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Announcement

Public-sector collective bargaining training set for August 17-18 at WCTC

A note from the editor: I will be co-teaching Wisconsin Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining for the Public-Sector Supervisor with Attorney Kyle Gulya of von Briesen and Roper on August 17-18, 2026, at Waukesha County Technical College, 800 Main Street, Pewaukee. The 12-hour program runs 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Day 1 and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Day 2, with registration at \$385 per participant. The curriculum covers Wisconsin collective bargaining law, negotiation preparation through interest arbitration, contract administration, grievance processing, past practices and prohibited practices, and leverage dynamics, delivered through instruction, scenarios, and hands-on grievance and bargaining exercises. The session is designed for administrators, human resources, finance, public safety supervisors, transit supervisors, and school district administrators. Registration is at www.wctc.edu/cjtraining under Specialized Training.

Budgets and Finance

Not so fast

The Medford City Council voted down a proposal to spend between \$16,900 and \$24,900 on a marketing campaign tied to a LIVE grant the city received through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Council members rejected the expenditure as presented, conditioning further action on Taylor County contributing to the grant's required local match. The council exercised its authority over municipal appropriations in declining to fund the marketing effort. Specific vote totals and the resolution identifier were not reported. The next step is for the city to seek Taylor County participation in the grant match, after which the proposal could return to the council for reconsideration.

Source: Medford Star News (Central/Northern) | <https://www.centralwinews.com/a-main/2026/06/24/not-so-fast/?destination=star-news>

5kevents, city formalize Civic Centre management contract through 2027

The Racine Common Council authorized a management agreement with 5kevents for the Racine Civic Centre at its June 16, 2026 meeting, and Mayor Cory Mason signed the contract during the week of June 26. The agreement runs through December 31, 2027, with no renewal provision. Under its terms, the City of Racine will pay 5kevents a \$150,000 annual management fee plus an operations subsidy of \$224,000 in 2026 and \$237,000 in 2027. The Civic Centre comprises Festival Park, Festival Hall, Memorial Hall, and Paul P. Harris Rotary Park. 5kevents President Patrick Flynn may petition the council for additional operational funding, though approval is not guaranteed. The city also agreed to review signage ordinances as applied to the Civic Centre. Upon expiration, the city will issue a request for proposals for facility management.

Source: Lake Geneva Regional News (Southeastern) | https://lakegenevanews.net/news/local/article_5faa297b-01ff-5c7d-9bea-7b4b1c343ff4.html

Madison mayor asks city agencies to trim budgets amid projected multi-million dollar shortfall

Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway directed all city agencies to prepare budget reduction proposals of up to 2 percent as the city projects an \$11 million gap between estimated 2027

expenditures of \$483.2 million and projected revenues of \$472.1 million. Budget documents show projected expenditures will exceed the state's Expenditure Restraint Incentive Program limit by \$7.2 million. A 2 percent reduction across the current operating budget would total roughly \$9 million. Police Chief John Patterson noted that a 2 percent cut to the police department would equal slightly more than \$2 million and could affect multiple positions. Rhodes-Conway stated no final reduction decisions have been made. Agency proposals are being collected through the summer, after which the mayor will present her proposed 2027 executive operating budget this fall for review and approval by the Common Council.

Source: WKOW ABC27 Madison (South Central) | https://www.wkow.com/news/madison-mayor-asks-city-agencies-to-trim-budgets-amid-projected-multi-million-dollar-shortfall/article_9520226f-6ac7-4151-8089-5472a39a28cb.html

Workforce and Labor

Buffalo County sheriff Osmond plans to resign

Buffalo County Sheriff Michael Osmond announced his resignation effective July 12, 2026, in a Facebook post published June 25. Osmond, the county's elected sheriff, stated he is leaving to accept another law enforcement position but did not identify the new role. Chief Deputy Jake Laehn will assume the position of interim sheriff upon Osmond's departure, with the transition following the chain of command within the sheriff's office rather than a board appointment vote. No formal county board action was reported in connection with the succession. Laehn's assumption of interim duties is scheduled to take effect July 12, pending Osmond's final day of service.

Source: Chippewa Herald (Western) | https://chippewa.com/news/local/government-politics/article_3dbd30f2-2736-57b4-a92e-b7d3a46585ce.html

City Treasurer and City Administrator resign from the City of Tomah

The City of Tomah received resignations from two senior executives within days of each other. City Treasurer Justin Derhammer submitted his resignation to accept employment elsewhere, acknowledged by Mayor Paul Dwyer. City Administrator Nicholas Morales submitted his resignation on June 16, 2026, effective June 18, citing health reasons, to Mayor Dwyer and the City Council. Both positions carry significant administrative authority under the city's governance structure, with the mayor serving as the receiving authority for executive resignations. The city has engaged interim staffing for both vacancies and is working with professional recruitment firms to conduct searches for permanent replacements. Inquiries regarding the recruitment process are directed to the City of Tomah Human Resources department.

Source: Monroe County Herald (Sparta) (Western) | <https://monroecountyherald.com/stories/city-of-tomah-staffing-resign,171857>

Janesville Council sets salary range for next city manager

The Janesville City Council approved advertising the city manager position at a salary range of \$240,000 to \$275,000, consistent with former City Manager Kevin Lahner's base salary of \$253,000. The council accepted a recommendation from Innovative Public Advisors of West Bend, the search consultant, whose partner Jess Wildes based the range on comparable Wisconsin municipalities including Eau Claire at \$216,000, Oshkosh at \$225,000, Wauwatosa at \$234,000, Sun Prairie at \$245,000, and Beloit at \$196,000. Council President Larry Squire and member Josh Erdman proposed adjusting position-description language on a deputy city manager role to avoid deterring candidates who wish to structure their own leadership team. Interim City Manager Jay Shambeau affirmed the need for the deputy position. Under the approved timeline, the position

posts immediately, with closed-session applicant review July 27, initial interviews August 4, final interviews August 11, and a proposed appointment August 24.

Source: Janesville Gazette (South Central) | https://www.gazettextra.com/news/local/janesville-council-sets-salary-range-for-next-city-manager/article_b8ee6c17-6062-43da-a5f8-2e590d2d222a.html

Waushara County EMS Chief Keith Melvin resigns

Waushara County Administrator Megan Kapp reported the resignation of EMS Chief Keith Melvin, effective in mid-August, at the County Board of Supervisors meeting held June 16, 2026, at the Government Center in Wautoma. The board also addressed an announced retirement of the County Veterans Service Officer and an approval related to a community vending machine, though the article was paywalled beyond the EMS disclosure, limiting available detail on those matters. Vote totals, a replacement timeline for the EMS Chief position, and specifics of the additional personnel and procurement actions were not available from the accessible portion of the report.

Source: Waushara Argus (Northeastern) | <https://wausharaargus.com/stories/chief-ems-resigns-cvso-announces-retirement-and-community-vending-machine-approved.341737>

Infrastructure and Utilities

Amery wastewater plant aims to resolve phosphorus spikes as new facility nears completion

The Amery Common Council voted unanimously on June 17, 2026, to adopt Resolution 10-2026, accepting the city's 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report as filed with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The report awarded the wastewater treatment plant a 3.62 of 4.0 grade-point average, with eight of nine categories earning A grades; phosphorus received an F after the plant exceeded its 1.6 milligrams-per-liter permit limit in May, July, September, and November 2025. City Administrator Alex Mansfield attributed the exceedances to the transition to a new sequencing batch reactor process at the \$15.6 million facility improvement project, now 99 percent complete with less than \$105,000 of work remaining. The resolution commits the city to continued monitoring, operator training, participation in the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Consortium, and maintenance of ten lift stations. Plant operator of record Jeff L. Mahoney and engineering firm SEH are working to address the phosphorus spikes.

Source: Amery Free Press (Western) | https://theameryfreepress.com/news/amery-wastewater-plant-aims-to-resolve-phosphorus-spikes-as-new-facility-nears-completion/article_d7dd257a-a9a0-4a60-a281-2f71d7b3db7b.html

First reading of Eau Claire City Hall paid parking ordinance amendment Tuesday

The Eau Claire City Council conducted the first reading of an ordinance amendment that would establish paid parking at the City Hall lot and eliminate block-face parking enforcement citywide. Under the amendment, visitors parking in the City Hall lot would pay \$1 per hour from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays, with enforcement suspended during council meetings that run long. The amendment would abolish the block-face rule, which requires vehicles parked free for two hours or less to relocate to a different block once per day; the city's parking administrator noted the rule has been in place five to six years. The second reading and formal vote are scheduled for July 7, 2026, and if approved the amendment would take effect August 1, concurrent with the launch of the broader downtown paid parking system.

Source: WEAU NBC13 Eau Claire (Western) | <https://www.weau.com/2026/06/23/first-reading-eau-claire-city-hall-paid-parking-ordinance-amendment-tuesday/>

Dunn County to consider \$20M storage and renovations project

Dunn County is weighing a proposed \$20 million project comprising approximately \$17.5 million for a new vehicle storage building and the remainder for renovations to an existing structure. County Manager Dan Dunbar presented the proposal, which would be financed in part through a property tax increase of \$17 per \$100,000 of assessed value. No formal vote has been recorded; the project remains under consideration by the County Board of Supervisors, which holds authority over budget adoption and any levy adjustment. County Highway Commissioner Dustin Binder cited fleet operational readiness, particularly during winter snow events, as supporting rationale. The next procedural step is allocation of \$800,000 for building design in the 2027 budget cycle, with construction planned for 2028 if approved.

Source: WEAU NBC13 Eau Claire (Western) | <https://www.weau.com/2026/06/22/dunn-county-consider-20m-storage-renovations-project/>

Milwaukee airport Amtrak project cost doubled since groundbreaking

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation disclosed that the Milwaukee Airport Railroad Station improvement project has increased from a 2017 estimate of \$10.1 million to \$23.5 million, a 133 percent rise. The department attributed the escalation to inflation and design changes, including expanding each of the two elevator towers from one elevator to two, enlarging individual elevator dimensions, and growing the combined tower footprint from roughly 2,400 square feet to just over 4,000 square feet. Construction began in June 2023 at 5601 S. 6th St. following design work completed in 2022. Funding comes through a federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant awarded in 2017, with an extension approved through June 2027. The contractor estimates completion by October 2026, with the pedestrian bridge reported as a completed milestone in June 2026.

Source: The Daily Reporter (Southeastern) | <https://dailyreporter.com/2026/06/25/milwaukee-airport-amtrak-project-cost-doubles/>

Kaukauna to build roundabout with walking tunnel for new middle school

The Kaukauna Area School District is proceeding with a \$6 million roundabout and pedestrian tunnel at the intersection of Highway 55 and Morningside Drive as part of its voter-approved \$169 million middle school project. The \$6 million infrastructure cost is included within the \$169 million total, which area voters authorized by referendum roughly two years ago. Director of Public Works John Neumeier cited traffic engineering analysis as the basis for the roundabout, which will serve as one of two access roads to the new school. Superintendent Mike Slowinski stated the district coordinated with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Safe Routes to School programs on pedestrian access. Residents raised concerns about property values, safety, and driveway access at a Thursday meeting. The second access point will include a bridge connecting to the existing high school and Loderbauer Road, and the new facility will replace Riverview Middle School.

Source: WTAQ 1360 AM / 97.5 FM Green Bay (Northeastern) | <https://wtaq.com/2026/06/26/kaukauna-to-build-roundabout-with-walking-tunnel-for-new-middle-school/>

Manitowoc County Board applies for road safety grant

The Manitowoc County Board voted to apply for a Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant of \$200,000 during the week of June 20, 2026. The grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, would fund development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan totaling \$250,000, with federal funding covering 80 percent and the county providing a \$50,000 local match. The plan

would encompass a comprehensive safety analysis, stakeholder and public engagement, and development of a High-Injury Network. Vote totals were not reported. The next procedural step is the U.S. Department of Transportation's review and award determination on the application.

Source: Seehafer News (Northeastern) | <https://www.seehafernews.com/2026/06/27/manitowoc-county-board-applies-for-road-safety-grant/>

City searching for Valley Creek cash

The Port Washington Common Council authorized two grant applications for the Valley Creek stream restoration and flood mitigation project, estimated at up to \$20 million: a \$365,000 application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sustain Our Great Lakes program and a \$5 million application to the foundation's National Coastal Resiliency Fund. Consultant Melissa Curran of Stantec presented the applications. Mayor Ted Neitzke and Aldermen Deb Postl and Dan Benning raised concerns about required local matching funds, particularly the burden on the tax incremental financing district tied to the Vantage Data Centers Lighthouse Campus, which also contributed a \$2.4 million donation. Public Works Director Rob Vanden Noven noted the project, at 60 percent design completion, can be phased to available funding. The General Government and Finance Committee is scheduled to receive a detailed cost and funding review at its July 7 meeting.

Source: Ozaukee Press (Southeastern) | <https://ozaukeepress.com/content/city-searching-valley-creek-cash>

Highway W to close in August for its big move

The Ozaukee County Public Works Committee approved an amendment adding up to \$15,000 to the existing raSmith civil engineering management contract and an additional \$20,000 for construction staking on the Highway W reconstruction in the Village of Saukville, bringing the total raSmith contract to \$194,849. The county is responsible for 20 percent of the added costs, roughly \$7,000, with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation covering the remainder. Separately, the county Natural Resources Committee accepted a \$90,000 Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant for Milwaukee River floodplain reconnection, requiring a \$150,000 non-federal match provided by a Wisconsin Emergency Management grant, and a \$150,000 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service habitat restoration grant. The overall \$3 million Highway W reconstruction was previously awarded to Manitowoc-based Vinton Construction for \$2 million. Highway W between Highway 33 and Schowalter Street is scheduled to close from August through October.

Source: Ozaukee Press (Southeastern) | <https://ozaukeepress.com/content/highway-w-close-august-its-big-move>

Surprising number of riders use taxi to get to work

The Ozaukee County Public Works Committee approved an amendment to its Shared Ride Taxi contract with Go Riteway, authorizing an increase of 100 service hours per week effective July 1 at an additional annual cost of approximately \$192,000. For the current calendar year, the added cost totals \$96,000, with roughly half funded from the county's transit reserve fund, currently holding \$2.3 million, and the remainder from Wisconsin Department of Transportation funds and fare-box revenue. Go Riteway has operated the service since 2023 under a contract providing 58,800 annual billable service hours at approximately \$2.17 million. Public Works Director Jon Edgren and Transit Superintendent Kerise Zutz presented survey data showing 49 percent of the service's 8,229 monthly trips serve employment purposes. The adjustment shifts capacity toward peak morning and midday periods and reduces late-night hours.

Source: Ozaukee Press (Southeastern) | <https://ozaukeepress.com/content/surprising-number-riders-use-taxi-get-work>

Rock County seeks WisDOT aid for repairs to roads washed out in April floods

Rock County's Highway Public Works Committee approved an application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Disaster Damage Aids Program seeking reimbursement for flood-related road repairs totaling approximately \$75,000. The application covers two damaged segments: about 400 feet of County Highway A east of Highway 14, where a five-foot washout under asphalt cost \$60,000 to repair, and County Highway H near Hanover, with an estimated \$15,000 repair cost. The program reimburses up to 75 percent of replacement costs plus up to 50 percent of improvement costs and applies only to non-state trunk highways. Director of Public Works Duane Jorgenson stated the applications serve as contingency measures pending a FEMA Stafford Act disaster declaration the county anticipated by late May. The county also plans to apply to the Wisconsin Disaster Fund, which reimburses 70 percent of eligible costs, to determine which program would yield the greatest reimbursement.

Source: Janesville Gazette (South Central) | https://www.gazettextra.com/news/rock-county-seeks-wisdot-aid-for-repairs-to-roads-washed-out-in-april-floods/article_0a4668df-c39a-4a50-a25f-adf6af925b2d.html

Could Milwaukee create its own electric utility? Officials explore taking over We Energies infrastructure within city limits

Milwaukee's Public Transportation, Utilities and Waterways Review Board held a three-hour public hearing on June 24, 2026, to examine the feasibility of establishing a city-owned electric utility by acquiring We Energies' infrastructure within city limits. Aldermen Alex Brower and Robert Bauman convened the hearing under the board's advisory authority; the board cannot directly recommend action to the Common Council. The discussion was prompted in part by We Energies' April 2026 rate case filing projecting a 9.3 percent electricity rate increase over two years. State law provides two acquisition pathways, eminent domain requiring judicial proof of necessity or negotiated purchase, both of which would require a citywide referendum and a Wisconsin Public Service Commission hearing to establish fair compensation. No vote or recommendation was taken; the next procedural step would require aldermanic sponsorship of legislation before the Common Council.

Source: Wisconsin Watch (Southeastern) | <https://wisconsinwatch.org/2026/06/could-milwaukee-create-its-own-electric-utility-officials-explore-taking-over-we-energies-infrastructure-within-city-limits/>

Sewer rates increased first time in six years

The Howards Grove Village Board voted at its June 17, 2026 meeting to increase sewer utility rates and charges from \$130 to \$150 per unit, the first such increase in six years. The board approved the \$20 per-unit adjustment to maintain compliance with mandatory replacement fund requirements for equipment and maintenance. The Village Board holds authority over municipal utility rate-setting under Wisconsin statutes governing village utilities. Vote totals, an ordinance identifier, and an effective date were not reported in the available article text.

Source: Plymouth Review (Southeastern) | <https://www.plymouth-review.com/articles/sewer-rates-increased-first-time-in-six-years/>

Public Safety

Fitchburg changing how it staffs fire engines as budget constraints continue

The City of Fitchburg will implement a revised fire engine staffing policy effective July 1, 2026, under Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta and Fire Chief Scott Sarver, in response to an approximately \$200,000 shortfall in the fire department budget. Under the policy, engines will be staffed by four

firefighters only when no overtime costs are incurred; if a fourth firefighter would require overtime, the engine will operate with three. The change follows the failure of a November 2024 public safety referendum that would have funded six additional firefighter positions, and the department has already exceeded its 2026 overtime budget. The city characterizes the adjustment as temporary. Mayor Arata-Fratta indicated the city intends to pursue two additional fire department positions through the 2027 budget process as the next step toward restoring staffing levels.

Source: WISC CBS3 Madison (South Central) | https://www.channel3000.com/news/fitchburg-changing-how-it-staffs-fire-engines-as-budget-constraints-continue/article_ee830e72-37f7-4cdc-af59-f51ecea999c5.html

Superior council to consider changes to towing contract

The Superior Public Safety Committee voted on June 18 to recommend an amendment to the city's towing contract with Duke's Towing, advancing the proposal to the full City Council. The amended agreement establishes a city-paid fee schedule for removal of abandoned recreational vehicles: \$250 for small pop-up campers, \$350 for trailers or campers up to 17 feet, \$600 for campers 17 to 29 feet, and \$900 for campers 30 to 45 feet, plus \$28 per yard for contents disposal and \$100 per tow to the recycling center. Administrative Sergeant Nicholas Eastman of the Superior Police Department researched disposal costs to establish the structure. Under the amended terms, Duke's Towing would offset city payments by deducting costs from the \$75 it currently remits to the city for each standard abandoned vehicle removal. The City Council is scheduled to act on the amended contract at its July 7 meeting.

Source: Superior Telegram (Western) | <https://www.superiortelegram.com/news/local/superior-council-to-consider-changes-to-towing-contract>

Rock County fixes jail roof leaks, addresses two other projects

Rock County's General Services Committee received a report from Facilities Management Director Brent Sutherland on three unresolved defect issues at the county's \$96 million, 200,000-square-foot jail, which reached full occupancy in 2025. The county completed emergency roof repairs after leaks emerged following severe storms on April 9 and April 17, 2026, traced to improper sealing of a rubber ballasted roof disturbed during HVAC maintenance in March. No final cost has been established for the roof repair; the county anticipates an insurance claim and may pay a deductible. A consultant identified missing spring isolation dampers and absent noise-dampening insulation in three indoor recreation yard HVAC units producing sound levels exceeding 87 decibels. Repairs to the main recreation yard unit are complete, with manufacturer repairs to the remaining two units scheduled for July 13, 2026. The county also plans a security camera system upgrade at the facility.

Source: Janesville Gazette (South Central) | https://www.gazettextra.com/news/rock-county-fixes-jail-roof-leaks-addresses-two-other-projects/article_1e59a79c-b720-4293-8b98-9d76f09eddb8.html

Brand new Sugar River Emergency Medical Services District awarded Wisconsin Innovation Fund Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue awarded a Wisconsin Innovation Fund grant to the newly formed Sugar River Emergency Medical Services District, a regional collaborative spanning southern Dane and northern Green counties. The grant makes the district eligible for annual payments of \$241,209 over five years, totaling \$1,206,045, with funds required to be reinvested in EMS operations. The district comprises the Villages of Belleville and New Glarus and the Towns of New Glarus, Montrose, Exeter, and portions of Brooklyn and Oregon, and is scheduled to begin service June 30. New Glarus Administrator Kelsey Jenson and Belleville Village Administrator

Drew Eveland serve as administrative authorities for their member municipalities. EMS Chief Chris Backes leads operations, which include more than 80 responders staffing three ambulances and two rapid response vehicles from stations in Belleville and New Glarus. A fourth ambulance is scheduled to enter service in the coming weeks.

Source: Monroe Times (South Central) | <https://themonroetimes.com/community/brand-new-sugar-river-emergency-medical-services-district-awarded-wisconsin-innovation-fund-grant/>

Land Use and Development

Madison advances buying east side lots for potential housing, park

Madison's Plan Commission recommended approving \$4 million in tax increment financing for the city's acquisition of 17 vacant lots near Pinney Library along Cottage Grove Road, advancing a purchase budgeted at \$6.2 million total. The 17 parcels within the Royster Corners development include six developable lots totaling more than six acres and 11 properties rendered undevelopable by high-voltage transmission lines. One developable parcel at 514 Pinney Street is designated for a small city park. The remaining \$2.2 million in acquisition funding comes from \$1.5 million in previously authorized borrowing and the city's parks budget. The financing draws on amendments to Tax Increment District 44, created in 2013 and projected to close in 2029 after generating \$114 million in new taxable value. Economic Development Director Matt Mikolajewski oversees the land banking program. Final approval requires a joint review board, with city staff targeting a late-July closing.

Source: Capital Times (South Central) | https://captimes.com/news/government/madison-advances-buying-east-side-lots-for-potential-housing-park/article_b7cd770c-2e17-40c9-a7c0-42df66f0c151.html

Land Conservation Committee takes up transmission and data centers

The Crawford County Land Conservation Committee unanimously approved a resolution opposing the siting of the 765-kilovolt MariBell bulk electrical transmission line through Crawford County, modeled on a resolution previously approved by the Town of Freeman. The committee forwarded the resolution to the County Board of Supervisors, which approved it unanimously on June 16. The committee separately voted to forward a final, amended subdivision ordinance to the County Board following required public notice. Committee Chair Gary Koch and County Conservation Director Dave Troester discussed the county's limited regulatory tools regarding data center development, with Troester indicating he would consult Corporate Counsel Mark Peterson on the feasibility of a moratorium and potential countywide zoning, given that Crawford County is one of only three Wisconsin counties without countywide zoning authority. The amended subdivision ordinance advances to the County Board for final consideration.

Source: SW News Group (South Central) | <https://www.swnews4u.com/local/environment/land-conservation-committee-takes-up-transmission-and-data-centers/>

Request for proposals to begin soon for La Crosse Library building

The City of La Crosse will open a request for proposals process in early July 2026 for the former Northside Community Library building, which permanently closed June 18, 2026, due to budget restrictions. The city previously accepted requests for expressions of interest, receiving multiple submissions including one from a community group proposing conversion to a neighborhood center and a separate submission, co-authored by City Council President Tamra Dickinson, proposing a municipal grocery store to address a food desert. The request-for-proposals window will remain open through mid-August 2026. Following the close of submissions, the city's planning

department will evaluate all proposals to determine which advance. No vote or contract award has been recorded; the launch represents the formal procurement step preceding any disposition decision by the governing body.

Source: WEAU NBC13 Eau Claire (Western) | <https://www.weau.com/2026/06/24/request-proposals-begin-soon-la-crosse-library-building/>

Summit to hold public hearing on wake boats

The Village of Summit Board of Trustees will convene a public hearing on July 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Summit Village Hall to receive comment on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article II of the village code to regulate motorboat operation that creates, is intended to create, or has the ability to create a surfable wake. No vote has been taken. The proposed ordinance and supporting documentation are available for public review at Village Hall, and written comments may be submitted to the village deputy clerk or through the village's online portal. Following the hearing, the Village Board retains authority to adopt, amend, or reject the proposed ordinance.

Source: Oconomowoc Enterprise (Southeastern) | https://oconomowocenterprise.com/oconomowoc_enterprise/news/summit-wake-boat-hearing/article_a6e64e3a-32a3-4479-a9df-39a5ff038e2c.html

New Menasha grants match up to \$50,000 for historic district building upgrades

The Menasha Common Council approved the Downtown Building Incentive Program on June 15, 2026, establishing a one-for-one matching grant of up to \$50,000 per eligible applicant for building improvements in the city's designated historic districts. A total of \$150,000 is budgeted for 2026, funded through Tax Incremental District revenues. Eligible buildings must be at least 50 years old and located within a city-designated historic district; qualifying improvements include facade renovation, roofing, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing upgrades. Mayor Austin Hammond serves as the program's public spokesperson. The program is structured as recurring, with the Common Council retaining authority to set an annual appropriation each budget year. The next procedural step is the council's annual budget determination for the program beginning in fiscal year 2027.

Source: WTAQ 1360 AM / 97.5 FM Green Bay (Northeastern) | <https://wtaq.com/2026/06/26/new-menasha-grants-match-up-to-50000-for-historic-district-building-upgrades/>

Kenosha committee accepts \$23.57 million Innovation Center as council denies library roof contract

The Kenosha City Council's Public Works Committee formally accepted the Kenosha Innovation Center as satisfactorily completed by Miron Construction of Neenah at a final contract amount of \$23.57 million. Separately, the Kenosha Common Council denied a contract for the Uptown Library roof replacement, with members of the Public Works and Historic Preservation commissions citing concerns, and the city will seek a new bid. The Kenosha Historic Preservation Commission gave the owners of the former Eagle Club in downtown Kenosha six months to identify a means of restoring the historically significant property, following the owners' appearance seeking a demolition permit. The City Plan Commission approved a conditional use permit for a new Pizza Ranch restaurant on Green Bay Road. Vote totals and ordinance identifiers were not reported for these actions.

Source: Lake Geneva Regional News (Southeastern) | https://lakegenevanews.net/news/local/government-politics/collection_ddd6c774-4568-5272-8686-9dfb732741d8.html

Nearly 500 new apartment units to be developed in Kenosha following Plan Commission's OK

The Kenosha Plan Commission voted to approve conditional use permits for two apartment developments at its June 18 meeting, collectively totaling nearly 500 residential units. The Helmsman, a 212-unit mixed-use building developed by Cobalt Partners for the southwest corner of Sixth Avenue and 54th Street in downtown Kenosha, will stand seven stories, include an in-unit parking garage, roughly 7,200 square feet of retail space, and 252 parking stalls, a reduction from the 290 otherwise required under multi-family residential zoning. Breeze Landing, a 240-unit luxury complex valued at \$45 million, will be developed west of 30th Avenue and north of 85th Street across from Snap-on headquarters, featuring 11 two-story buildings and a clubhouse. Both will offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom units at market rate. The Helmsman is projected to break ground before year-end.

Source: Lake Geneva Regional News (Southeastern) | https://lakegenevanews.net/news/local/business/article_8573fc87-7466-5c25-b342-9052f6e91d36.html

Rice Lake City Council approves funding for Besse site redevelopment project

The Rice Lake City Council unanimously approved a package of funding actions to support redevelopment of the former Besse Forest Products site on East Messenger Street. The council authorized City Administrator SJ Johnson to pursue a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Site Assessment Grant of \$250,000, with the city's matching portion drawn from Tax Increment District No. 5, which holds approximately \$500,000. The council also approved a developer's agreement earmarking funds for demolition and a budget amendment moving \$300,000 in previously bonded funds. The redevelopment is projected at \$30 million total and is expected to generate approximately \$200,000 annually in TID No. 5 incremental revenue. Barron County Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Dave Armstrong presented the economic rationale. A signed buyer's agreement is in place, with closing anticipated the week of June 29, 2026, followed by demolition of the roughly century-old structure this year.

Source: Rice Lake Chronotype (Western) | https://apg-wi.com/rice_lake_chronotype/news/rice-lake-city-council-approves-funding-for-besse-site-redevelopment-project/article_cfcca97-d6f3-467a-9674-8ec48ea831a7.html

Rock County board wrestles over whether county could enforce data center moratorium

At a June 26, 2026 meeting, Rock County Supervisor Mike Schwarz introduced a resolution to establish a panel examining data center development through the lenses of county planning, natural resource use, watershed impact, electricity consumption, stormwater and wastewater utilities, and fire and public safety resources. The discussion arose from a push by Supervisor Philip Gorman and others to enact an 18-month countywide moratorium on data centers. Planning Director Andrew Baker stated the county lacks overarching zoning enforcement authority, as towns have held local land-use control since a 1977 guideline ordinance, and that any county moratorium would be advisory and unenforceable against developers approaching individual towns. Baker indicated the county could draft model zoning ordinances for towns to adopt voluntarily. No vote on the moratorium or the resolution was recorded; the resolution to form the examination panel represents the next procedural step.

Source: Janesville Gazette (South Central) | https://www.gazettextra.com/news/rock-county-board-wrestles-over-whether-county-could-enforce-data-center-moratorium/article_b851705b-b65a-48fb-b8d8-1efc8c0f1c32.html

Janesville will allow Letter of Intent with Viridian to expire

The Janesville City Council voted unanimously at its June 22, 2026 meeting to allow the letter of intent with Viridian Acquisitions LLC regarding the former GM/JATCO site to expire. The council also unanimously directed city staff to draft an ordinance establishing citywide guidelines for data center development, including community input sessions, with potential stipulations addressing developer cost payments, community benefits agreements, multiphase review, independent ongoing studies, and construction rules. Before those votes, the council rejected 4 to 3 an amendment proposed by Council Members Cassandra Pope and Heather Miller to discontinue all conversations with data center developers until guardrails are approved; Council President Larry Squire, Richard Neeno, Michael Cass, and Shane Seeman voted no. City staff will proceed with drafting the ordinance for subsequent plan commission review and further community input.

Source: Janesville Gazette (South Central) | https://www.gazettextra.com/news/janesville-will-allow-letter-of-intent-with-viridian-to-expire/article_2defc8db-69ef-4ea9-9385-6786a09432d4.html

Dane County Board approves AI data center halt

The Dane County Board voted to approve a halt on artificial intelligence data center development, according to reporting by the Post Messenger Recorder. Vote totals, the ordinance or resolution identifier, the effective date, and the precise scope or geographic application of the measure were not available in the accessible portion of the article. The Dane County Board holds legislative authority over county land use and development policy. No committee referrals, implementation timelines, or further procedural details could be confirmed from the available text.

Source: Post Messenger Recorder (South Central) | <https://postmessengerrecorder.com/content/news/dane-county-board-approves-ai-data-center-halt>

Marathon County residents sound off against proposed wind farm project

The Marathon County Board's energy committee convened a public hearing to collect and present findings on Alliant Energy's proposed Hub City Wind Farm, a 150-megawatt project involving up to 38 turbines projected to come online in 2029. No vote was taken; the committee's authority is limited to gathering public input and negotiating potential usage agreements rather than approving or denying the project. The committee presented results from a closed online survey of 1,395 respondents, a majority of whom opposed the project, citing property value, noise, groundwater, and agricultural concerns. Alliant Energy stated it is compiling responses to more than 100 public questions, and final siting authority rests with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. The committee's survey data, forum findings, and public comments will be incorporated into a formal report guiding future usage agreement negotiations with the developer.

Source: WPR News Madison (Central/Northern) | <https://www.wpr.org/energy/marathon-county-residents-sound-off-against-proposed-wind-farm-project>

Governance and Elections

Caledonia trustees to select acting village president on Tuesday

The Caledonia Village Board will convene a special meeting on June 30, 2026, to appoint an acting village president following the resignation of Thomas Weatherston. Weatherston announced his resignation on June 17, one day after the Village Board voted to deny a development agreement for a 130-unit apartment complex. At the special meeting, trustees will determine whether to seat the acting village president until the term expires in April 2027 or to schedule a special election. The board will also address how to fill any vacancy that may result if a sitting

trustee is elevated to the acting president position. Vote totals and candidate names were not reported in advance of the meeting.

Source: Lake Geneva Regional News (Southeastern) | https://lakegenevanews.net/news/local/government-politics/article_1d758e81-375a-5930-9396-537b3c0041d6.html

Marathon County Board removes Supervisor Endres from all committee assignments

The Marathon County Board voted on June 23, 2026, to remove District 24 Supervisor Nicholas Endres from all committee assignments, sub-boards, and task forces, expanding beyond the Executive Committee's June 11 recommendation to remove him solely from the Health and Human Services Committee. Both the vote to broaden the scope and the vote to execute the removal passed, though not unanimously; specific tallies were not reported. The action followed a closed session in which a third-party investigator presented findings related to alleged conduct connected to Endres' criminal case involving domestic violence charges and an inquiry into his candidate nomination papers. The board acted under Marathon County ordinance Chapter 2, Section (e), governing supervisor conduct when a serious criminal offense is alleged. Endres declined to participate in the investigation. Board President Kurt Gibbs announced no next procedural step regarding potential removal from Endres' elected position.

Source: WSAW CBS7 Wausau (Central/Northern) | <https://www.wsaw.com/2026/06/23/marathon-co-board-consider-exec-committee-recommendations-remove-sup-endres-hhs-committee/>

Human Services

Douglas County Board approves opioid settlement grants

The Douglas County Board voted on June 18 to approve two grants funded by opioid settlement proceeds. The primary award allocates \$190,000 in one-time funding to Hope Haven Peer Respite, a nonprofit operated under the National Alliance on Mental Illness Lake Superior South Shore chapter, to support peer-based mental health and substance use recovery services, consistent with settlement terms directing funds toward opioid prevention and recovery. The grant will enable Hope Haven to resume seven-day-per-week service, add overnight stays on Friday and Saturday nights, extend operating hours beginning in September, and expand guest programming, following a prior \$150,000 settlement grant at launch. The board also approved a separate grant of approximately \$500 to the City of Superior for needle disposal containers in park restrooms. Board Chairman Mark Liebaert and Supervisor Sue Hendrickson spoke in support of the awards.

Source: Superior Telegram (Western) | <https://www.superiortelegram.com/news/local/douglas-county-board-approves-opioid-settlement-grants>

State funding strengthens collaboration among Milwaukee violence prevention organizations

Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services launched the Destined for Greater initiative on June 24, 2026, committing \$1.5 million in state violence prevention funds to reduce community violence. The county will deploy the funding to connect residents in high-need neighborhoods with employment, housing assistance, mental health support, and violence intervention services. The initiative consolidates existing programs, including the Advance Peace Fellowship, the Credible Messenger program, INPOWER Solutions' Grow Rich Initiative, Milwaukee Turners, the Milwaukee Bucks Foundation, Bloom Art and Integrated Therapies, and the Community Justice Council, under county oversight. County-cited metrics include 95 percent of

Advance Peace fellows reporting no new gun injuries and 76 percent of Credible Messenger youth participants recording no new referral or offense. District Attorney Kent Lovern expressed support, and the county and its partners plan to issue regular updates on implementation progress.

Source: Wisconsin Watch (Southeastern) | <https://wisconsinwatch.org/2026/06/backed-by-state-funding-local-groups-collaborate-to-strengthen-violence-prevention-efforts/>

School Districts

New state laws push Amery district to adopt sweeping staff-student communication policy

The Amery School Board conducted a first reading on June 27, 2026, of Policy 524, Staff-Student Professional Boundaries, Communication and Misconduct Reporting, mandated by three 2025 Wisconsin Acts numbered 57, 88, and 89, with a compliance deadline of September 1, 2026. The policy prohibits staff-to-student communication through personal phones, personal email, or personal social media, requiring all contact to flow through district-approved channels. It classifies grooming as a Class F felony under Wisconsin Act 88 when committed by a person in a position of trust or authority, and requires any employee with reasonable cause to suspect grooming or sexual misconduct to immediately report to local law enforcement or Child Protective Services. Parent or guardian notification must occur by 5 p.m. the same day a credible report is received. Annual employee training using a free Department of Public Instruction curriculum begins in the 2026-27 school year. The board is expected to conduct a second reading and adoption vote at its next monthly meeting.

Source: Amery Free Press (Western) | https://theameryfreepress.com/news/new-state-laws-push-amery-district-to-adopt-sweeping-staff-student-communication-policy/article_bd71a2f6-f756-4d78-8cfe-d4091d861a8b.html

Beloit schools to close Cunningham for 2026-2027, move Beloit Learning Academy to high school

The School District of Beloit Board of Education voted 4 to 3 on June 24, 2026, to close the Cunningham School building at 910 Townline Ave. for the 2026-2027 school year and relocate the Beloit Learning Academy to Beloit Memorial High School, with board members Megan Miller, JoAnne Ruch, and Dan Schooff dissenting. The board also unanimously approved a base budget reduction package eliminating approximately 48 full-time positions through attrition while adding 11, including 2.63 percent staff raises, projected to save roughly \$4.1 million of a targeted \$5.7 million reduction. Additional votes eliminated the director of health services position and reduced nursing staff by one, saving \$181,000. The board directed incoming interim superintendent Leah Gordon-Malott, whose two-year contract begins July 1, to relocate Cunningham-housed programs, including the teen parent program, Even Start, GED Option #2, and Bridge Programs. The Kolak Education Center is approved for sale, while Cunningham may reopen pending 2027-2028 consolidation decisions.

Source: Beloit Daily News (South Central) | https://www.beloitdailynews.com/news/business-news/beloit-schools-to-close-cunningham-for-2026-2027-move-beloit-learning-academy-to-high-school/article_a3a2185c-9615-42a6-aceb-10e188f01039.html

New MMSD policy bans phone use during passing periods and in class

The Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education approved a policy on June 23, 2026, regulating wireless communication devices, including a ban on phone use during passing periods and in class. The policy distinguishes between younger students, who face a full ban, and high

school students, who are permitted some use under the new rules. The board exercised its policy-making authority in adopting the measure, which follows a state-imposed deadline requiring the district to establish a cellphone restriction plan by July 1, 2026, and responds to prior pressure from a parent group seeking stricter device limits. Vote totals and an effective date beyond the July 1 statutory deadline were not reported. The policy takes effect in alignment with the statutory deadline.

Source: WKOW ABC27 Madison (South Central) | <https://www.wkow.com/news/education>

'It made a difference:' KUSD drops November referendum, removes major cuts after community pushback

The Kenosha Unified School District Board of Education voted at its Tuesday meeting to drop a planned November referendum and remove seven budget cut items from consideration, including elimination of high school athletics, fine arts programming, middle school sports, fifth grade elementary music, the Roosevelt Enrichment Program, Reuther High School, and extracurricular performances. The board redirected planning toward a possible April referendum, citing the need for additional time and community input. Remaining under active consideration are reductions of 34 secondary teacher positions projected to save \$3.4 million, reductions of six elementary teacher positions with class size increases of two students at every level projected to save \$2 million, and reductions in Educational Support Center staffing. No final budget decisions have been made. The board's next step is a special meeting scheduled for July 16 to discuss further action.

Source: WTMJ 4 NBC Milwaukee (Southeastern) | <https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/in-your-community/kenosha-county/it-made-a-difference-kusd-drops-november-referendum-removes-major-cuts-after-community-pushback>

Baraboo School District OKs initial \$51 million budget

The Baraboo School Board approved a preliminary 2026-27 operating budget of \$51,290,788 at its June 15 meeting, up from \$40,201,608 the prior year, with the increase attributed to higher staff benefit costs and expanded special education expenditures. The preliminary budget projects a \$1,484,624 deficit to be covered by rainy day funds. Enrollment is forecast to decline to 2,693 students from 2,716, which affects state aid calculations. Local school tax revenue is projected at \$15,334,605, up from \$14,483,989 in 2025-26, and total revenues excluding rainy day fund draws are anticipated at \$49,452,162. District Finance and Operations Director Yvette Updike presented the figures and noted that private voucher payments and open enrollment figures remain unresolved. The board is scheduled to adopt the final budget in late October during its annual budget meeting, after September enrollment counts and state aid amounts are confirmed.

Source: WiscNews (South Central) | https://wiscnews.com/news/local/government-politics/article_8ba478d4-854c-44f4-852c-3756d51dfd5d.html

Antigo school leaders reach pool resolution amendment

The Antigo School Board voted Monday to adopt an amended resolution governing continued operation of the Clara R. McKenna Aquatics Center, a Fund 80 community program that operated at a deficit during the 2025-2026 school year. The resolution, as amended by board member Jean Adams to remove a provision allowing purchase offers from outside entities, directs administration to execute a contract with the Woodson YMCA to outsource general pool operations. The resolution establishes two revenue deadlines: \$75,000 in donations or other revenue by June 30, 2026, to eliminate the current-year Fund 80 deficit, and \$250,000 by July 1, 2026, to sustain cash-flow-positive operations in 2026-2027. The board reserved authority to impose a previously

considered \$300,000 tax levy. If either threshold is not met by the specified dates, pool operations are to cease and the YMCA contract is to be terminated.

Source: Antigo Daily Journal (Central/Northern) | https://www.antigojournal.com/news/antigo-school-leaders-reach-pool-resolution-amendment/article_87135e14-f8c8-4aeb-b044-955260f20ff0.html

State-Local Interface

Wisconsin DOJ Reaches \$325,000 Settlement with Eau Claire Hazardous Waste Company Over Pollution Violations

Eau Claire County Circuit Court Judges Sarah Harless and Jon Theisen signed orders for judgment on June 15 and June 16, 2026, formalizing two stipulated judgments totaling \$325,000 against WRR Environmental Services Co. for alleged violations of air pollution control and hazardous waste management laws at its Eau Claire facility. The Wisconsin Department of Justice, coordinating with the Department of Natural Resources, secured the settlements following allegations that WRR operated without a required DNR air pollution control permit, exceeded perchloroethylene emission limits, failed to maintain secondary containment systems, and stored incompatible waste, resulting in a facility fire and release of chlorine-containing gases. Under the judgments, WRR must pay \$325,000 in forfeitures, surcharges, costs, and fees, install a regenerative thermal oxidizer projected to reduce volatile organic compound emissions by 4.2 tons per year, and retain an independent consulting firm to audit air emissions inventories for calendar years 2026 through 2030. WRR estimates total compliance costs at approximately \$925,000.

Source: WEAU NBC13 Eau Claire (Statewide) | <https://www.weau.com/2026/06/22/wisconsin-doj-reaches-325000-settlement-with-eau-claire-hazardous-waste-company-over-pollution-violations/>

Eligible UW system employees to get 2% raises

The Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents authorized a 2 percent pay increase for eligible UW System employees, covering faculty, academic and university staff, limited appointees, and research associates, effective June 2026, as part of a state budget package allocating \$245 million in new funding to the system's 13 schools. State funding covers approximately 70 percent of the \$24 million in salary increases, with the remainder drawn from tuition revenue. To help fund the raises, the Board of Regents passed a 2 percent in-state undergraduate tuition increase on June 5, generating \$21.9 million, of which \$9 million is directed toward employee pay. Separately, more than 2,300 faculty across the system received high-demand field salary adjustments in May totaling \$27 million, with UW-Madison accounting for 548 recipients. System spokesperson Mark Pitsch stated the total number of employees eligible for the 2 percent raise is not yet finalized as payments are processed.

Source: WiscNews (Statewide) | https://wiscnews.com/news/state-regional/wisconsin/article_b3baedae-fd73-505d-9bed-ad52b1d29c85.html

Wisconsin residents want \$10M PFAS settlement spent on safe water, health study

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources held a listening session to gather public input on allocating \$10 million secured through a settlement with Tyco Fire Products over PFAS contamination in the Marinette and Peshtigo area. Under the settlement, Tyco must invest \$10 million into the state's PFAS trust fund to fund cleanup and provide clean water, including deep wells, to residents with contaminated private wells over the next 20 years. DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Director Christine Sieger represented the agency. Approximately 70 wells in an expanded investigation area show PFAS concentrations above state health advisory levels; the

DNR estimates deep well installation would cost \$40,000 to \$70,000 per property, totaling up to \$5 million for affected sites. The Department of Health Services is also exploring a community blood-level health study. The DNR's next step is requesting appropriation from the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, with a second listening session scheduled for July 13.

Source: WPR News Madison (Statewide) | <https://www.wpr.org/news/wisconsin-residents-want-10m-pfas-settlement-spent-on-safe-water-health-study>

Oracle sues Wisconsin regulators as it seeks relief from data center credit requirements

Oracle filed suit on June 19, 2026, in Ozaukee County Circuit Court against the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, asking the court to set aside and remand credit rating requirements embedded in the very large customer rate structure the commission approved in April 2026 for We Energies. That structure, applicable to data center developers, requires any developer with a credit rating below A- to post financial guarantees; Oracle's current BBB rating would require its Port Washington project subsidiary to provide cash deposits or letters of credit exceeding \$100 million per year. Oracle argues the commission acted outside its statutory authority and without sufficient evidentiary basis. Concurrently, We Energies filed a June 10 petition asking the commission to reopen the proceeding and adopt a stepped security requirement permitting investment-grade ratings including BBB. Oracle retained attorneys from Husch Blackwell's Madison office. The commission has not yet acted on the reopening petition; Northern States Power separately filed its own very large customer rate proposal.

Source: Wisconsin Watch (Statewide) | <https://wisconsinwatch.org/2026/06/oracle-sues-wisconsin-regulators-data-center-credit-requirements-public-service-commission/>

State Innovation Grant to Fund Transfer of Sheboygan Falls Court to Mid-Moraine Municipal Court

The State of Wisconsin awarded \$12,212 to the City of Sheboygan Falls on June 27, 2026, through the Wisconsin Innovation Grant Program administered by the Department of Revenue, to fund the transfer of the Sheboygan Falls City Court to the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court, headquartered in West Bend. The grant was part of a broader \$14.5 million distribution from the program, which supports local governments and tribal nations in consolidating services with eligible partner entities. The Sheboygan Falls City Court, which adjudicates traffic and ordinance citations, is scheduled for abolishment as part of the consolidation. The Department of Revenue indicated a second round of applications will open this fall to distribute additional funds from the remaining balance of more than \$220 million in the state Innovation Grant fund.

Source: WHBL 1330 AM Sheboygan (Statewide) | <https://whbl.com/2026/06/26/state-innovation-grant-to-fund-transfer-of-sheboygan-falls-court-to-mid-moraine-municipal-court/>

Gov. Evers requests disaster assistance for Wisconsin communities affected by severe weather

Governor Tony Evers submitted a request to the U.S. Small Business Administration on June 22, 2026, for a Rapid Disaster Declaration covering Marathon, Waupaca, Rock, and Vernon counties in response to severe spring storms and flooding. The request, supported by damage assessments conducted by federal, state, and local agencies, would make SBA federal disaster loans available to residents and businesses in the four counties. The request was coordinated through Wisconsin Emergency Management and other state and federal partners. A separate disaster declaration request directed to President Trump, submitted by Evers the previous month in

response to April severe weather, has received no response from the administration. SBA approval of the Rapid Disaster Declaration request is the next required step before federal loan assistance becomes available to affected individuals and businesses.

Source: WSAW CBS7 Wausau (Statewide) | <https://www.wsaw.com/2026/06/22/gov-evers-requests-disaster-assistance-wisconsin-communities-affected-by-severe-weather/>

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