



Municipal Services Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Our offices will be closed on

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26

Monday, January 2

Garbage Collection will be delayed one day from your normally scheduled collection the weeks of :

December 26-30 (this is also a recycling collection week)

January 2—6

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From the Desk of Mayor Thad Birmingham:

For many years, the City of Sturgeon Bay has published a newsletter containing information from the Municipal Services Department. Beginning this fall, I would like to add to that newsletter with information about other City departments and services. In coming newsletters you will see features from the Mayor and Alderpersons, Community Development, Fire, Police, Administration as well as Street and Parks. We have a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to.

Upon my reelection to the office of Mayor, I made a commitment to the community to continue to pursue relations that expand economic opportunity for workers, business owners and entrepreneurs alike while continuing to search for opportunities that enhance and grow our community all while we continue to strive to deliver City services on time and on budget.

The City rolled out a new communication tool for our residents to have better up to date knowledge of upcoming City meetings and events. You can like us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofsturgeonbay/>



As always, information can continue to be found on our website at:

<http://www.sturgeonbaywi.org>

We have a lot to be proud of in Sturgeon Bay, I look forward to continuing to serve our great city!

Mayor Thad Birmingham

Adopt a Park Program

The City of Sturgeon Bay is always looking for individuals or groups to adopt a city park. Adopting a park is simple and will cost you nothing except time. The process of adopting is simple:

1. Identify a park that you would like to adopt, maybe a neighborhood park near your home or one that you frequent often.
2. Meet with the Municipal Services Director to discuss items that you or your group could possibly do in your newly adopted park.
3. Decide on which project or projects you would like to complete and set a date the project will begin.
4. Coordinate with the Municipal Services Director on the progress.

All commodities needed to complete the tasks will be purchased by the City of Sturgeon Bay Parks Department as long as these items fall within our yearly budget. Recognition will be given via newspaper, Facebook posts and Common Council recognition. Let your pride for Sturgeon Bay show...Adopt a park and be a difference maker.



Fall Leaf Collection



The City of Sturgeon Bay will soon be starting Fall Leaf Collection. We will continue with the collection of leaves through the week of November 14th to 18th, **weather permitting. During the final week of collection, we will pick up at each residence one last time. Once the crews have collected your materials, please do not place any more out as they will not be able to go back.**

Please keep in mind that it is very difficult to determine an exact date or even week that the crews will pass by your residence. Much of the collection process is weather depend-

ent—if the leaves are wet or freeze, they take longer to vacuum, leaves may fall earlier one year than another. Also, when more leaves have been raked to the curb it takes longer for the crews to collect them.

We ask that you rake all leaves to the curb. Bagged leaves will not be collected. Brush and garden waste will NOT be collected by City crews as these materials can damage the equipment used for leaf collection. Brush and garden waste may be dropped off at our compost site on Division Road at any time. It is open 7 days a week from dawn until dusk and is free of charge to CITY residents.

If you are concerned about leaves blowing back into your yard or out into the roadways you may place a tarp over your leaves once you have them raked to the curb.

Do not rake leaves into the street. This increases the pollution to the storm water and causes flooding of streets by clogging storm sewers. It's also a dangerous attraction to children.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding fall leaf collection, please feel free to contact the Municipal Services Office Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

October is Fire Prevention Month

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during its fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Those who survived the Chicago and Peshtigo fires never forgot what they'd been through; both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism. But the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign:

"Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"

represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety. Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- * Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- * Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- * To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.
- * If in doubt call your Fire Department at 920-746-2916



Getting Ready for the November Election

As the City of Sturgeon Bay prepares for the November 8 Election, you may be wondering if you are prepared to vote. The following information may be helpful:

A Wisconsin voter's durational residency requirement for voter registration purposes is now 10 days (changed from 28 days prior). Registration deadline is Friday, November 4, at 5 pm in the clerk's office. Avoid long lines at the poll locations and register by the 4th!

For the fall general election in the State of Wisconsin, voters will need a copy of their photo ID to receive a ballot. Voters will be asked to **"State it" (your name and address), "Show it" (your Photo ID), and "Sign it" (sign the poll book)**. The current ID process will remain in effect; please understand poll workers are required to ask voters for this information.

In-person absentee voting hours in the City of Sturgeon Bay will begin on October 10 and continue through November 4. The hours to vote in person at the City Clerk's office are from 8 am – 4:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your photo ID and if you need to register to vote, you must also provide proof of residence. For more information on what is acceptable for proof of residence, contact the City Clerk's office.

Voters who receive their absentee ballots in the mail, MUST return the ballot in the absentee certificate envelope (GAB-122) with voter signature, adult U.S. citizen witness signature and **witness address** (new legislation) for the ballot to be counted. Absentee ballots must be received by 8 pm on Election Day, November 8, 2016 in order to be counted.

The City of Sturgeon Bay has three polling locations. Your address determines your polling place. Polling locations are City Hall, 421 Michigan Street; Bayview Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 340 W Maple Street; and Jaycee Hall, 340 Jaycee Court. If you are not sure where you vote, go can go to www.myvote.wi.gov to find out or call the City Clerk's office at 920-746-2900.



For more voter information go to My Vote Wisconsin at www.myvote.wi.gov or contact the City Clerk's office at 920-746-2900.

See you at the polls!