

Mayor's Message



Hello Citizens,

Here we are, into the Summer of 2015, the year is going fast. The City has a lot of projects and activities planned, being done, and completed already.

The downtown area looks great with all the pots of flowers in front of the businesses and

hanging from light posts on the Courthouse lawn. With the all new developments at the Wright Block Corner and the new improvements in the downtown area businesses, the past 18 months or so, it has been a great period of improvement for the City of Lancaster.

Hurst Logistics has started moving materials in and out of their 104,000 square foot warehouse; Elite Fitness is working with many people to reach their goals of being in shape. The Vet Clinic and We Energies maintenance shop are up and going strong.

In the past few months, these 4 new businesses have joined Woolwich Dairy in Arrow Ridge Business Park on the east side of Lancaster.

A new RadioShack store is almost ready to open on the Ihm's Addition on the north end of the City. Also, Southwest Opportunities Center has broken ground for their Sun Garden Hydroponic Greenhouse. Their plan is to start to raise tomatoes in a special plant growing system.

With the new and repaired city streets, City garden plot project, upgrades at the water and sewer plant, airport major upgrades, also several businesses have done or are going to do improvements to their firms in the near future.

Also, our library will have its opening early this fall. It sure is a sharp looking structure, with a fantastic layout inside. What a great place for future learning!

Thank you and Have a Great Summer

Mayor Jerry Wehrle

Administrator's Notes



As you are aware, on June 22nd a powerful windstorm hit Lancaster. As I write this update, city crews are out cleaning up tree debris from streets and sidewalks. Fortunately nobody was injured. The city will continue to pick up tree debris as needed until we have all the streets clean. The city will also pick up tree limbs on the normal scheduled

day of Monday, July 6th.

Residents can drop off tree debris at the city compost site off of Madison Street near the sewer plant.

Many thanks go out to neighbors helping neighbors clean up trees and branches. A special thanks goes out to the City of Fennimore and Village of Bloomington for sending dump trucks and crews to help take away trees.



If you have any questions or concerns about tree cleanup please call city hall at 608-723-4246.

This is a good time to remind residents that storms can develop quickly and cause tremendous damage. The fire department deploys trained tornado spotters during high risk weather situations. If a tornado or damaging winds are detected the tornado siren will be activated. The tornado warning is a long continuous tone. This is an outdoor warning signal only to inform residents that they should take immediate cover in a building or sturdy shelter. It is highly recommended that homes and businesses have a weather radio as well.

Hoping you have a fun and safe summer!





Thanks for Making a Difference!

It takes the commitment and effort of so many people for a community to thrive. Lancaster has a large number of individuals participating on several committees, commissions and boards who assist City Staff and Council to successfully run our city government.

Many others do their part as well to contribute to the City's services, including: election workers, summer recreation volunteers, individuals who assist with community events and youth groups that perform community projects.

The combined dedication and commitment of all volunteers truly makes Lancaster a great place to live.



TDS set to make network improvements

TDS is investing back into Lancaster by installing fiber optic cables to its customers. Construction may start as early as August beginning in the North side of Lancaster. More details will be forthcoming about the construction before it starts.

Watch for specific announcements about the construction and new service over the next couple of months or visit tdsfiber.com.

Open Book and Board of Review

Assessor: Accurate Appraisal LLC

Open Book: Scheduled for Thursday, July 16th, from 3-5 pm in the Council Chambers

Board of Review: Scheduled for Thursday, August 6th, from 10-12 pm in the Council Chambers

To schedule an appointment or for questions call 800-770-3927, visit www.accurateassessor.com, or email question@accurateassessor.com.

Upcoming Meetings

Parks/ Recreation Committee 6:30 pm/ 1st Monday

Plan Commission 6:30 pm/ 2nd Monday

City Council 6:30 pm/ 3rd Monday

Council Highlights

- Council recommended Alternative B (No turn lanes on Madison Street) regarding the Madison/Elm Street intersection for Hwy 61 N project.
- Council approved city branding proposal from Arnett Muldrow & Associates

Lancaster Airport

The Lancaster Airport will be getting some much needed work this summer. As part of a 6 year planning process, the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics and the City of Lancaster will be contracting for the removal and reconstruction of the airport runway. The width will be expanded from 45 feet to 60 feet wide. The length will actually be slightly shorter to allow for appropriate height clearance. In addition, the project will add new LED edge lights and a new electrical control vault.

Upcoming Events

Community Band, 7:00 pm at the Courthouse
Monday, July 6th
Monday, July 27th

Night on the Square Thursday, July 16th

Deals & Steals Day Friday, August 7th

Chamber/WGLR Golf Outing Saturday, August 15th

Grant County Fair August 16th- 23rd

Courthouse Rededication Wednesday, August 26th

Brush & Yard Waste Pickups:

Monday, July 6th

Monday, August 3rd

Tuesday, September 8th

Asphalt paving around the hangars will be replaced as much of it is in poor condition. As part of the project, the old veterinary clinic will be removed. In subsequent years, the Airport Commission and Bureau of Aeronautics have plans to add more hangars. Adding additional hangar capacity will be a major goal after the current upgrades are completed.

The airport will be closed from May 26, 2015 through September 4, 2015.



Employee Updates

New Employee

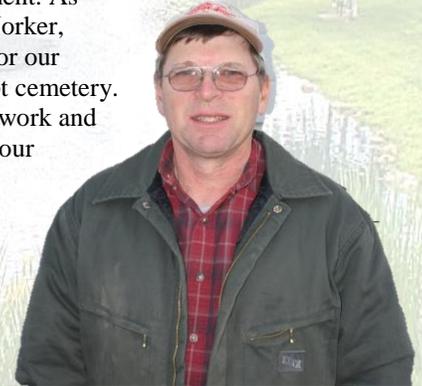
We welcome Ryan Heberlein to the Public Works Department as a Maintenance 1 worker. Prior to joining our team, he worked for Wolf Construction. Ryan has been working on concrete projects like the golf course patio, storm drain inlet repairs, curb and gutter and sidewalk repair and pool deck concrete replacement. He has also been helping with storm drain inlet cleaning and tree trimming. He enjoys working for the community and interacting with residents. In general, he enjoys being outdoors and working hard hands-on. Most of his free time is spent hunting and fishing.



Employee Retirement

We would like to thank Mark Muldoon for his 31 years of service in the Parks Department. As Parks and Cemetery Lead Worker, Mark has been responsible for our beautiful Parks and well-kept cemetery. We are grateful for his hard work and dedication. Thank you for your service to the City of Lancaster.

Congratulations on your retirement Mark!



Lancaster Community Garden

Lancaster Community Garden was formed in 2015 with the following mission: To organize resources including volunteers, materials, equipment and capital in order to start, manage, and maintain productive, organic community gardens in Lancaster in order to achieve the following:

- Stronger ties within our community
- Education (nutrition, agriculture)
- Contributions of fresh produce to local food banks
- Sustainable ways for people who typically can't grow their own food because of lack of access to adequate growing conditions

Lancaster residents can apply for a garden plot in Memorial Park by the ice skating rink for the entire growing season, from April to October. These plots are great for those with little or no space for a garden at home. Applying for a garden plot to grow vegetable is easy. Garden plots are 4'x6' foot.



To reserve your plot, call City Hall at 723-3700 or visit our Community Garden page to complete an application.

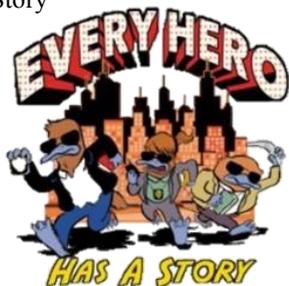
We are looking forward to seeing the garden sprouting up!

Library Programs

Summer programming is underway and runs through the end of July.

Programs include:

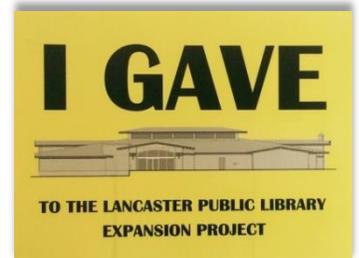
- Lego Club on Mondays at 10:30 and 4:30 at the temporary library on the square.
- "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Story Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 and 1:30 at the temporary library on the square.
- Toddler Tales for ages 6 months-36 months on Wednesdays at 9:30am at the temporary library on the square.
- "Who Will You Become" evening Story Time on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the temporary library on the square.
- "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Story Time on Thursdays at 10:30 and 1:30 at City Hall (in the Senior Center).
- Special programs throughout the summer.



Throughout August, we will once again have guest reader story times. We have some great community members who will be running special story times in the library. Contact us at 723-7304 for more information!

We are looking for volunteers to help us move back into our library as we are allowed to start moving in- if you'd like to help, please sign up at the temporary library so that we can contact you when we start moving.

The Lancaster Public Library Foundation is still asking for your donations to help fund the new library. Checks can be made out do the Lancaster Public Library Foundation and turned in at the library, or you can visit schreinermemoriallibrary.wordpress.com to donate via PayPal.



Jennifer Bernetzke, Library Director



Voter ID: Important Things to Know

There is no such thing as a “Wisconsin Voter ID Card.” The new Voter Photo ID Law uses existing photo IDs for people to prove their identity before voting.

The address on your ID doesn’t have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn’t need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs for Sue can all relax.)

Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you. Even if you’ve colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.

Election Update: Photo ID

These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 4, 2014 election):

- A WI DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A WI DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by WI DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by WI DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a WI DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes whether they are expired or unexpired:

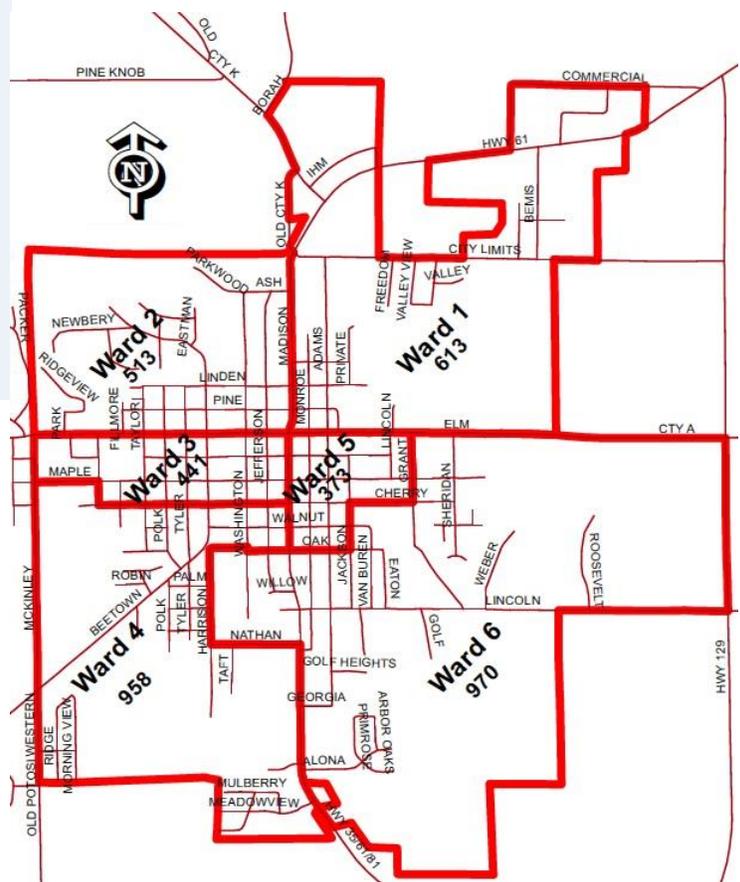
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.

Photo ID Exceptions

There are accommodations in the law for absentee voters who cannot make it to a polling place because they are indefinitely confined, live in a nursing home or care facility. These voters do not need to show their photo ID, but other rules do apply.

Call 1-866-VOTE-WIS for Photo ID questions

What Ward Are You?



Who are indefinitely confined voters?

“Indefinitely confined” voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may have difficulty traveling to the polling place. An indefinitely confined voter can reside in: their own home, apartment, nursing home, or other care facility. When applying for an absentee ballot, the voter must indicate they are indefinitely confined. Indefinitely confined voters will receive absentee ballots automatically for all elections until they fail to return a ballot.

Do indefinitely confined voters have to provide a photo ID?

An indefinitely confined voter does not need to provide a copy of photo ID. Instead, the witness’ signature on the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope satisfies the photo ID requirement. A signature is still required from both the witness and the voter. The Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope is the envelope in which you return your voted ballot to the municipal clerk. If you have photo ID, you may choose to send a copy of it along with your absentee ballot request, but it is not required. If you choose to provide a copy of your photo ID, you won’t have to supply one again unless you change your name or address.

If you choose to vote absentee in the clerk’s office or at the polling place on Election Day, a photo ID will be required.



Public Works Reminder

Please be courteous and do not blow grass clippings into the streets. The city has started enforcing an ordinance that prohibits depositing grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste on city streets and alleys. There are several reasons grass clippings and other yard waste should not be deposited in the streets including blockage of storm drain inlets and storm sewer debris accumulation that catch in the basin and can cause pipe blockages.

Citizens need to take the necessary precautions to make sure that your grass clipping do not end up in the street.

Lancaster Summer Recreation

Pool News

The pool is having another successful summer! Our first events included a Father's Day event where fathers got in for free all day and a Water Polo Tournament. We have several sessions of swimming lessons jam packed with excited swimmers. This year also introduces Dippin Dots to the concessions! Thanks for supporting your local pool.

Summer Recreation Programs

Big thanks to everyone involved in the summer recreation program this year! Programs offered this summer included: soccer, softball, baseball, pee wee, t-ball, golf, volleyball, basketball, tumbling and tennis.

If you would like to keep up with all the activities for the Summer Recreation Program and Lancaster Pool, like the 'City of Lancaster Summer Rec' Facebook page. Keeping you informed with events and program updates and cancellations.

We were very fortunate to have 41 area businesses as sponsors this year and 50+ volunteer coaches. The programs would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and coaches. Thank you for your generous support of our community. Please remember to thank your coaches and the following patron businesses!

A&W	Hendrix Seamless Gutters	Morningside Assisted Living
Alternative Recycling	High Point Family Medicine	Newline Real Estate, LLC
Bard Materials	Imprints	Premier Cooperative
Bennett Services	J&N Stone, LLC	Suppz Gym (Lancaster Fitness)
BMO Harris Bank	Kane Roofing	Tim Slack Auction
Crubel Financial	Kinney Urban Kussmaul	Tri-Com
Crusin Kids LLC	Kraemer's Culligan	TriCom Inc./Radio Shack US Cellular
Edge Electric	Lancaster Dental Associates	TriCor Insurance
Fotzler's	Lancaster Lions Club	Vesperman Farms
Gassers True Value	Lancaster Vet Clinic	Wisconsin Bank & Trust
Giggles & Wiggles Daycare	Les Mack	Wolf L&G Farms
Grant Regional Health Center	Majestic View Dairy	Wolf's Grantland Graphics
H&N Plumbing & Heating	Midwest Mini Storage	Woolwich
Heartland Credit Union	Midwest Title	

Baus Park Tree Planting

To celebrate Arbor Day, Winskill Fourth Graders teamed up with City staff and Forester Patrick Dayton to plant trees in Baus Park. It was a great event to inspire the students to take care of and appreciate the importance of trees. Check out the Arbor Day 2015 video on our Parks webpage to see highlights from the day.

Thanks again to Winskill Fourth Grade teachers and students for giving back to your community!



Lancaster Recreation



We would also like to thank Grant Regional Health Center for their generous donation of 24 first aid kits to the Summer Recreation Program.



Lancaster Police Department

Autism Emergency Contact Registry

Our police department is always trying to find better ways to serve our community and keep everyone safe. Chief Reukuaf and Officer Kruser attended Autism in Law Enforcement at SWTC. They decided to implement an Autism Emergency Contact Form that other law enforcement agencies have used to help them learn more about individuals in their community that have Autism.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our awareness of Autism and the special circumstances that may arise around this unique disorder. It is a complex neurobiological disorder that lasts throughout a person's lifetime. This disorder tends to impair the ability to communicate and relate to others which can often cause unusual responses to sensory experiences, such as sounds or the way an object looks. When officers respond to a call for assistance, it is beneficial to have as much knowledge as possible about any special circumstances we may be encountering. This way we can properly interpret and respond to the communication difficulties those with Autism encounter. In order to further assist us with our goal of providing the best service possible, we have an emergency contact form for those members of our community with autism spectrum disorders. This form will provide us with valuable information in the event your family has encountered an emergency. Visit lancasterwisconsin.com/autism to complete the form today.

FAQ

What is the Autism Emergency Contact Registry?

The online registry promotes communication and gives police quick access to critical information about a registered person with autism in a police emergency by capturing information such as a full description, routine/favorite attractions, communication and other special needs as well as emergency contact information

If I don't live in Lancaster, can I still register my child/dependent adult?

Yes, if your child/dependent frequences our city, it would be best for you to register them.

Who has access to my child's information?

Lancaster Police Department full time and part time officers will be the only people who have access to the information. The information will be saved on our computers.

Do I need to update the information yearly?

You can update the information at any time during the year if you feel the need. We will do a Facebook post several times a year about the Autism Register to advise people of the program and if you see the post and feel you need to notify us of any changes, please feel free to fill out a new form.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Reukauf at debr@lancasterwisconsin.com or 608-723-4188.

Bike Safety

The Lancaster Police Department taught their annual Bike Safety program this year to K – 3rd graders. The 3rd graders completed the obstacle courses and have now “Graduated” from bike safety.



Fire Pit Ordinance

Since summer is here, we know many of you will want to enjoy a campfire. Here is some basic information you need to know about having a campfire in the City of Lancaster.

Type of Fire pit:

- Campfire rings. (A stone, metallic or non-burnable material)
- Fire pit (designed for the holding of wood)
- Outdoor fireplaces
- Clay fireplaces

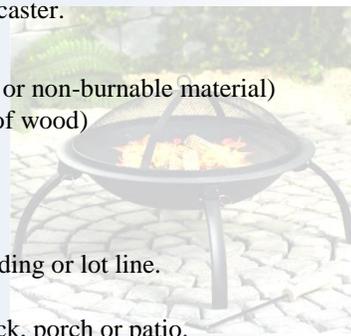
Things to take into consideration:

- Do not use within 15 feet of a building or lot line.
- Use on a stable, level surface.
- Do not use on any combustible deck, porch or patio.
- Use clean, dry wood. No trash, yard waste, leaves or construction materials, recyclable materials, plastic, rubber, clothing, papers or other related materials shall be burned.
- Smoke shall not create a nuisance.
- Have a garden hose, fire extinguisher or other method of fire control readily available.
- A responsible adult shall supervise the fire at all times.
- Do not operate when a drought advisory is in effect.
- The fire cannot exceed four feet in height from the ground up.

Our involvement:

If the Police Department observes or receives a complaint it will respond and can, at its discretion, order the fire extinguished for any violation of the listed conditions, or if it is determined the fire is creating a hazard or nuisance. The police officer alone will determine if the fire is creating a hazard or nuisance.

One last note, the City does not allow the release of Sky lanterns within the City Limits.



City of the Dome



Lancaster EMS

The Lancaster EMS took possession of their newest squad in April. It is a 2015 Ford 4wheel drive. They are ready for whatever old man winter throws at them.

Lancaster will host the next EMS class at the fire and rescue building starting in August. Anyone interested in taking the class please log onto their website or call any member with questions you might have.



Please feel free to attend any of our meetings. Meeting are held the 2nd Sunday night of each month at the rescue station. They are always looking for new individuals willing to give back to their community by volunteering.

Fire Department

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Ken Klaas, who retired from the department on May 31st with 30 years of service. Ken served in a number of roles throughout the years, including Firefighter, Secretary, Battalion Chief, Interim Chief and Deputy Chief.



Brush Fire Training



Recent Promotions

Deputy Chief
Larry Wagner

Battalion Chief
Scott Reuter

Captain
Jake Fishnick



Fodder Bale Fire

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Fri 9am-5pm
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Sun 1 pm- 4pm

Lancaster Recreation