



Third Quarter 2014

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Where has the summer gone? The August weather is here, meaning the cooler fall weather is not too far away. The great music events at the Library and Winskill have been great; the summer recreation events (both day and night) are at their peak action periods.

The City of Lancaster has been going at "Top Speed" all spring and summer. Street repairs and up-keep are in full swing; also many other projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and well work are being done.

The city workers, as well as citizens, did a great job cleaning up after the storm. Questions of tree replacement have been talked about, more discussion is necessary.

The Library Project is underway; more discussion is needed to "Iron out" some questions that have come up about the Library Project. Budget time is here. Much of the budget process is divided up in Capital projects and Operating City costs. With the State Highway 61 update on the north end of the city in 2016 and the possible North Madison/Square State Project in 2017, we may see a lot of action throughout the city the next few years. We have to keep our city infrastructures in shape so people can live, shop and work in Lancaster.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Safe summer and continue to believe in the City of Lancaster.

Thank you,

Mayor Jerry Wehrle

**COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

**FELINE CONTROL - NEIGHBORHOOD CATS**



Many citizens do not realize that our ordinance requires that pet owners have control of their animals at all times. So allowing a cat to roam the neighborhood is a violation. I've watched cats that did not belong to me defecate in my yard, kill birds at my birdfeeders and torment my inside cat at the windows. I even purchased a heavy duty garbage can with a hinged lid to prevent them from getting in. These are all good reasons for not allowing a cat to roam. When tracking back to the source, I am often told that they do not own the cats, they just feed them. This is a common misconception. If you feed them, then you own them. If you own them then you are responsible for their health and welfare which includes vaccinations and controlling the population. It's when all this is ignored that an area can become inundated with cats. So remember to be considerate of your neighbors and please keep your cats on your property.

**SCHOOL ZONE - SLOW DOWN**

The school year is fast approaching; please remember to slow down when traveling in school zones. Pay extra attention while driving in school zones and watch for crossing guards helping children across the street. All vehicles must yield for crossing guards when signaled to do so.

Steve Zabel, Chief of Police



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## PUBLIC WORKS



### COMPOST

The city was recently contacted by DTE Energy, which operates the Stoneman power plant in Cassville, to see if we were interested in providing wood waste to be used for electrical generation at the plant. City staff met with a representative from DTE Energy and signed an agreement that will allow the company to periodically bring equipment to Lancaster and grind wood waste consisting of tree and brush items. Currently the city collects this type of material at the curb monthly and dumps it at the former city landfill site and burns it. Now, instead of burning the wood waste it will be ground into chips and hauled to Cassville, at no cost to the city and it will be burned to create electricity. The city will also allow wood waste to accumulate at the compost site next to the wastewater treatment plant so it can be processed on-site which will save the cost of trucking it from the former landfill site.

It is important for city residents to NOT mix yard waste with the wood waste and to not leave bags, containers or building materials at the compost site. Bags, containers and building materials have never been allowed at the compost site and cannot be burned with the bio-fuels at the power plant. The cooperation of city residents is appreciated.

### WASTEWATER PUMP STATION ALARMS

The City of Lancaster Wastewater Utility maintains nine wastewater pumping stations as part of the sanitary sewer collection system. According to the Department of Natural Resources, code NR 110, these pump stations require an exterior alarm system that consists of audio and visual alarms. The alarms are intended to notify the Utility personnel of possible mechanical problems. An alarm and a flashing light are located on top of the station.

The Lancaster Wastewater Utility asks that if you notice an alarm condition at one of the wastewater pumping stations, please call the phone number located on the pump station panel or call our emergency after hours number 723-6447.

### RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ **All recycling bins must be kept in a covered, dry** place until they are placed at the curb by 6:00 AM on the day of pick up. For any pickup day that falls on a holiday, or the day after a holiday, the pickup will occur one day later.
- ✓ **Glass:** All colors of glass containers for soda, beer, wine, liquor, juice and food are acceptable so long as the containers are rinsed clean, unbroken, and the lids are removed. Glass items that are NOT acceptable include: mirrors, ceramic mugs and dishware, drinking glasses, clay pots, crystal, light bulbs, window glass, and heat-resistant ovenware.
- ✓ **Plastic:** Plastics must be rinsed and have the recycling symbol with any numbers from 1 through 7. Certain items (e.g. Milk cartons) can be tied together and can be placed next to the bin. NOTE- Plastic bags and Styrofoam are NOT recyclable.
- ✓ **Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, boxboard (e.g. Cereal boxes), and office paper are recyclable so long as the paper is kept dry, is flattened, bundled and tied. Paper may be placed in a box or garbage bag next to the recycling bin.
- ✓ **Tin/Aluminum Cans:** Tin and aluminum cans are acceptable so long as the containers are rinsed clean. Labels do not have to be removed. Empty aerosol cans and aluminum foil are also recyclable.
- ✓ **Others:** Up to one 5 gallon container with a leak-proof cap of waste oil may be picked up curbside. Waste oil may also be brought to the City of Lancaster DPW garage and placed in the oil collection barrel. No more than one car battery may be placed curbside.

For more information about recycling, please contact Town & Country Sanitation at 1-800-626-1915 or visit their website [townandcountrysanitation.com](http://townandcountrysanitation.com)



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### EMS

Lancaster EMS is gearing up for a busy fall season. We will be attending all home football games this year as well as providing a squad and personnel for most events at the Grant County Fair. Lancaster Harvest Fest parade is Saturday, October 4. We will again be part of the procession. Grant Regional Health Center is sponsoring a glow walk/run that evening and we will be following all the participants. In addition to all the fun activities, we are still training at every meeting. In July we toured Bemis North America. Jamie McCartney did an excellent job explaining all the different areas of the plant, what each machine was used for, and where chemical are stored. Each outside door is numbered, so in the event of an emergency we will know exactly where to go. Our August training will be with Dave Recker on football injuries. Dave volunteers his time and talents every year to spend some time with us so we can practice in the event of an injury to a football player. EMT classes will be starting in the fall. If anyone is interested in the classes, please give any member a call with any questions you might have. As a reminder, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 6:30 PM at the fire and rescue station for our meeting. Feel free to stop with any questions you might have. School starts September 2<sup>nd</sup>- Please watch out for all the extra pedestrian traffic with our children and grandchildren walking to school. Have a fantastic fall!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



The City of Lancaster welcomes **Jenny Oyen** as our Municipal Billing Specialist! Jenny states, "I LOVE my co-workers. They have been very welcoming!" Jenny graduated from Southwest Tech in 1996 and began working there in August of 2001. Jenny and her husband Pat have 3 children: Tanner, Isaac and Paige. They love to take their boat to the river and enjoy the outdoors (unfortunately this summer hasn't been good for that). Now that the river is down, they plan on spending as much time as they can out there. They keep very busy running their kids to all of their activities. When she finds time for herself, she spends it reading.

She and Pat were both born on dairy farms in Lancaster and feel very fortunate to be able to farm with her parents, Joe and Julie Budworth, and are excited to raise their kids on a farm.

Online at: [www.lancasterwisconsin.com](http://www.lancasterwisconsin.com)

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved low bid of \$90,777.50 for asphalt pavement and alternative bid for storm sewer construction of \$23,555 to Wamsley Excavating for the Golf Course Reconstruction Project
- Approved Maddrell Excavating, LLC bid of \$397,105 for the Hickory Street Reconstruction Project
- Appointed a Finance Review Committee consisting of: Hoffman, Reuter, Schmidt and Varnam
- Appointed a Public Works Review committee consisting of: Ihm, LaBudda, Morgan and Olmstead
- Approved Liquor, Tobacco and coin-operated machine licenses for 7/1/2014- 6/30/2015
- Approved low bid of \$3,044,054 to Midwest Builders, Inc. for the Library Renovation Project as recommend by FEH Associates Inc. and the Library Board
- Council reviewed draft ordinances

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The City of Lancaster Offices will be closed the following days:

Labor Day – September 1<sup>st</sup>

Veterans' Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Day – November 27<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Holiday – December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

New Year's Holiday – December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>

## EXCITING TIMES AT LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB

We have many events and projects taking place at the club. Over the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> we held our Club Championship. The Championship was won by Nathan Farrey shooting a two day total of 4 under! Congratulations Nathan! Nathan was also a member of the 2014 State Championship Team. We had several Lancaster Country Club members on the team including: Zach Hentrich, Andrew Gates and Josh Hentrich. Great job guys!



## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Clement Golf Outing
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Couples Golf & Cocktail Party
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Lancaster Chamber & WGLR Open
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Flying Arrow Scholarship Golf Outing
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Couples Golf

Call the Golf Shop to get signed up today!

## COUNTRY CLUB PROJECTS

We have many projects started at the Club. We are currently under construction rebuilding and repaving our parking lot. The project will solve several of our problems. New curbs, gutters and a storm sewer pipe are being added that will take the water in a different direction. As a result, Hole # 1 tee box and # 7 fairway will not flood as often. The new parking lot will also make parking easier to get in and out of the Club for all of our customers. Please excuse our dust but it will be much nicer in the long run. If you need assistance to get from your car to the restaurant, please call ahead and we will pick you up in a golf cart.

We are redesigning two greenside bunker on holes #5 & #7 and adding a new fairway bunker on hole #15. The greenside bunker will allow for easier equipment and maintenance of the bunkers. The fairway bunker will make the course play more playable.

We are also moving along with our new tee sign project. The signs have now gone through final design approval and are in manufacturing. The Club is selling tee sign advertising. All interested businesses should call John Blanke at 608 723-4266.

## GOLFER'S TIP

During the Club Championship we played the ball down. What does that mean? Well the current golf course conditions warrants playing the ball "down" (which means playing the ball as it lies). In the Rules of Golf, there is no such thing as "Winter Rules" or "Preferred Lies". Some tournaments occasionally on the PGA Tour will play "Lift, Clean, and Place" when conditions are so wet that the ball "plugs" when the ball lands on the ground. Learning to play the ball down or where it lies will make you a better player. Plus, when you get used to playing the ball down, the game will seem easier at events where we play the ball up.

The golf course is in fabulous condition. Grant County's best keep secret. Please help us keep the course in great shape by fixing your ball marks on the greens. If you take a divot in the fairway, please replace the divot.

We have a great selection of merchandise in the Golf Shop. Stop by and take a look. We have it all from A to Z. If we don't have what you need, we will special order for you.

Come on out and play!

## 2014 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

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 and tennis.

We were very fortunate to have 35 area businesses as sponsors this year and 52 volunteer coaches. The programs would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and coaches.

## 2014 SUMMER RECREATION SPONSORS

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| A&W                          | Kraemer's Culligan          |
| Access Title Company         | Lancaster Care Center       |
| Accounting & Tax Solutions   | Majestic View Dairy         |
| Ace Lending, LLC             | Midwest Mini Storage        |
| Alternative Recycling        | Midwest Title               |
| Applied Micro                | Morningside Assisted Living |
| B&E Electric LLC             | Newline Real Estate, LLC    |
| Cruisin' Kids LLC            | Subway                      |
| Doolittles Pub & Eatery      | Suppz Gym                   |
| Farmer's Family Dental       | TriCom Inc./US Cellular     |
| Giggles & Wiggles Daycare    | TriCor Insurance            |
| Grant Regional Health Center | Vesperman Farms             |
| H&N Plumbing & Heating       | West End Salvage            |
| High Point Family Medicine   | Wisconsin Bank & Trust      |
| Imprints/ Walkers            | Wolf L&G Farms              |
| J&N Stone, LLC               | Wolf's Grantland Graphics   |
| Kane Roofing, LLC            | Woolwich Dairy              |
| Kinney, Urban & Kusmaul      |                             |

# LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library is under construction! Those of us at the library would like to thank everyone who has supported our project and those that continue to do so. Our new library will be a true community gathering place, and we look forward to all the opportunities for programming and community collaboration the new facility will bring. If you're still looking for ways to help, visit [schreinermemoriallibrary.wordpress.com](http://schreinermemoriallibrary.wordpress.com) for information about the library, the project and a link to donate to the Lancaster Public Library Foundation.

Summer Library Program is winding down, but we still have events that you can attend. Throughout August, we will be having some great story times led by community volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM. On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll be showing an outdoor movie at the Spring Shelter in Memorial Park. This event will be free and the movie starts at dusk (around 8:15 PM).

Come see us: We are currently located at 144 South Madison Street (on the square) and we are open for our regular hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Starting in October, we will resume opening from 1:00-4:00 PM.



Fiona from the Musical *Shrek* that performed at the Heartland Festival in Platteville this summer, paid a visit to the library.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>August 8</b> Deals & Steals Day	<b>August 12</b> Partisan Primary	<b>August 13-17</b> Grant County Fair
<b>August 18</b> Lancaster Chamber Golf Outing	<b>September 17</b> Livestock Banquet	<b>October 4</b> Harvest Festival Parade
<b>5:30 PM/1<sup>st</sup> Monday</b> Park/Recreation Committee	<b>6:30 PM/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</b> Plan Commission	<b>6:30 PM/3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b> City Council

### August

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● = Community Event      ■ = City Meeting

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## CITY OF LANCASTER STAFF & ALDERPERSONS

<b>Mayor</b> <i>Jerry Wehrle</i>	<b>Building Inspector</b> <b>Zoning Administrator</b> <i>Dennis Hampton</i>	<b>Aldersperson, Ward 4</b> <i>LeRoy Ihm</i>
<b>City Administrator</b> <i>Steve Winger</i>	<b>Police Chief</b> <i>Steve Zabel</i>	<b>Aldersperson, Ward 6</b> <i>David Varnam</i>
<b>Clerk/Treasurer</b> <i>David Kurihara</i>	<b>Fire Chief</b> <i>Steve Braun</i>	<b>Aldersperson At-large</b> <i>Dennis Morgan</i>
<b>City Attorney</b> <i>David Helmke</i>	<b>Aldersperson, Wards 1 &amp; 5</b> <i>Chad Olmstead</i>	<b>Aldersperson At-large</b> <i>Pete Hoffman</i>
<b>Library Director</b> <i>Jennifer Bernetzke</i>	<b>Aldersperson, Wards 2 &amp; 3</b> <i>Bob Schmidt</i>	<b>Aldersperson At-large</b> <i>Shayne LaBudda</i>
<b>Public Works Director</b> <i>John Hautb</i>		<b>Aldersperson At-large</b> <i>Kate Reuter</i>

## CITY OF LANCASTER CONTACTS

<b>Assessment Questions</b> Accurate Appraisals, LLC 1-800-770-3927	<b>Garbage and Recycling</b> Town & Country Sanitation 1-800-626-1915	<b>General Inquiries/Licences</b> City Clerk's Office 723-4246
<b>Building Zoning</b> Dennis Hampton 778-7162 Office: Tues. 9 AM to Noon	<b>Taxes-Delinquent</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Payments</b> Grant County Treasurer 723-2604	<b>Water and Sewer Billing</b> Water Billing Department 723-6225