



FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

We are happy to be resuming our 'In a Nutshell' publication, which is designed to provide our staff information about decisions made by Common Council and other Boards and Commissions. We will also use this brief newsletter to ensure everyone has a common picture of the work we do and to provide information about projects in the community.

We experience cycles for some services our teams provide. We plow roads and fix frozen water mains in winter; we maintain parks and grounds more so in the spring and summer. Two of the City's busiest times are election and tax collection "season".

I want to thank City Treasurer Sara Kawczynski for guiding our efforts during tax collections. The City collects taxes in three installments (January 31, March 31, May 31), but there is large rush of payments early on. As of April 23, the Treasurer's Office collected over \$87.8 million, or 82.8% of all tax levies. The City collects all levies and makes payment back to other taxing entities for their share. Kudos to Sara, the Administrative Support team, and all staff that touches this critical process.

Our Spring General Election went smoothly thanks to Catherine and Christa in the Clerk's Office. With the help of the Administrative Support team and approximately 100 election workers, the Clerk's Office trains for and administers our elections. New training for this cycle included moving to new electronic pollbooks. The new pollbooks received positive feedback from the community due to the knowledgeable election staff.

This year is exceptionally busy with the Presidential Election in November. A really big thank you to everyone in our organization that leads or assists our election processes!

- Andrew J. Vickers, City Administrator

ACTIONS TAKEN



Pictured above left to right: Alderman Greg Loreck, Mayor Dan Bukiewicz, Alderwoman Lisa Marshall, Alderman Chris Guzikowski

SWEARING IN CEREMONY & ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

At the April 16 Council meeting, Deputy City Clerk Christa Miller conducted a swearing in ceremony for the 2nd, 4th, and 6th District Alderpeople, along with Mayor Dan. Additionally, Alderman Ken Gehl was unanimously elected Council President by his peers. Our elected officials are incredibly valuable and active members of our community. Thank you Mayor Bukiewicz and Common Council members for your dedication to the success of our organization, and showing strong leadership in our community!

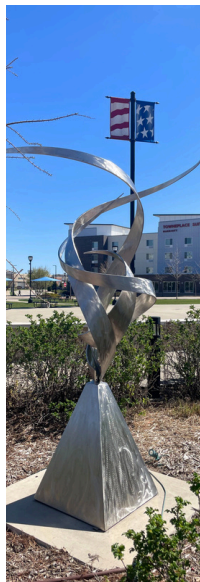


MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: APRIL 26 IS ARBOR DAY IN OAK CREEK

In an effort to keep our community green for our residents, our visitors, furry friends and future generations, Mayor Bukiewicz recognized April 26 as Arbor Day in the City of Oak Creek. As the City continues to develop, a tree inventory is being kept by Spencer Szuta and the DPW Forestry Crew to ensure our surroundings are full of natural life.

View Oak Creek's [Tree Preservation Ordinance](#).

Fun Fact: Oak Creek has been a registered [Tree City USA](#) since 2001!



PURCHASE OF 'WIND WHISPER V' AND 'BY FAITH'

You have probably seen the shiny metal masterpieces sculpted by Bruce Niemi in the heart of Drexel Town Square. On March 12, the Board of Public Works and Capital Assets approved the purchase of 'Wind Whisperer V' and 'By Faith', which were previously leased by the City. The City recognizes the importance of investing in public art in its 2023-2027 Strategic Action Plan. This purchase makes these locally crafted pieces a more permanent part of our downtown area.



ORCHARD WAY MICRO PARK

The Common Council approved a resolution to officially name the park located at 8430 S. Orchard Way "Orchard Way Micro Park". Alderman Loreck thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for moving this item forward, "...I drive by it daily and there are always many kids using it...definitely an amenity that was needed, so thank you" he said.

WILLOW HEIGHTS VOLLEYBALL COURT

The Department of Public Works installed a new sand volleyball court at Willow Heights Park this past fall and early spring. The Forestry Crew removed two mature spruce trees, the Streets Crew hauled away soil and the Parks Crew planned and installed the project. Be sure to head over to the park to test it out this summer! Thank you, DPW crew, for ensuring the City meets its strategic goals to remain a vibrant community with quality amenities!



UPDATED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Council agreed with the Personnel and Finance Committee's recommendation to update the Tuition Reimbursement Policy in order to reflect the approved process. In addition to college courses, the City recognizes the value of all professional development opportunities. If you see a training opportunity you would like to pursue, please bring the idea forward to your manager!

For more information: [Common Council packet \(p.109\)](#)

TERMINATION OF TID NO. 6

Council authorized the termination of Tax Incremental District (TID) No. 6. This TID district is better known as the 6 parcel Creekside Corporate Park, home to businesses such as Crothall Laundry Services, Floor Coverings International, and Unity Fitness and Training.

More information: [Common Council packet \(p.4\)](#)

[What is a TID?](#)

PLAN OF FINANCE: LAKEFRONT REVETMENT & LAND ACQUISITION

Common Council reviewed and authorized the Plan of Finance for the Lakefront Revetment Project and the acquisition of 13.9 acres on the southeast corner of S. 13th St and Ryan Rd. The borrowings are not to exceed \$2,550,000 for the Lakefront Project and not to exceed \$6,700,000 for the land acquisition. The projects are being funded by TID 13 and 16, respectively.

For more information: [Common Council packet \(p.45-108\)](#)



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