



NEWSLETTER
City of Saint Francis


2014 First Quarter

A Letter From Your Mayor

IN REMEMBRANCE: Since the last newsletter a large chapter of St. Francis History has ended. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing away of Milton Vretenar. "Milt," as he was always known, served this community as its Mayor for 25 years and will be missed by all. I met Mayor Vretenar as a young woman, a Miss St. Francis right out of college, and I was inspired by his passion for serving St. Francis. He worked tirelessly in our community and reached outside our community when he needed to. I have been told by many that Milt would identify a need in the community and "just ask" people to step up and help. Milt always worked hard for the community and was involved in every aspect of St. Francis living, inside and outside of the Mayor's office. Milt settled in our community in 1937 and lived here until his passing at the age of 92. Thank you to everyone who supported Craig, Jill and their families in their time of need. Milt was buried on Monday, October 21st at Forest Hill Cemetery in South Milwaukee. The City Council has re-named Milton Vretenar Park, adding the word "Memorial" in his honor.

Milton Vretenar Memorial Park has a new name, new improvements and updates that are near completion, including park updates provided by funding from a private and generous donor. Thanks to Hauke's and the DPW for working with the vendors to get the playground in place, with the concrete forms ready for the soft surface to be poured when the weather gets warmer. When the spring comes the playground will be finished and the sandbox will be removed and grass repaired, ready for the children to come and play!

PLEASE JOIN ME AS I REVIEW AND RECOGNIZE – our City Staff, volunteers and officials who are working for you!

- Veteran's Day Ceremony, November 9th - Thanks to Dennis Wojtecki for coordinating with Howard Village Manager Colleen Meyer and Lifestyles Director Jodi Smith for an excellent Veteran's Day Ceremony. They were joined by our Police Chief, Lt. Varga and Officer Kamolov, members of the honor guard of the Legion Bell Post 427 and Deacon Gerald Ponec. (Our Fire Department got a call and could not be present!) It was the 12th annual ceremony at Howard Village. Jane Sijan, mother of Medal of Honor recipient Lance Sijan, lived at Howard Village and was present at the ceremony. Her daughter Janine spoke at the ceremony. Sadly, Jane Sijan recently passed away.
- Our fourth Community Connection Gathering took place at Superior Equipment and Supply, 4550 S. Brust, on November 22nd. Superior hosted the meeting to give St. Francis residents information on the expansion of the Culinary Center offerings, such as classes, parties, and events, and their plans to have a café and other new additions to their building. Superior has a large selection of cooking supplies for both the public and for commercial clients.

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A Letter From Your Mayor (Continued from page 1)

Owner Samina Mahmood, Manager Sandy Doran & Denny Staflof the Superior Staff gave tours for the more than 60 residents who attended. We got the inside track on Superior and their big plans for the future, right in our City of St. Francis! Chef Sarah of Superior, along with myself, Alderwoman Bostedt and other volunteers, decorated cookies with more than 20 children who attended, and played games while the adults took the tour.

- Thanks to everyone who has worked to move our development efforts along, namely our City Administrator Tim Rhode and City Attorney Paul Alexy. A noteworthy new acquisition by the city is the DF building on Pennsylvania and Norwich. This building has been an eyesore for quite a few years. With a team effort from our City Inspector Craig Vretenar and the CDA as well as Tim and Paul mentioned above, this building is now in our hands to get cleaned up and back to productivity.

HOLIDAY THANKS!

- ◇ To the DPW crews for their outstanding work to clean up the snow and ice that were showered on us during the holidays. Our community had a safe and bright holiday because of the great job you did.
- ◇ To the Memorial Commission for decorating for the holidays. Special thanks to Commission members Bill Moore and Al Richards for their leadership in helping make the Memorial a bright place for the holidays.
- ◇ To the Public Works Crew and Beautification Committee for all they do to light up our holidays in St. Francis.
- ◇ A special thank you to the staff and volunteers at the St. Francis Library for an outstanding Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 7th. They had huge attendance and Santa made a special appearance, bringing gifts for all.
- ◇ To the St. Francis Historical Society, for their Christmas gathering on December 5th. I was able to give an update on the Civic Center. The group is very enthusiastic about being part of the Civic Center and is working hard on all their planning.
- ◇ To the City Clerk's Office, for doing a thoughtful and considerate job servicing our citizens and taxpayers during the very hectic tax season.
- ◇ To the Police Department for putting together our "Last Christmas at Nicholson Avenue" pot luck dinner, and working to bring cheer to needy families, with Rails Inn on Christmas Eve. Congratulations on the private donation of over \$17,000 to help start our K-9 Law Enforcement unit! Also, thanks to Petco for donating the food for our K-9.
- ◇ To the Fire Department for continuing to remind the public about holiday safety with your lighted wreath and safety messages.

To all the Citizens of St. Francis. You make our City a great place. Happy New Year!



Jeanne & Jane Sijan holding Lance Sijan's Medal of Honor.



Donated new playground in Vretenar Park. Surface will be poured in the Spring.

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First Class Permit #2

St. Francis Police Department Citizen Academy

The St. Francis Police Department Citizen Academy is a program designed to give participants a first hand look at the St. Francis Police Department. It's designed to improve communication with the citizens and the police department. It can help increase citizen awareness of a police officer's job responsibilities.

Participants will be able to do a ride along with an officer and participate in some of the same training as officers go through. Some of the topics that will be covered are:

- Criminal investigations
- O.W.I. enforcement
- Firearms
- Criminal and traffic laws
- Courtroom procedures
- Patrol procedures
- Processing of evidence
- Traffic stop demonstrations

The requirements for the Academy are:

- 18 years or older
- Live, work, or own property in the City of St. Francis
- Have a clear criminal record
- Attendance of 80% of the scheduled sessions is required for graduation
- Valid driver's license.



The next academy starts Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Classes are Wednesday nights from 6-9pm. The Academy will run for 9 weeks. Applications are available at the police department or at the department website.

Deadline for applications is Monday, March 3rd, 2014.

For more information, contact Community Resource Officer Shane Czerniakowski at (414)481-2232 or Email (szczerniakowski@stfranwi.org)

City Code Reminder

§ 397-5: Street Trees (Plants, Trees or Shrubs). Planting— No person shall plant, cut, prune or remove any tree, shrub or plant between his/her property line and the curb or traveled portion of the street abutting his premises without a permit from the City Engineer.

St. Francis Historical Society Awarded Mini-Grant

The St. Francis Historical Society was awarded a \$700.00 grant for collections management software from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Each year local affiliated historical societies can apply to the Wisconsin Historical Society for a mini-grant of up to \$700.00 to help fund collections care and management projects. In 2013 the Society was pleased to award 25 grants totaling almost \$15,000.00. The Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History partner to offer the program, which supports the purchase of archival supplies, software for managing collections, technology for digitalization projects and much more. Treasurer of the Historical Society, Carol Wojtecki, expressed her gratitude for the support of the Community in the efforts

to obtain this grant. "This grant was dependent upon local matching funds and we were pleased to get many generous supporters. I am very grateful for their contributions and we are excited to begin using our new software as we prepare for our new home in the St. Francis Civic Center." Donors included: St. Francis Lions, John Duffey, Maggie Luczywko, Deborah Weibel, Elexday Publications/Anna Pasante, American Family Insurance/Mark Van Engen, Bangkok House, Wixon, Advance Screw Products, Polonez, Supreme Meats, St. Francis Association of Commerce, Bay View Railing, Schramka-Rembowski Funeral Home, CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls & Tom Carls.

Health Department News

Need a place to dispose of needles, syringes or lancets? The Lake Shore Aurora Pharmacy located at 2000 East Layton Avenue inside the Lake Shore Medical Building will dispose these items. All you need to do is purchase a biohazard container from the Pharmacy. The cost is approximately \$10.00

St. Lukes South Shore Hospital Pharmacy will also dispose of your unwanted needles, lancets or syringes. The hospital is located at: 5900 South Lake Drive. The sharps need to be in a biohazard container (red). A quart size biohazard container will cost \$5.00 to dispose of. If you get your prescriptions there, the cost is free. **NEVER DISPOSE OF NEEDLES, LANCETS OR SYRINGES IN THE GARBAGE.**

Are you the parent of a child between the ages of 1 and 5 years old?

Are you wondering if your child is developmentally growing? Contact the Health Department for more information on the Ages and Stages Program. It's free, only takes a few minutes to complete and can be done in the comfort of your own home.

The St. Francis Health Department offers free screening to residents

regarding home safety. A nurse will come to your home and help you solve safety issues, free of charge.

The St. Francis Health Department has a FREE Blood Pressure Screening Program.

The 2nd Tuesday of the month: Faircrest Apartments, 1920 East Tripoli Avenue, 10am—11am

The 3rd Tuesday of the month: Thompson Meadows, 3120 East Norwich Avenue, 9:30am-10:30am.

The 4th Tuesday of the month: The St. Francis Health Department, 4235 South Nicholson Avenue, 9am-10:30am
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

It is held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Faircrest Apartments, 1920 E. Tripoli from 10am – 11am and the 4th Tuesday of the month at the St. Francis Health Department, 4235 S. Nicholson from 9am-11am. No appointment necessary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Walk to the Days!

Yes, it is still very cold out and we don't want to wish summer away! However, there is a reason to think about Labor Day Weekend!! Not only is there St. Francis Days, but there is the annual walk sponsored by the St. Francis Health Department. **WALK TO THE DAYS FOR WELLNESS!!!!**

The walk is scheduled for Sunday, August 31, 2014 in the morning (start time to be announced). This is a free family friendly event. There will also be lots of great prizes. Hope to see you and your entire family there!!!!

Unwanted Medication.

The St. Francis Police Department accepts unwanted medication during the hours of 8am-4pm, Monday-Saturday.

NEVER FLUSH MEDICATION DOWN THE TOILET OR SINK.

Have a health questions ? Call the St. Francis Health Department at -481-2300

St. Francis Civic Center - Buy a Stone

Opportunity for remembrance, commemoration or recognition now available through the St. Francis Civic Center "Buy a Stone" Program. Stones will be displayed in the public plaza and seating wall.

-Remember a loved one, pay tribute to someone gone before, or be recognized as a partner in our Civic Center Public Plaza, with the purchase of an engraved Stone.

-Stone Purchases offer a way to involve everyone in the new Civic Center. Funds raised from the purchases will help support the construction of outdoor surroundings, walkways and seating areas of the Civic Center.

Cost

120.00 - 1 line (brick size 5x18 inches)

145.00 - 2 lines (brick size 7x18 inches)

180.00 - 3 lines (brick size 10x18 inches)

2 Options for Placement of your Stone

"Buy a Stone" in Civic Center Seating Plaza Wall

"Buy a Stone" in Civic Center Plaza



Our Civic Center "Buy A Stone" program kicked off at St. Francis Days and the Citizen feedback received was very positive. We have now developed a list of citizens that have requested to receive updates on the Civic Center. Contact the Mayor to be added to this list.

Order forms are available at City Hall or at the Library (no deadline has been established for orders at this time)

City Garbage Information

Clean Up & Garbage

Collection Rules:

Alley/Curb Service: Approved containers shall be placed for collection at ground level on your property (not in the street) as accessible as possible to the alley or curb line. Containers may not be placed more than 24 hours prior to collection and shall be removed within 12 hours after collection. Remember materials must be out by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. Garbage must be secured when you place it out for pickup. Do Not Litter!

Summary of Materials to be Collected by the Contractor:

- Garbage (refuse/rubbish/trash) must be properly wrapped in 32 gallon container (max). The weight limit is 80 pounds per unit to be able to be handled by one man.

- Only the fruit and vegetables from plants.

- Furniture and Miscellaneous (sinks, tubs, chairs, sofas, beds, dressers, etc.): Contractor has 7 days to pick up larger (2-man) items. Hay or straw, small amounts of building materials, lumber (less than 4' in length), stone, rocks, concrete, sod, sod/soil mix or soil in containers—less than 80 pounds per unit (2 to 3 containers per week).

- Tree stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls (max 80 pounds per item).

- Paint Disposal: Water based—use absorbent such as oil dry, kitty litter, sawdust, etc. to soak up paint. Place absorbent in container for disposal or let air dry outside. Place dried paint cans with covers off at the alley/curb for pick up. For oil based paints, call MMSD at 225-2066.

- Carpets—roll and tie in lengths of 4 feet or smaller. Maximum weight of 80 pounds per roll. Please keep carpet dry.

- Concrete blocks or bricks:

Waste management has changed their procedure regarding concrete pick up. Place concrete, block or bricks out on your scheduled day. Waste Management will collect the debris the next day.

Items Banned from Landfill:

The following appliances are banned from the landfill: air conditioners, furnaces, dehumidifiers, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers, washers, dryers, stoves/ovens, microwaves, freezers and refrigerators. Pick up may be arranged through Refrigerant Recovery at (414) 643-7740.

As of September 1, 2010 it is illegal to dispose of:

- Consumer computers, consumer printers and printer/fax/copier/scanner combinations.

- Consumer video display devices, including televisions, laptop computers and computer monitors with displays of at least 7" in the longest diagonal direction

- Computer peripherals

- Fax machines

- DVD players, VCR's and other video players (i.e. DVR's)

- Phones with video displays (i.e. cell phones)

When purchasing new electronics, discuss recycling options with the place of purchase. Also, the City has posted on their website (www.stfranciswi.org)

other locations to recycle equipment.

Missed Pick-ups:

If you have missed the regular garbage or recycle collection (which is subject to holiday adjustments) notify Waste Management at (888) 960-0008 immediately between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday—Friday or via email at WMEservice@wm.com.

If you notified Waste Management and your garbage/recycling was not picked up the next day, contact the Engineering Department (481-2300) each day until pick up is made.

During Holiday adjustments, you must place your containers out on your regular pick up day. The Contractor will pick up as soon as possible the next day.

Remember, yard waste, tires, car batteries, motor oil and toxic waste must not be placed in containers for removal.

All these items (except toxic waste) may be brought to the Recycle Center. Do not mix any other substance with the motor oil. Please note the hours of the drop-off site. Leaving items at times other than those posted is not permitted.

Bulk Trash :

Metro Recycling and Disposal Facility
10712 S. 124th Street
Franklin, WI 53132

414-529-6180 (F)414-529-6192

Dumpsters:

Dumpster permits are now required for placement on City right of way and private property. Any dumpster on the street must have a flashing barricade at each end. Contact the Engineering Dept. for details.

Are You Being Alerted?

The City has launched our new interactive website and traffic has been high. Did you know that on our new website you can register to be alerted via email or text message of everything from Snow Emergencies to City Hall Meetings?

Sign up today at: www.stfranciswi.org.

We are also now on Facebook, come on over and like our page to stay in the loop.



City Recycling Information

Recycling Information:

Please recycle the following after rinsing the container clean as necessary:

Plastic bottles and containers #1-7
Glass bottles and jars
Aluminum cans, tin or steel cans, foil and pie tins
Paperboard from cereal, cracker, snack boxes, etc.
Paper cardboard from cartons, dairy and juice containers
Flattened cardboard
Junk mail
Phone books
Magazines, Newspapers, Office Paper
Brown paper bags

Place your cart on the opposite side of the driveway from your garbage cans. For alleys, place your recycling cart at least three (3) feet to the side of your garbage and as far away from the garage as possible without blocking the alley. The recycling cart must be out at the street or alley for it to be picked up.

Recycling Electronics

The City cannot accept electronics for recycling. Our contractor will not pick up any type of electronics.

Please visit the City's website for a list of acceptable locations to recycle electronics.

When purchasing electronics, discuss recycle options with the retailer.

City Recycling Center:

2125 East Bolivar Avenue

The City Recycling Center may accept: Yard Waste, Tires, Motor Oil & Vehicle Batteries.

Proof of Residency Required

Summer Hours:

April 1st-October 31st Monday 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:30--11:30 a.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Winter Hours:

November 1st—March 31st Saturdays 11-2 & Mondays 4-6

This is a self-help facility.

Accommodations for disabled persons are available.

NOTE: Branches should be left as long as possible. Do not mix grass, leaves, twigs, branches—they are stored separately. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds. Sod or, sod/soil mix, hay or straw are not yard waste.

Special Yard Pick Up

Brush or tree stumps can be picked up by the City for a fee. Call 481-2300 during office hours for information.

Yard Waste:

Yard waste has been banned from landfills since 1993. Wisconsin Act 296 defines yard waste as leaves, grass clippings, gar-

den debris and brush including clean, woody vegetable material no greater than 6" diameter, pine needles and cones.

Hazardous Waste:

Household hazardous waste and antifreeze can generally be disposed of free by calling MMSD at (414) 255-6655 or 225-2066.

Hazardous Waste Permanent Collection Sites

(www.mmsd.com for mobile sites) Milwaukee

City of Milwaukee Self Help Station (Open to all Milwaukee County residents for HHW)

3879 West Lincoln Avenue

HOURS:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Menomonee Falls

Veolia Environmental Services

W124 N9451 Boundary Road (124th Street)

HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franklin

Veolia Environmental Services

10518 South 124th Street

HOURS:

Tuesday - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Library News



2013 was a record breaking year for the library! We saw huge turn-outs at some of our events and circulated a record number of items to our patrons in 8 out of the 12 months. At the end of the year, we had set an all-time record for annual circulation – circulating 143,353 items, beating the previous record by well over 8,000.

Of course, we realize this means we've set the bar pretty high for ourselves for 2014, so we are taking the successes of last year and working to figure out how to continue to improve the materials, services and programs that we offer. If you have some thoughts on how the library can improve and/or the direction it should take for the future, please join the Library Director and Board members at one of our monthly Coffee Chats. Check our monthly calendar for dates and times and join us for a cup of coffee and conversation.

Once again the library is offering a variety of programs for all ages. "Little Chefs" is a beginning cooking class for kids ages 3-9 on March 20. Families are welcome to "get hoppy" at the annual Easter Party on April 12. Decorate eggs, egg cookies, prepare spring crafts and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! History buffs will be interested in Ron Winkler's "Town of Lake" program. This slide show presentation will highlight what made this area a unique part of Milwaukee County, including the St. Francis Seminary and Convent, Cupertino tree on the lakefront, St. Josaphat's Basilica and more.

Call the library at 414-481-7323 to register for a program or visit our website at www.stfrancislibrary.org for more information on these and other activities at the library.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Storytime

Now through March 26

Pajamarama (ages 2 - 6)

Mondays from 6 – 6:45 pm

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 6)

Tuesdays from 10:15 – 11 am

Toddler Storytime (ages 2 – 3)

Wednesdays from 10:15 – 10:45

Organizing 101

Saturday, February 22 from 11 am - noon

Bicycle Touring

Tuesday, March 11 from 6 – 7 pm

Little Chefs

Thursday, March 20 from 1:30 – 3 pm

Milwaukee's Town of Lake

Thursday, March 20 from 6 – 7:30 pm

UFO's and the Government

Tuesday, April 8 from 6 – 8 pm

Easter Party

Saturday, April 12 from 1:30 – 3 pm

Estate Planning

Wednesday, April 30

City Council Resolutions and Mayoral Proclamations:

City Resolutions and Mayoral Proclamations/Commendations serve as an important way the City of St. Francis can officially and publically thank and give recognition to individuals and groups in the Community.

Proclamation: Acknowledging St. Francis High School for the efforts in launching a community assembly November 7th for the "Friends of Rachel Club" which works with students to reach out and promote kindness to each other.

Resolution: Congratulating Diane Czeszak & Jean Friemuth as the 2013 Citizen of the Year in the City of St. Francis. Both Diane and Jean have worked as volunteers with the Miss St. Francis Scholarship Pageant since 1978. They are the daughters of Robert Friemuth, who was Citizen of the Year in 1966.

Stray Animals

Feeding stray animals may seem to be the humane thing to do; however, by feeding animals that are well groomed and appear to be well fed, you are actually keeping someone's pet from their owners. Not all stray animals have owners and can become problems for people in the community. The strays may carry diseases that can be passed to humans and other animals; the strays can cause road accidents, damage to property, harass residents and pollute the environment. There are also welfare concerns for stray animals themselves; disease, hunger, aggression between animals and cruelty from other humans.

There are ordinances prohibiting the feeding of stray animals or providing them areas of refuge.

If you are experiencing a problem with stray animals you may obtain further information from MADACC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission) at 414-649-8640 or <http://www.madacc.com> or the St. Francis Health Department.

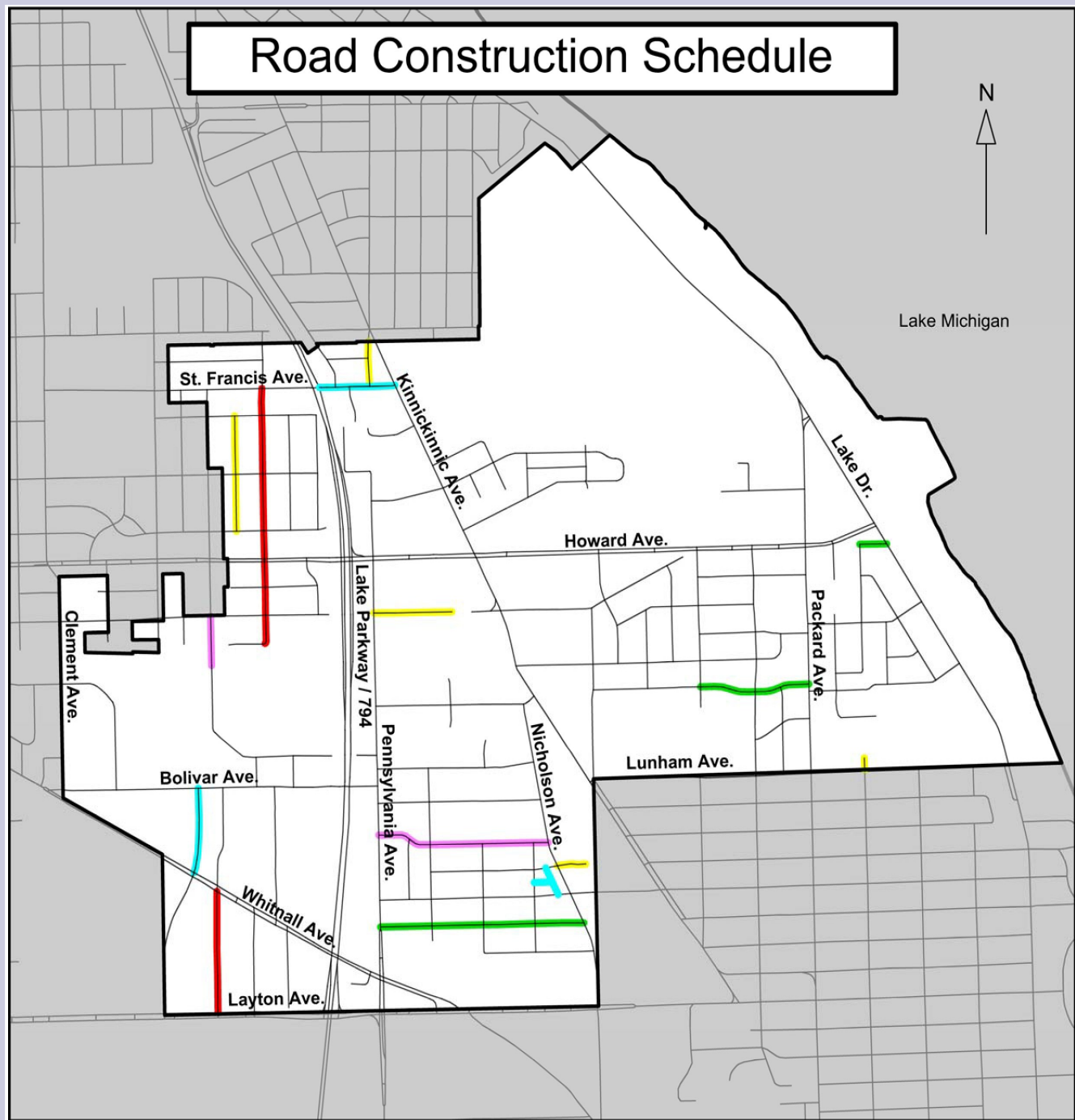
St. Francis Recreation Department

To view the latest Recreation Booklet please visit the Rec's website at: <http://www.stfrancisschools.org/schools/recreation/>

You can also contact Rita Davis for more information: rdavis@sfstd.k12.wi.us or call 482-8404.



Road Construction Schedule



Planned

2014 Roads

- Iowa Ave. from Norwich Ave. to St. Francis Ave.
- Kansas Ave. from Layton Ave. to Whitnall Ave.

Proposed

2015 Roads

- Ahmedi Ave. from Cora Ave. to Tripoli Ave.
- Allerton Ave. from Nicholson Ave. to Dead End East
- Norwich Ave. from Pennsylvania Ave. to Dead End East
- Pennsylvania Ave. from Morgan Ave. to Eden Ave.
- Kirkwood Ave. from Lunham Ave. to Park Entrance

2016 Roads

- Denton Ave. from Packard Ave. to Lipton Ave.
- Armour Ave. from Pennsylvania Ave. to Nicholson Ave.
- Martin Ln. from Lake Dr. to Kirkwood Ave.

2017 Roads

- St. Francis Ave. from R.R. Tracks to Kinnickinnic Ave.
- Alley 60 - gravel alley west of Nicholson Ave.
- Brust Ave. from Whitnall Ave. to Bolivar Ave.

2018 Roads

- Kansas Ave. from end of 2009 Project to Norwich Ave.
- Bottsford Ave. from Nicholson Ave. to Pennsylvania Ave.

NOTE: The "Proposed Roads" are listed for future planning purposes only. The schedule may change to include roads not currently added or to remove roads already listed. Road inspections, condition reports, and recommendations by the Board of Public Works to the Common Council will determine the actual roads to be planned for construction each year. Before any road construction can proceed a public hearing must be held to inform all affected property owners of the project and of any associated assessment costs.

The New St. Francis Civic Center



Sister Jeanne d'Arc Omilan of the Sisters of St. Francis blessing the Civic Center Site



Department heads with Miss St. Francis & City Council. Anne Uecker & Ald. Sue Bostedt are in Chef coats and baked to provide treats for the occasion.



Council President, City Administrator & the Mayor



City Council after first shovel: Shari Fraz, Steve Wattawa, Sue Bostedt, Mayor CoryAnn, Don Brickner, Debbie Fliss & Mike McSweeney



Members of the Municipal Building Committee, Department Heads, Elected Officials along with reps from Bray Architects & Beyer Construction



Children who attended got into the spirit by digging up some ground too!



Civic Center Site from Lipton Avenue



Civic Center Site



Civic Center Rotunda Foundation



The first Police Department wall



Foundation Walls



Police Chief Kaebisch, Tim Rhode & Mayor standing in the Council Chamber footprint

The New St. Francis Civic Center

THE NEW ST. FRANCIS CIVIC CENTER. We thank our citizens, staff, project partners, guests, committee/commission members and our elected officials for making the Groundbreaking of our new St. Francis Civic Center on October 27th a monumental event. Over 150 people were in attendance, both young and old. It was a celebration that we will remember for years to come. It was an amazing team effort that gave everyone the taste, sight, sound and feel of moving forward for St. Francis!

Prior to the City Council taking the first shovel of earth for the Civic Center, the flag was raised by our Fire Department with our ladder truck, Bill Drehfal of the St. Francis Historical Society gave a history of the site, and Sister Jeanne d'Arc Omilan, age 97, gave a blessing for the site. Beyer Construction, the General Contractor for the project, was in attendance with Bray Architects. Beyer donated a silver plated shovel used to break ground to the Historical society for their collection. We have included photos of the event, as well as photos of some of the construction. A construction committee made up of the Mayor, City Administrator, Council President, Police and Fire Chiefs along with our Architects, Foreman and Construction Project Manager meet every other week to review construction progress and needs. The Municipal Building Citizen Committee met in January and received an update from the General Contractor. Project Completion is projected to be in September of 2014.

The Buy-A-Stone program allows you to be an actual part of the New St. Francis Civic Center when you purchase an engraved commemorative stone that will be placed in the seating wall in the entrance plaza of the building. Forms are available at City Hall or the Library you can also email the Mayor at Mayor@stfranwi.org for a digital copy.



Citizens sign in at the groundbreaking event & receive a commemorative key chain



Many thanks to the citizens & supporters that attended the groundbreaking



Miss St. Francis & friends with a special Civic Center cake made by Alderwoman Bostedt



Shovels stand ready for action during introductions & remarks by Mayor CoryAnn

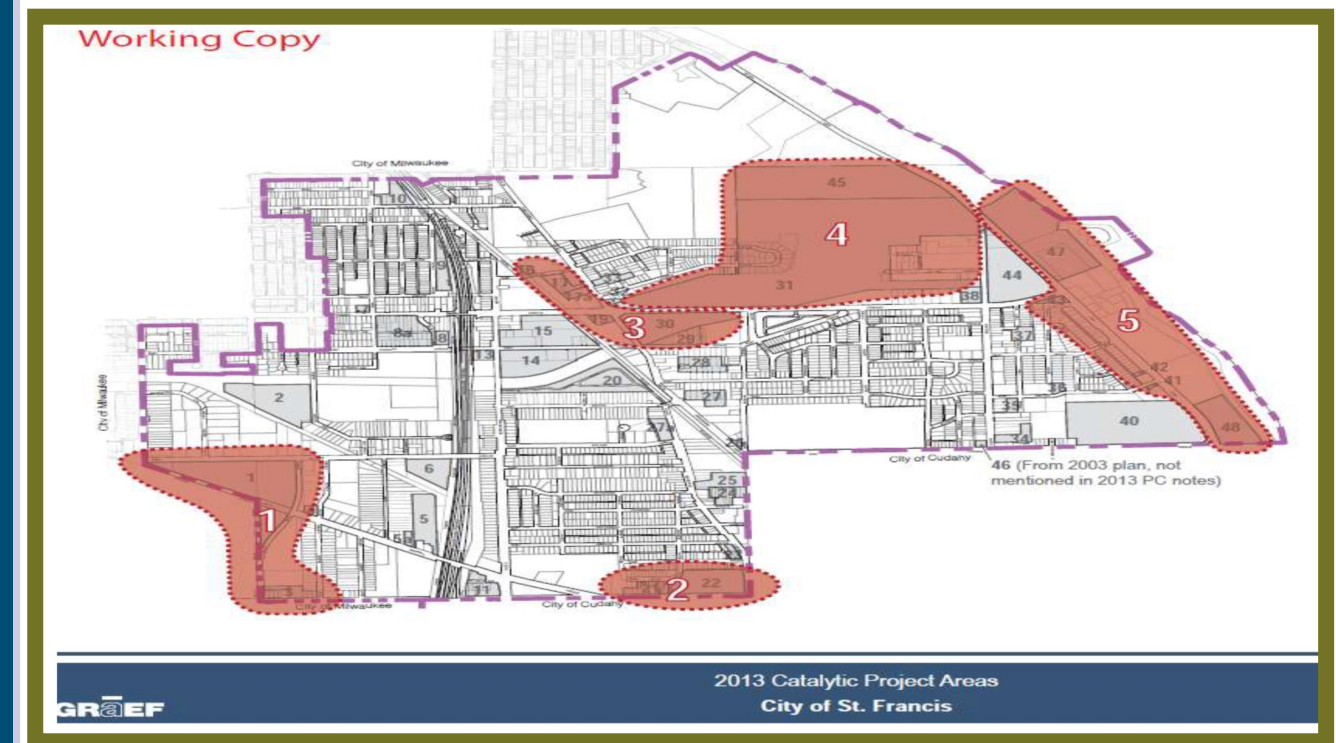


A little extra help from neighborhood kids



DPW trucks help to move the dirt

Smart Growth Plan



St. Francis has implemented a Smart Growth plan for our city. The plan includes the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Plan that provides guidance for future growth in our city, identifies issues and opportunities for the city's growth, and outlines how to follow and implement the plan. The State of Wisconsin mandates the plan be done every ten years and requires that we study our Land Use, Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Natural and Cultural Resources, and Intergovernmental Cooperation.

The Planning Commission has taken the lead on the Comprehensive Plan. Along with the Community Development Authority and Economic Development Committee, it has identified five Catalytic Sites for more detailed market study. The names of the sites are: (1) Airport Gateway, (2) Layton Square, (3) Kinnickinnic Corners, (4) Garden District, and (5) Lake Drive. (See diagram above.)

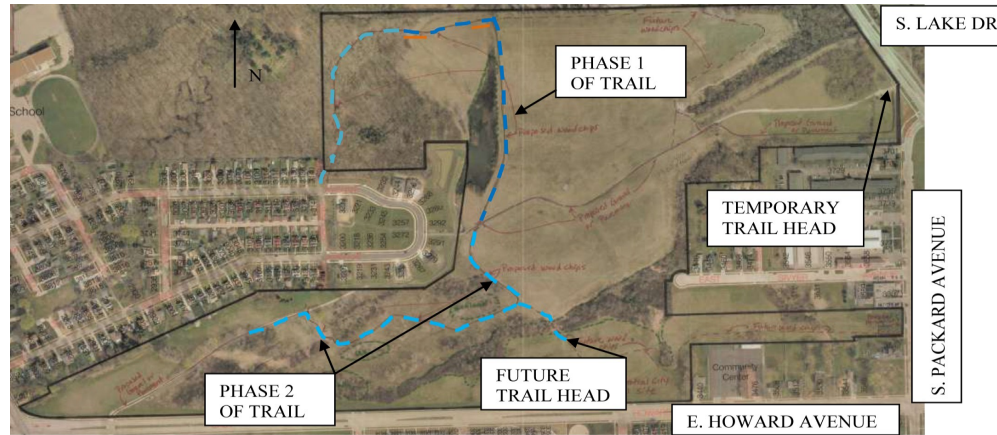
This detailed look at our business districts brought about a joint meeting on November 20th led by Stephanie Hacker and Larry Witzling of Graef, a company that specializes in helping cities with these plans. Mandel Group was invited to update the group on development efforts on the Lake Drive triangle. Bob Monnat and Dick Lincoln of Mandel discussed the history of their development efforts on the property. Initially envisioned for a grocery-anchored neighborhood shopping district, Mandel reported that currently there are no quality grocers interested in locating a new store in such a close proximity to the lake. While Mandel will continue to canvass the market for grocer interest, they are moving forward with plans that create a mixed-use project including both residential buildings, as well as neighborhood retail, office and possibly medical or health facilities.

Our completed Smart Growth plan will be our "road map" to the future. The Planning Commission is targeting April for the release of the completed Comprehensive Plan. Planning Commission meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.

In addition, the Planning Commission has developed an online survey for the public, which is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sfcpresidentialsurvey>. Please take the time to fill out this survey, as your input will be part of the Summary and Implementation section of the final plan. A business survey is also available and is being distributed to St. Francis businesses. Anyone who would like a printed copy of either survey can call Mayor CoryAnn at 414-399-0797.

Nojoshing Trail

The Nojoshing Trail system has one piece complete. The section east of Trestle Creek from the gravel trail that runs east/west into the City owned portion of Seminary Woods. The City will be continuing to work on the trail system in 2014. We have received offers for helping to maintain the trail system. When the trail is at a point where volunteers



are needed, the City will contact those who have provided contact information and organize times and days for the maintenance.

The next phase of the trail system has 2 parts of its own. One part is to take the path that comes from E. Howard Avenue and create a trail easterly to wrap into the first trail. The other part is to connect the official trail head located at the new Civic Center to the first trail and part from E. Howard Avenue. While there are several places for people to access the trail system, the official trail head is where the City encourages people to park and access the trails. However, since the Civic Center is not complete yet, the small parking area off of S. Lake Drive just north of S. Packard Avenue is where people can park to access the entire trail system. Please note that in the winter, the trails are not cleared by the City since this trail system is located in a natural area.

The Police Department

The St. Francis Police Department continues to be pro-active in its duties and responsibilities while Mother Nature continues to challenge and test us this winter. A special thanks to our dedicated Crossing Guards as they brave the elements and assure our children's safety. We remind motorists of the importance of obeying speed limits and traffic controls also travelling at a safe distance in order to avoid accidents. In spite of the weather the St. Francis Civic Center Project is progressing and we look forward to operating out of our new facility.

Congratulations to Community Resource Officers Dimitri Kamolov and Shane Czerniakowski along with the great group of volunteers who contributed to our award winning National Night Out Program; which placed second nationally among cities of our size.

We continue to partner with our school district and plan on presenting valuable information to Deer Creek students in the Choose Not To Lose Program.

Captain Thomas Dietrich and Officer Holly McManus have spearheaded our efforts to establish a Canine Unit and with the help of private donations this has become a reality. We look forward to introducing our newest member in Spring.

Please take extra precautions to avoid becoming a victim of Identity Theft; we have helpful materials and information availa-

ble. Most importantly don't reveal any personal information to unknown or unconfirmed sources. Don't fall prey to the many con artists who call homes claiming a relative has been in an accident and is in need of money; or tell you of cash winnings if you provide them personal information or banking details. We recommend removing valuables from vehicles parked outside due to continuing reports of people rummaging through for money, electronics, phones etc. Please safeguard prescription drugs; abuse and theft of these drugs is becoming a major problem resulting in overdoses and death. The St. Francis Police Department does collect expired or unused medications for disposal.

Curious about a neighborhood watch program for your block? If interested, contact our department for all the details on starting a program in your neighborhood, or being a part of an existing Neighborhood Watch Program.

Our mission remains to provide excellent service and protection to our citizens and businesses. We continue to share information on our website as well as the Department's Facebook page.

Sincerely,

St. Francis Police Department



Building Inspector's Office

Building. Permits are required for the following: New construction, home additions & alterations, garages, sheds, gazebos, greenhouses, pools, hot tubs & spas, decks, signs, retaining walls, fences, fireplaces, woodburners, gas fired appliances, structural alterations, furnace & air conditioner installations, reroofing, residing, window replacements requiring opening enlargement, basement rec-rooms and bedrooms.

Electrical. All electrical work done in the City requires a permit before work is started and must be done by a licensed electrical contractor.

Plumbing. The owner of a single family home may do plumbing work such as repairs or alterations. All other properties require a licensed plumber for repairs or alterations. Permits are required.

Roof Drains & Sump Pump discharge is to be three feet from any structure and directed to a public way. It cannot be directed by hose or pipe directly onto a City sidewalk, street or alley and create an icing condition. It is required to dissipate on your lawn area. Extensions of drains require written request to Plumbing Inspector for approval.

The Fire Department

Spring is sprung! Ok, officially it's not until March 20th, but pitchers and catchers report February 15th and that's good enough for me. It is time for the spring clean-up. It's time to get the kids to clean their rooms and to start to think about messing up the yard instead of EVERY room in the house.

Fire Safety is the topic so we shall press on. We'll divide the work between inside and outside. Some we can do before the snow thaws and we have access to all the gardening and garage work. Some we save for the clean, crisp, fresh air of April (roughly). Here are your tips or tasks, for a safe 2014:

Inside

- Let's clean and vacuum our smoke and CO detectors. We know the batteries need to be changed every time we change the clock for daylight saving, but when we vacuum we reduce the false alarms because of cob webs or dust.
- Go through the house and reduce the overloaded extension cords. Between the electric blankets and the Christmas decoration that you couldn't bear to pack away, I'm certain there's some consolidation that could take place.
- Prepare for storm related outages. Now is the time to prepare. Remember the ants and the grasshopper story? Bottled water, flashlights, batteries, etc. I'm not a doomsday prepper, but I do have a radio, flashlight and some bottled water under my basement stairs.

Outside

- OK, fun stuff now. I grill all year but spring is one of the times I do a complete cleaning and servicing. The burners, the deflectors (whatever those triangle things above the burners are called) should all be evaluated. It's time to decide to repair or replace. The same goes for your outside fire pit. Let's not wait until failure.
- While we're talking about grills and fire places, it's a good time (or will be soon) to make sure you've got a good garden hose and nozzle attached. It can be used for more than watering the flowers in an emergency.
- Walk around the outside of your house. Check for debris around your electrical outlets and while we're at it, let's make sure there's at least a ten foot "fire zone" free of debris that could impinge on our homes should the worst happen.

Beyond the normal basement cleaning, as always, enjoy the renewal folks! Have a great later winter and early spring. It's coming soon, I don't care what Punxsutawney Phil has to say on the matter!

Make sure all gas appliances are properly vented and maintained to prevent carbon monoxide from entering your home. Exterior exhaust pipe and vents should be kept clear of drifting snow and ice buildup. This can cause Carbon Monoxide buildup or cause your appliance to shut down. Carbon monoxide is an odorless toxic gas. A carbon monoxide detector installed in the home per the manufacturer's specifications is a good precaution. Unvented or ventless heaters are not allowed by code to be installed in your home.

When venting dryers is advisable to use metal, either galvanized steel or aluminum pipe to the exterior outlet. When using flexible plastic pipe it should be checked bi-annually for any cracks or holes which may allow carbon monoxide into the home if you have a gas dryer and moisture into the home with any type of dryer. The vent pipe should be cleaned at least once per year of any lint. Also note the interior of dryers should be cleaned of lint yearly as well. This is typically a manufacturer's requirement to avoid a dryer fire.

Building Inspection general office hours are 8 to 9 AM and 1 to 2 PM Monday to Friday. Call the Inspection Department if you have questions.