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Economic Development Strategic Planning

The City of St. Francis is holding a “Charrette” meeting to get public input on the City vision for economic development. The City Council Committee of the Whole reviewed a draft of the economic development plan for eighteen properties identified within the Comprehensive Plan as subject to change. The final draft has been completed and we are looking for your insight and help in planning for our future. On Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM. in the St. Francis Civic Center, the Committee of the Whole will be holding a “Charrette” showing all eighteen properties in detail with proposed development plans. Members of the public will be able to speak with staff and elected officials one on one about specifics within the plan and ultimately vote on which ideas you like best.

The City was once in the shadow of the WE Energies Lakeside power plant. Today we are planning for the future of the City, and your views are important in making our future bright. **Please take a few moments to make a difference and join us on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 PM at the St. Francis Civic Center!**

City Building Inspector Craig Vretenar Announces Retirement

City Building Inspector Craig Vretenar announced his intention to retire from the City after twenty-two years of service to people of the City of St. Francis. Craig is the son of former Mayor Milton “Milt” Vretenar.

Craig remembers St. Francis before the construction of I-794 and the de-commissioning of the Wisconsin Electric Lakeside power plant. “The greatest change has been on our lakefront” stated Vretenar. “When I started with the City I worked on the Harnischfeger building and my career is now ending with the completion of the FBI building” cited Vretenar.

Many on the St. Francis City Council commented on Craig’s professionalism as a building inspector and that he will be missed. Council President Don Brickner jokingly said “maybe we won’t accept his retirement” as he wished him well.

Vretenar was awarded “Building Inspector of the Year in 2012” by the Wisconsin Building Inspector Association. Currently serving as Vice President of the Wisconsin Building Inspector Association, he hopes to remain active to promote the profession. Craig explained, “New inspectors are not entering the field as fast as people are retiring.”

Craig said that he is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren. Vretenar commented that he will miss the St. Francis staff the most...“we have worked well together over the years.” Craig Vretenar officially retires in March of 2018.



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Mayor's Notes:

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for the 2017 St. Francis Days Parade. We appreciate all the volunteers and participants. I stopped for a photo with the SF Mariner, but I couldn't get him to smile for the photo!



Mark your calendar for St. Francis Night at the Milwaukee Admirals hockey game, Saturday February 3, 2018. Individuals can order tickets using the Admirals new App or online at (<https://www.fevo.com/edp/St-Francis-Night-with-the-Admirals-featuring-the-UWBadger-Band-PFUvAiIN>).

A charity corn roast, baked potato, and chili tasting was held October 1st during our annual Fall Harvest & Heritage Open House at the Civic Center. Funds were donated for a UTV for the Police Department. The Department will use the vehicle for special needs in regards to security and rescue. Thank you to the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association and Badger Corn for their sponsorship of this event. The chili mix is on sale in the Fire Department for \$5.

I invite you to keep up on events in our City and with our City businesses on the Lakeside Pride website (www.saintfrancis53235.com), and also remember to email events for the calendar from your group, school, or church.

Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls

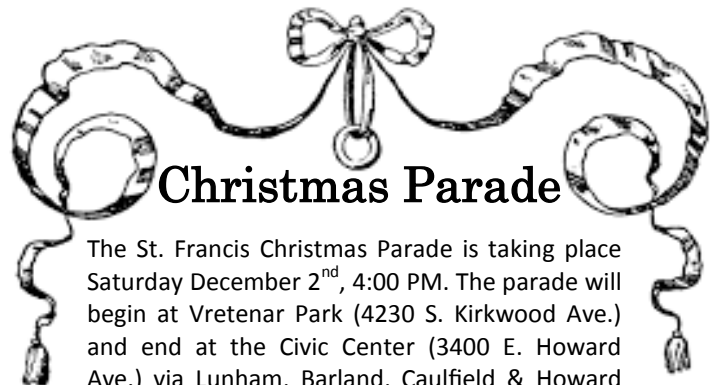


Just a reminder to get your flu shot! Flu season is just around the corner. Influenza vaccine is usually given without charge through your health insurance.

St. Francis TRICK or TREAT

OCTOBER 29th
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Remember to keep your porch
light on if you are participating!



Christmas Parade

The St. Francis Christmas Parade is taking place Saturday December 2nd, 4:00 PM. The parade will begin at Vretenar Park (4230 S. Kirkwood Ave.) and end at the Civic Center (3400 E. Howard Ave.) via Lunham, Barland, Caulfield & Howard Avenues.

Join the fun and build a float or walk with us! Call Roberta, Parade Coordinator at (414) 698-7797. Join us for free holiday treats, singing and entertainment, and a tree lighting at the SF Fire Department in the Civic Center following the parade.

FALL LEAF PICK UP:

Fall leaf pick up by the City began September 25th. The last day for leaf pick up will be November 27th. The leaves are collected citywide beginning on one side of the City and working towards the opposite side. It takes about one week during peak collection to make one trip throughout the City. Please place only leaves in the gutter; branches and garden waste are not permitted.

Recycling Center Winter Hours:

Winter hours begin November 1st and end March 1st.

Monday - 4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday - Closed

Saturday - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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