

## Centered on Service

### Election Information

To clarify for City of Lancaster residents, the Clerk's office DOES NOT mail out registration forms or absentee ballot requests unless directly instructed to by you. You can go on-line at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to:

- Register or check your registration status
- Request an absentee ballot

### Voter Registration Deadlines

- October 21, 2020** – Register to vote online (by 11:59 PM) or by-mail (postmarked).
  - October 30, 2020 at 5 PM** – Register to vote at your clerk's officer
- You can register at your polling place on Election Day (**November 3, 2020**)

### Absentee By-Mail Deadlines

- October 29, 2020 at 5 PM** – Request an absentee ballot by-mail for regular and overseas voters

Absentee ballots can be returned by mail or deposited in the drop box in front of City Hall, 206 S Madison Street.

### In-Person Absentee Voting

- The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM**
- The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM**

Absentee voting will be done in the Senior Center, Cherry Street Entrance Monday – Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM, except Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> open until 5 PM.

## City of Lancaster Contacts

**Assessment Questions**  
Accurate Appraisals, LLC  
1-800-770-3927

**Garbage & Recycling**  
Town & Country Sanitation  
1-800-626-1915

**Building & Zoning**  
Dennis Hampton  
778-7162  
Office: Tues 9:00am- Noon

**Taxes-Delinquent /2<sup>nd</sup> Installment**  
Grant County Treasurer  
723-2604

**City Clerk's Office** 8am- 4:30pm  
723-4246

**Water Billing Department**  
723-6225

**Chamber of Commerce**  
723-2820

**Police Department**  
723-4188

**Lancaster Golf Course**  
723-4266

**Schreiner Memorial Library**  
723-7304  
Mon-Thurs 9am- 8pm  
Fri 9am-5pm  
Sat 9am- 1pm

## Thank A Veteran

November 11th is Veteran's Day. The City would like to thank all Lancaster Veterans for their service and sacrifice. If you know a veteran, take a moment and thank him or her for their service.

*Why is Veteran's Day on November 11th?*

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.



# Lancaster

## WISCONSIN



## Mayor's Message

The Lancaster Common Council has given final approvals to the new Kwik Trip on N. Madison St and the new hotel that will be located on the south edge of the City. Both are scheduled to open in 2021.

The City partnered with the Lancaster Community Fund and the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce to offer an Emergency Business grant to help small businesses located in the City limits. Many businesses have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. This grant helps them cover actual expenses including rent and utilities up to \$1,500.

The City welcomes a new business on the square as Rindy's Embroidery and Sewing opened on N Jefferson in late summer.

While summer was different than in years past it was great to see so many people using our recreational amenities as our parks, golf course and pool remained open for use. Many residents enjoyed the new swimming pool with nearly 1,500 more in attendance for open swim than 2019, even with limits due to COVID-19.

God Bless,  
Mayor David C Varnam

## Lancaster Golf Course Residential Lots for Sale

The City of Lancaster is selling four residential lots in the Lancaster Golf Course, all offering the best views available in the City of Lancaster. Asking price is \$84,350, with a private drive and city water and sewer. If interested in this compact development in a rural setting, with direct access to extensive common open space and natural areas, call David Carlson at 608-723-5195.

The City will also consider offers for sale the entire property to allow the developer to complete the subdivision, including alternate development options. Development restrictions will apply, and the City Council must approve all sales.



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## Lancaster Contacts

City Hall  
206 S Madison St  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
Office Hours 8:00am to 4:30 pm  
(Monday- Friday)

### City Hall 723-4246

Water Utility.....	Ext 1
Public Works .....	Ext 2
City Administrator .....	Ext 3
Clerk/ Treasurer .....	Ext 4
Building/Zoning .....	Ext 5
Chamber of Commerce .....	Ext 6
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer .....	Ext 7
Administrative Assistant .....	Ext 8
Mayor .....	Ext 9
After hours water/street .....	723-6447
Police .....	723-4188
Fire (non-emergency) .....	723-2357
Road Conditions .....	511

### Elected Officials

Mayor .....	David Varnam
Aldersperson Wards 1 & 5	Brett Rollins
Aldersperson Wards 2 & 3	Robert Schmidt
Aldersperson Ward 4 .....	Rose Oliveto
Aldersperson Ward 6 .....	Katie Reuter
Alderspersons At-Large .....	Stuart Harper
	Matt
Alderspersons At-Large .....	Pennekamp
	Shayne
Alderspersons At-Large .....	LaBudda
Alderspersons At-Large .....	Joel Ingebritsen

### City of Lancaster Meeting Schedule

<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Committee</b> .....	5:45pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month	
<b>Plan Commission</b> .....	6:30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month	
<b>City Council</b> .....	6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month	

Visit the City's website  
[www.lancasterwisconsin.com](http://www.lancasterwisconsin.com)  
and follow us on Facebook.



## Dates to Remember

### OCTOBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival Parade
- 5<sup>th</sup> Brush/Yard Waste Pickup
- 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fall Leaf Collection Begins
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween, Trick or Treating from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brush/Yard Waste Pickup
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day, City Hall Senior Center
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day, City Hall Closed
- 15<sup>th</sup> Alternate Side Parking Begins
- 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving, City Hall Closed
- 28<sup>th</sup> Small Business Saturday

### DECEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Hometown Heartfelt Holiday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Santa at the Courthouse
- 12<sup>th</sup> Santa at the Courthouse
- 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve, City Hall Closed
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day, City Hall Closed
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve, City Hall Closed



## Centered on Community

### Lancaster Community Fund Grants

#### City Receives Grant to Refurbish Fishing Pier

City of Lancaster received a grant from the Lancaster Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to refurbish the Memorial Pond Fishing Pier.

#### City Receives Grant to Update Summer Recreation Equipment

City of Lancaster received a grant from the Lancaster Community Fund and Charles Sonny Tiedemann Charitable Fund, of the Lancaster Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to support the Cities *Summer Recreation Baseball and Softball programs*.

#### City Receives Grant to Restore 1994 Bath House

City of Lancaster received a grant from the Charles Sonny Tiedemann Charitable Fund, of the Lancaster Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to support their improvements to the 1994 Bath House.

#### City Receives Grant to Create Handicap Accessible Path from Memorial Trail to the Small Diamond

City of Lancaster received a grant from the Douglas and LuAnne Pink Family Charitable Endowment, of the Lancaster Community Fund and the Lancaster Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to develop a handicapped accessible path from the Memorial Trail to City Ball Diamond.

### Preparing for another Wisconsin Winter

#### Alternate Side Parking

The City's alternate side parking takes effect November 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 15<sup>th</sup>. On even numbered days, park on the south or east side of the street. On odd numbered days, park on the north or west side. The alternate side parking hours are in effect between midnight and 7:00 AM.



#### Ordinance 371-7: SNOW REMOVAL

**A.** Duty of owner or occupant. The owner or occupant of any premises abutting any sidewalk within the City shall remove or cause to be removed from such sidewalk, by 11:00 a.m. of each day, all snow and ice which may have accumulated thereon during the preceding 24 hours, provided that when ice shall have formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be removed, such owner or occupant shall keep the same covered with sand, ashes or similar material.

**B.** Failure to remove.

**(1)** Notice. If any owner or occupant shall fail to comply with Subsection **A** of this section, the Director of Public Works shall give notice to remove such snow and ice or cover same with sand, ashes or similar material within 24 hours of receipt of notice.

**(2)** Penalty. If owner or occupant fails to comply with such notice, the Director of Public Works shall cause such snow and ice to be removed or sprinkled with sand, ashes or similar material and shall report the cost so incurred to the City Clerk/Treasurer, who shall enter the same in the tax roll as a special tax against the lot or parcel of land abutting such sidewalk.

#### Ordinance 371-8: DEPOSITING SNOW IN ROADWAY

**A.** No person, firm or corporation shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in any public street, alley or roadway in the City of Lancaster, snow taken or removed from property privately owned or occupied, excluding snow taken or removed from public sidewalks or public boulevards, except as permitted by this section.

**B.** Any person, firm or corporation owning or occupying property within the City of Lancaster may remove all snow from such property and deposit the same in a public street, alley or roadway abutting or adjacent to such property without violation of this section, provided that such owner or occupant of private property shall have applied in writing to the City Clerk/Treasurer for such snow removal service.

**C.** No provision of this section and no agreement between the owner/occupant and the City of Lancaster shall impose upon the City of Lancaster any obligation to collect, load, haul or dispose of any material or substance other than snow or to enter upon any private property and remove snow therefrom excepting only when snow shall have been temporarily piled or placed upon such private property at the order or direction of the Director of Public Works.

**D.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this section or depositing snow on City streets, roadways, alleys or property in violation of this section shall be punished for each violation by a forfeiture of not more than \$100, together with the costs of prosecution. Each day while any snow unlawfully deposited shall remain in a public street, alley, roadway or property may be charged and prosecuted as a separate offense. Such violators shall also be responsible for the removal of such snow by the City and the violator shall be billed at the then hourly rate.



## Centered on Value

### Public Works

#### Brush Pickup

Brush and yard waste pickup will be the first Monday of each month April through November. Please place yard waste in open containers or in paper bags at the curb, not in the roadway or obstructing the sidewalk. Brush should be neatly stacked with butt ends facing one direction.

- **October 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### Signs Following City Ordinance (Political, Realtor, Healthcare, Graduation, Sports, Advertisement)

Sign Design Requirements:

- No sign may be in street right of way
  - Right of way includes:
    - The area from back of curb to back of sidewalk
    - In areas with no sidewalk, the right of way is approximately 10'-12' from back of curb towards home or business
- Signs should not be attached to signposts, utility poles or trees in the right of way
- Signs located within 25' of an intersection or 15' of a driveway may not be taller than 3' to not obstruct vision
- Temporary signs can only exist for 30 days unless a different amount of time is specified elsewhere

For more detail, head to [www.lancasterwisconsin.com](http://www.lancasterwisconsin.com) and check out the City ordinance. Ordinance number 455-60.

### Tax Bill Coming in December

Residents will be receiving their tax bills in the mail mid-December. Whether paying in full or just the first installment, taxes are due at the Grant County Treasurer located at 111 S. Jefferson Street. First installment is due on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> and second installment is due on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Dog Licenses

All dogs 5 months of age or older, in the City of Lancaster, must be licensed annually. The license year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. The fee is \$3 for a neutered male or spayed female dog and \$8 for an unneutered or un-spayed dog. **Please remember to bring your dog's proof of rabies vaccination records!** Dog license are available at the Grant County Clerk's office after January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Park & Recreation Survey Results

The City of Lancaster Parks & Recreation asked for residents' input on how to make our City Parks better. Current City Parks Include: Memorial Park, Ryland Park, Baus Park, Klondyke Park, Schreiner Park, Schacht Soccer Fields, Memorial Trail, Lancaster Trail, and Lancaster Dog Park. Survey results can be found at [lancasterwisconsin.com/Departments/Recreation](http://lancasterwisconsin.com/Departments/Recreation).



## Fall Leaf Pickup

It's a beautiful time of year when leaves are changing colors on the trees throughout the City. Those beautiful leaves will also be falling soon which means the City will be starting loose leaf collection. Collection will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will run until the end of leaf drop or the weather no longer allows.

Help the City keep the roads safe and our City clean by not placing leaves or yard waste on the road as it creates safety hazard for motorist, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Place leaves in the grass between curb and sidewalk. Please have any yard waste or loose leaves to be collected out by 7:00 AM on the day of collection. If you wish to haul your own leaves, please use the compost site located off South Madison Street near the Wastewater Treatment Facility.



## Open Burning

Open burning of any kind shall be prohibited except with the written permission of the Fire Chief, copied to the Police Chief. The City does not allow the burning of yard waste, construction, debris, brush, leaves, etc.