleball and basketball courts, and a new building to permanently house and protect the carousel in Lakeside Park.** The Parks Department will also work to replace the Promen Drive Bridge in Lakeside Park and repave the walking trails in Taylor Park.

I'm proud of the great team at the City that is doing great work for our community. First, a huge congratulations to our Finance team for earning the **Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.** The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its a major accomplishment for the whole team. Congratulations as well to our chiefs of Police and Fire Rescue who have successfully built and led high-performing, accredited teams providing essential services in our community. They have also bucked the national trend in recruiting challenges by filling 160 of our 163 public safety positions.

I look forward to the return of the farmers market, the night market, and the THELMA Thursdays summer concert series on Sheboygan Street. I'm also looking forward to the weekly concerts at Buttermilk Creek Park, Walleye Weekend, the start of the Dock Spiders' ninth season and upcoming youth sports seasons. I also hope to see you at this year's Fond du Lac County Fair when they unveil the new stage! We're fortunate to have such a vibrant community that gets to celebrate spring and summer together.

Here's to sunny days ahead!

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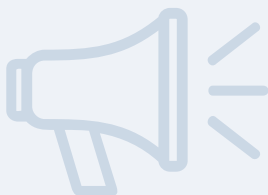
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NEWS BRIEFS

WE'RE HIRING!



Are you looking for a new career or a change of scenery? The City of Fond du Lac offers a range of fulfilling employment opportunities where you can make a meaningful impact. With more than 350 employees across multiple departments – including Police, Fire Rescue, Public Works, and administrative – we offer a variety of career paths to suit your interests.

THE CITY OFFERS A VARIETY OF BENEFITS, INCLUDING:

- Competitive compensation
- A supportive & collaborative work culture
- Work-life balance
- Retirement & financial security
- Opportunities for professional development & continuing education

Interested in learning more?

Visit our [website](#) to view open positions.



City-Wide Property Revaluation

The City of Fond du Lac has completed a city-wide property revaluation for the 2025 assessment year. This revaluation ensures fairness in property taxation amidst changing market conditions by resetting outdated assessed values to current market values. The City is dedicated to providing clear communication about property revaluation to help the community be more informed about this necessary process.

To learn more about the property revaluation process and see answers to commonly asked questions, visit www.fdl.wi.gov/administration/assessor/property-revaluation/



Save the Date for these Special Events!

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, May 17 - October 25

FOND DU LAC

FIRE RESCUE BRAT FRY

May 2

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Now on Macy St. due to
Main St. construction!

May 26

WALLEYE WEEKEND

June 6 - 8

TAYLOR PARK POOL OPENS FOR THE SEASON

June 9

FAIRGROUNDS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER OPENS FOR THE SEASON

June 9

NIGHT MARKET

June 26, July 10, July 24,
August 7, August 21

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 4

FONDUE FEST

September 6

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

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

Through the spring and summer of 2025, the City of Fond du Lac will complete road enhancements on Main Street from 6th Street to Merrill Street. **Main Street will remain open for the duration of the project; however, there will be temporary lane closures to accommodate active work.**

The Main Street rehabilitation process will involve milling & removing the top 5-7 inches of asphalt and laying a new layer of pavement in its place. Work will take place on weekdays from approximately 7:00 a.m. to dusk, **beginning the week of April 7** until the project is completed. During the project, **sidewalks should remain open, and Main Street entrances to businesses should not be impacted.**

The project will be completed in two phases, with the first phase taking place on North Main Street, from 1st Street to Merrill Street. This is anticipated to begin in late April and be completed in late June. Then, the second phase will begin following the completion of Phase 1 on South Main Street, from 6th Street to 1st Street. **There will be no gap in construction between the two phases.** The tentative completion date of the rehabilitation project is **September 6, 2025**. The latest parking updates will be available on the [City's Facebook page](#) throughout the construction process.

More information about the project updates and timeline can be found at www.fdl.wi.gov/engineering/main-street-project/.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) UPDATES

SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION (April 1 - November 29)

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: 8:00 to Noon

Waste and Recycling

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 – **530 Doty Street**.

View [this video](#) for a step-by-step guide on how the Bulky Waste Drop-Off site is used. [More information](#) on Bulky Waste Drop-Off can be found on the City's website.

The Municipal Service Center is collaborating with RecycleThatStuff.com to host a **one-week electronic recycling event from Monday, June 16 through Saturday, June 21**. This event will be located at the Municipal Service Center Bulky Waste Drop-Off Site during regular hours of operation. More information can be found [here](#).

Parks

The Promen Drive Bridge in Lakeside Park next to the pavilion will be replaced this year. Work is slated to begin shortly after Walleye Weekend in mid-June and continue into the fall. The pavilion parking lot will also be replaced this summer. More information about these park projects will be available in the coming months on our [website](#).

The Lakeside Splash Pad will be open for the season from **May 16 - September 14**.

Taylor Park and Fairground Park Pools will be open from **June 9 - August 10**, weather and staffing permitting.



Fond du Lac Area Transit (FDLAT):

FDLAT has updated the destination signs on the outside of the buses to better serve passengers. **Signs now display a popular destination along the route, in addition to the route number.** This change is designed to assist passengers who know where they want to go but may not know the route number for the bus that travels to their destination. FDLAT's professional drivers are always available to assist if passengers have a question about a destination when boarding.

Additionally, FDLAT will replace four older buses with new ones in late spring. **Once in service, passengers will enjoy one of the newest transit fleets in the state.**

Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery Facility:

Fats, oils and grease (FOGs) can cause serious problems for your pipes. Buildup of FOGs in pipes leads to public health risks, sanitation worker safety hazards, excessive energy use and system maintenance problems. Always remember to dispose of FOGs in the trash and never in the drain!

Think before you flush! Clogged pipes cause sewage overflows and costly damage to your property. Even wipes that are labeled "flushable" can clog pipes and interfere with the sewage collection process. Remember to only flush the "Three Ps": Pee, Poo and Paper.

UPDATE FROM CHIEF AARON GOLDSTEIN

Fond du Lac Police Department



The Fond du Lac Police Department (FDLPD) places tremendous value on community engagement and believes in fostering strong relationships within our neighborhoods. On March 3, 2025, the FDLPD proudly launched a groundbreaking initiative aimed at better supporting the community's unsheltered population. In partnership with the **St. Katherine Drexel Shelter**, FDLPD has created the **DREXEL OUTREACH RESPONSE PROGRAM** – a collaborative effort designed to offer **comprehensive, compassionate assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness.**

This innovative program introduces a co-response model to address calls for service involving unsheltered individuals. In the past, FDLPD officers have been dispatched to a variety of calls that involve homelessness, but the Drexel Outreach Response Program takes a more holistic approach. **When applicable, FDLPD officers will be paired with trained case managers from the Drexel Outreach Response team to respond together to these calls.** This unified effort will enable officers and case managers to **combine their expertise and resources to offer a tailored and effective solution for each individual they assist.** There will also be a number of calls where the Drexel Outreach Response team will be able to respond without law enforcement, allowing for an approach focused solely on providing the necessary support and resources to individuals in need.

This program's collaborative nature is designed to better meet the immediate and long-term needs of the unsheltered population. Rather than simply providing short-term assistance, **the program focuses on connecting individuals with the right resources and helping them navigate the path to long-term stability.** The goal is to address both the immediate needs of the individuals – such as food, shelter and medical care – while also offering the support needed to transition toward permanent solutions.

A heartfelt thank you to Amy Loof and the dedicated team at the St. Katherine Drexel Shelter for their invaluable expertise, tireless efforts and commitment to collaboration on this crucial initiative. Their support is instrumental in ensuring that the Drexel Outreach Response Program will have a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

Together, FDLPD and St. Katherine Drexel Shelter aim to create a more supportive, compassionate community for everyone – especially those experiencing homelessness. This program represents a step forward in ensuring that no one in our community is left behind.

FDLPD is always dedicated to keeping the people of our wonderful community safe and protected. Follow us on **Facebook** and **LinkedIn** and visit our **website** to stay updated on the latest from FDLPD.

Have a happy spring and summer season!

UPDATE FROM CHIEF ERICK GERRITSON

Fond du Lac Fire Rescue



As the weather warms up and outdoor activities increase, so do the risks of fires. Fond du Lac Fire Rescue would like to remind you that spring and summer bring unique fire hazards, from grass fires to grilling mishaps. **Here are some essential fire safety tips to keep your home and community safe during these seasons:**



GRASS FIRE PREVENTION

Warm and dry conditions, coupled with the mild winter and decreased snow amount, increase the risk of grass fires. Help prevent them by:

- Properly disposing of cigarettes in a fire-proof receptacle and never tossing them on the ground.
- Clearing dry leaves, dead plants and debris from around your home.
- Following burn bans, city ordinances and restrictions in your area. Remember: brush is not allowed to be burned in the City of Fond du Lac. Instead, dispose of brush and yard waste at the [City's Municipal Service Center](#).



GRILLING SAFETY

Outdoor cooking is a favorite warm-weather activity, but improper grill use can lead to dangerous fires. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Keep grills at least 10 feet away from buildings, decks and overhanging branches.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- Clean grease buildup from grates and trays regularly to prevent flare-ups.
- Keep a fire extinguisher, water hose or a bucket of sand nearby in case of emergencies.



CAMPFIRE PRECAUTIONS

Camping and backyard fires are a fun pastime but can quickly become hazardous. Remember to:

- Build fires in designated areas away from dry grass and flammable materials.
- Keep water or a shovel nearby to extinguish flames if needed.
- Completely douse fires before leaving them unattended.
- Follow [local fire bans and ordinance restrictions](#).



FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks are a staple of summer celebrations, but they are also a leading cause of fire-related injuries. Stay safe:

- Follow all [local/state laws and regulations](#) regarding fireworks use.
- Keep fireworks away from dry grass, trees and buildings.
- Never allow children to handle sparklers unsupervised.
- Have a water source nearby in case of accidental fires.
- Leave the large displays and mortars to the professional pyrotechnics.



HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS

Your home should be ready for fire emergencies at all times. Take these steps to stay prepared:

- Check and replace batteries in smoke detectors every six months.
- Have an evacuation plan in place and practice it with your family.
- Ensure garden hoses are in good working condition in case of small outdoor fires.
- Learn more home fire safety tips [here](#).

By following these fire safety precautions, you can enjoy the beauty of spring and summer while keeping yourself, your loved ones and your community safe.

Continue to monitor our [Facebook page](#), [website](#) and our quarterly **"Fire Line" newsletter** for more information and events that your Fire Rescue department is involved in. Stay fire-aware and have a safe, fun-filled season!

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City of FDL



Fire Rescue



Police



Area Transit



Public Library



Senior Center



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