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Clerk’s Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

Elections

I’ve received many calls regarding voter registration. You can check your voter registration status on-line at MyVoteWI (myvote.wi.gov). This site also allows you to re-register if you’ve moved or changed your name. The address and name you are registering under must match your driver’s license. If you have moved, please update your driver’s license with the Department of Motor Vehicles and then register. You can still register by mail until the third Wednesday before an election (must be postmarked), in the clerk’s office until the Friday before an election at 5 p.m., or on election day.

Once you are registered, MyVoteWI also allows you to request an absentee ballot. If the clerk does not have a copy of your photo ID on record, it will prompt you to attach a copy. You can also request an absentee ballot by email or mail. You cannot request an absentee ballot for someone else. When requesting an absentee ballot, you must include your name, the address where you’re registered in Erin, the address to mail the ballot and the election(s) for which you’re requesting the absentee ballot. We only email absentee ballots for permanent or temporary overseas voters and military voters.

Absentee ballots must be mailed back or returned to the clerk on or before the election day. Please allow enough time (three days if local and at least one week if out of state) for the clerk to receive your ballot. The state of Wisconsin does not allow ballots to be emailed or faxed back.

Photo ID is still required for voting.

Dog Licenses – due March 31

All dogs 5 months and older must be licensed annually by March 31, so remember to license your dog for 2020. The application is on the town website under Forms. To license your dog(s), complete one application per dog and include the license fee, the rabies certificate (this is returned to the owner) and a stamped self-addressed envelope. There is a \$5 late fee if the dog is not licensed by March 31. This does not apply to puppies not old enough to license or if you acquire a dog later in the year.

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Tax Receipts

Instructions for printing your tax receipt from the Washington County website:

- Go to <http://www.co.washington.wi.us>
- On the left side of the main page, click on **Taxes/Assessment information**. This will take you to the Washington County Ascent Land Records site
- Choose the municipality by clicking on the drop-down and pick **T3-TOWN OF ERIN**
- You can search by last name, street number or parcel ID.
- Once you find your parcel, click on the **red parcel number** and it will take you to your parcel information screen
- Choose the **Select Detail Taxes**
- Click on the correct tax year
- A small box will open, click on **Printer Friendly**
- The next screen will open from which you can print the receipt

Notice to April Absentee Electors

To comply with federal deadlines, those who have requested an absentee ballot for the April election prior to February 20, 2020 will be mailed a presidential preference ballot. The full April ballot will be mailed to absentee electors on March 17, 2020.

Spring Recycling Event; white goods and tires

On April 4 from 8 a.m. to noon, Erin will have its annual Tires and White Goods Recycling. Watch the website or newspaper for more details, including the disposal cost of each item. You may bring old tires, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, humidifiers and pay a fee to recycle them. Iron filters, microwaves, or any electronics will not be accepted.

Chairman Report by Dennis Kenealy

Our focus these past few months has been to update our ordinances and streamline our accounting procedures. We have taken action to eliminate and consolidate certain fund balances to reflect our future needs and eliminate unnecessary fund items. Basically that is an update to our budgets and needs for the future. We have also been cleaning up many inconsistencies in our Roads and Zoning ordinances,

which is an ongoing project but will result in a Town code that is easier to understand and administer. The Spring should see the continuation of this mostly administrative work as there are few substantive changes.

Emergency Management by Brad Bautz, Director and Enforcement Officer

I am continuing to update the Emergency Plan. It will require a complete redo, as the current one has outdated



contacts and there is no electronic copy available. I am working on Memorandums of Agreement with our local partners who can contribute their services or facilities for our use. I have also had ongoing conversations with Erin Elementary School about procedures and response.

Please follow the burning ordinance. We had several complaints last year involving burning. Please be cognizant of conditions before you burn. Your fire **must be attended at all times**. You must be near the fire. You cannot burn during a burning ban. Do not burn if the wind speed is greater than 12 miles per hour. Violations can result in a citation. The rules for burning are set forth below as found in Chapter 168 of the town code.

- **No burning permits are required**
- When fire danger is high, very high, or severe, all outdoor burning will be banned (this includes fireworks, which are already restricted by county ordinance) by order of the emergency management director, or town chairman. Outdoor cooking (i.e. grills) is an exemption. For such a ban I will notify the sheriff's office, and local radio stations. Notices will also be found on the town posting boards, and on the website.

At any time of year:

- **Open fires must be attended at all times**
- The jurisdictional fire department or preferably

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the Washington County Sheriff's Office must be notified of any bonfire in excess of 10 ft in diameter or if a large area of grass is burned (i.e. over ¼ acre).

- Fires can't be started on the roadway surface and only leaves and grass can be burned in the right-of-way.
- The burning of garbage, plastics, rubber, treated wood, petroleum products or anything that emits noxious or toxic odors is **PROHIBITED**. The DNR already bans the burning of these items as they pose a health hazard to residents if burned.
- DNR regulations also prohibit businesses from disposing of solid waste by burning.

Have a safe and happy spring.


Erin Park by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Except for the fun activity at the sledding hill, things are quiet in Erin Park as we await the coming of spring. We hope to have our own "promises made, promises kept" with the completion of the town's salt shed, which delayed our plans to do the finish grade by the rental house property. Park Manager Todd Kozlencer is excited to get started on his list of park projects—especially the expansion of the Disc Golf Course to 12 holes.

We hope to reinstall the swings and slides near the other park equipment between the baseball and soccer fields. If you have expertise in this type of re-installation, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Erin Town Clerk at 262-673-3682 with your contact information.

Goetz's Nursery is doing some tree trimming in the

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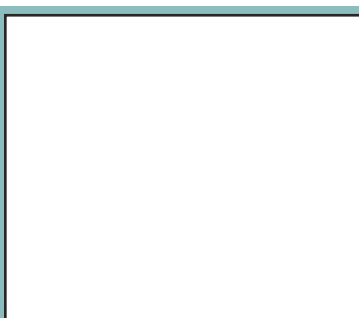

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park to ensure our trees remain healthy and strong no matter what Mother Nature has in store.



If you are a Disc Golf enthusiast, please consider a tax-deductible gift to Erin Park. No donation is too small. Send donations to Town of Erin, 1846 State Hwy. 83, Hartford, and note on your check: Disc Golf Park Improvements.

Roads by Dan Coffey, Town Supervisor

Road crew goes above and beyond

It's an unusual winter for snow plowing. With the temperatures around the freezing point, we've had lots of occasions to salt roads while not plowing that much snow. We occasionally have equipment failures, which impacts the quality of our plowing. Most of our equipment is older, but we try to keep it repaired and working. The cost of new equipment is high (a new plow truck is half the cost of an average house) so it pays to get as much use as possible.

The town of Erin's road maintenance structure is unique. The road supervisor is a non-paid, part-time position. Our roads are cared for by two full-time road employees who work autonomously year around. Two full-time people do all the plowing, salting, and any other emergency tree or storm damage 24 hours a day and seven days a week. If you happen to see one of these guys, give them a wave or thanks.

The amount of salt we use on the town roads is often

a point of discussion. We're on pace to use the same amount of salt on the town roads as we have for many years and with no intention or plans to change. We apply more than 650 tons of salt per year. If you do the math, it amounts to 24,000 pounds per mile. That translates to 600 40-pound bags if you bought ice melt.

The town of Erin's road plowing has been compared to the county road plowing or even to other townships. The town of Erin has only two full-time road employees compared with the county, which has many dedicated plow drivers and both granular and liquid salt options. The town of Erin did look at using the liquid salt products, but the equipment costs to use liquid is high and liquid only works in certain circumstances. Another factor that contributes to snow- and ice-covered roads is the amount of trees blocking the sunlight. If you travel town of Erin roads in winter and compare the shaded roads to the roads open to sunlight, the contrast is evident.

As you know, we're working hard to maintain our roads - in all kinds of weather - despite the continued deterioration of many of our older roads. Keeping them plowed and dry is our goal for your safety and the safety of all who visit the town of Erin.

Notice to Veterans

If you or anyone you know wants a name enrolled on the Erin Veterans' Memorial Monument, please contact one of the committee members:

Patrick Hansen 262-966-0837

Jeffrey Millikin 262-966-7204

Franklin Tennis 262-673-2723

Michael Eggleston 414-651-0875

To be eligible, you must be a resident or former resident of the town of Erin and also have a copy of DD-214, Honorable Discharge, or deployment orders by the Federal Government documenting your military history.



SCHOOL NEWS

Erin School

District by Kieth
A. Kriewaldt District
Administrator



Looking to Serve - The Erin School District has four standing committees that need volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the school. The committees are Buildings & Grounds, Policy/Legislation & Bylaws, Finance-Transportation, and Negotiations. Also, if you live in the Erin School District and are interested in running for the Erin School Board, please contact the District Administrator for more information.

Heating Plant Upgrades – Over the summer 2019, we upgraded the heating system for the 1958, 1965, and 1979 sections of our school (13 classrooms) along with consolidating our three boiler rooms to one and reducing our five boilers to three boilers. The project was completed on time and on budget. While it is too early to compute the savings of the upgrade, we can tell the difference in the consistent temperature and are able to better monitor all the temperatures throughout the building.

School Operation by Donna Runte, District
Secretary/Administrative Assistant

4K and 5K Registration

4K and 5K registration is now taking place. If your child will be 4 or 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020, and is not currently attending Erin School, please see our website for a registration form, or stop by the office. Forms are due by April 17, 2020. Please contact Donna Runte at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org with questions.

Open Enrollment –Feb. 3 thru April 30, 2020

The open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Students in 5K to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for 4K and early childhood education is limited. Please contact Donna Runte to find out if your preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

The open enrollment application period for the 2020-21 school year is Feb. 3 thru April 30, 2020. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply online during the application period at <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us.

For more information, please contact Donna Runte, at Erin School at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org or visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

Child Find

Erin School District is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, as well as homeless children. If you have concerns regarding your child, please contact the school at 262-673-3720.

Looking for a job where you can pick the days you work? Do you like working with kids? Erin School is looking for substitute teachers.

Have you ever thought about being a substitute teacher? A Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license may be issued to an applicant who holds a degree from an accredited college or university and who has successfully completed an approved substitute training program, but has not completed a state-approved educator preparation program. Once an educator holds a current Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license, they may be a short-term substitute at any Wisconsin school district that wishes to hire them. Erin School is looking to add to its sub list.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Dr. Kriewaldt at 262-673-3720 ext. 5000 to set up a 30-minute meeting to learn about Erin School, the requirements of the job, the training program, and how to apply for the license.

Athletics by Andrew Andress, Athletic Director

Erin School girls basketball season wrapped up in
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December. We had 36 student-athletes participate in grades five through eight. During the week of Dec. 2, Erin School hosted the 6th grade Conference Tournament. Richmond School won the championship over Stone Bank with Erin taking 3rd place over Swallow. There were eight teams in the tournament. Erin's 8th grade team came home with the Consolation Championship in the Conference tournament hosted at Merton School.

Boys basketball jumped into action on Jan. 2 with 43 boys participating in grades five through eight. Games started the week of Jan. 13 and run through the month of February. We are looking to have fun and competitive seasons at all four grade levels.

As always, we are proud of our student-athletes, coaches, parents and facilities that allow for opportunities that teach life lessons, encourage healthy life styles and allow our children to have fun, grow and compete. GO ROADRUNNERS!

Building and Grounds by Debra Fenney, Director of Building and Grounds

We are looking to update the classrooms of the 1958 building addition. The rooms will be gutted and put back together. The rooms will have new floors, cabinets, sink, white boards, and LCD projector. The rooms will also get new furniture. All the lighting and ceilings have been done over the last three years.

We are also keeping up on some other projects this year. We will add a door for the kindergarten room so the children can enter the room from the locker area. We will also update some of the windows to help with the room remodeling.

The Parent Teacher Committee has paid for its new shed, which is attached to the garage in the rear of the school. The HUHS students in the construction class have done the work.

Bookkeeper by Cheryl Johrendt

As Erin is property rich, it means less General State Aid for the District. Erin School has a fiscal responsibility to its taxpayers to be sure the valuable resources

we receive are put to best use. The district has a strong fund balance, which allows us to maintain a balanced budget and operate without having to borrow to meet our financial obligations. Having strong financial health will limit the amount of borrowing required for future building projects.

In doing so, taxpayers will see a minimal increase to their tax bills. This does not mean that each taxpayer will see the same increase. Homeowners who added an addition or enhancement to their property could potentially see an increase. The assessed value of a property will determine the amount of taxes. Continuous monitoring of the budget (revenues and expenses) has allowed Erin School to provide high quality programs, appealing and updated facilities, and staff who are passionate, dedicated and committed. Your school district is committed to providing the best quality education now and into the future.

Volunteer Program by Sophie Matthys

Do you volunteer at Erin School? Did you know volunteer grants are charitable gifts given to non-profit organizations by corporations in recognition of volunteer work being done by a company's employees? Check with your employer to see if they participate and consider Erin School as your non-profit organization.

Other Ways to Volunteer?

The district collects various items, which we redeem for cash. You can help the school by:

- Dropping off Box Tops for Education or scanning your receipt using the Box Tops app.
- If you like to shop on amazon.com, make sure to shop on smile.amazon.com and select Erin School District as your charitable organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of qualifying purchases to our school.

Curriculum by Joannie Kalina, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Our goal at Erin School is to prepare students for success in high school and beyond. We are proud of our rigorous academic options along with our continued mission to educate the whole child. Our teachers con-

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tinue to focus on reading, writing and critical thinking using *The Reading and Writing Workshop Framework* developed by Lucy Calkins. We have recently added some primary phonics units and are updating grammar lessons in grades 3-8. Wisconsin DPI released a suggested social studies instructional framework and new English Language Arts Standards. Erin teachers are reviewing those changes. Our middle school students are increasing their awareness of future career options and information that fit their profiles through the new state Career model, Xello. Finally, all our teachers are learning more about self-regulation strategies and social/emotional learning as we help support students with sensory and mental health needs.

In addition, our teachers work hard to bring student learning to life through projects and special opportunities. Our 1st graders recently hosted a book sale, selling copies of their authentic writing for donations to a children's charity. Our 3rd grade teachers hosted

a wax museum where each student researches and embodies a special person in history. Our 8th grade students are following the National History Day 2020 theme of *Breaking Barriers in History*. In January, students had a working field trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society where they used primary sources to enrich their research. Finally, our 5th graders recently attended Junior Achievement BizTown, a day-long simulation that combines in-class work with an interactive town experience to help them learn about personal finance and the local economy.

We are also grateful for our community partners who continue to provide fitness opportunities during our indoor Fitness Friday on Feb. 28. Thanks also to the Schauer Arts Center for allowing Erin School to host our holiday performance in such an authentic theater setting. After our full middle school performance, our 8th grade students performed *Jingle Bell JukeBox*, a musical the students have been preparing since September. At Erin School, we are confident these special offerings, together with strong academics, provide a truly well-rounded educational experience.



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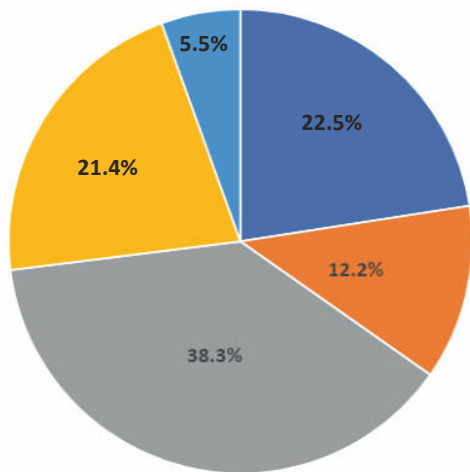
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Where are my property tax dollars?

By Maripat Blankenheim, Town Supervisor

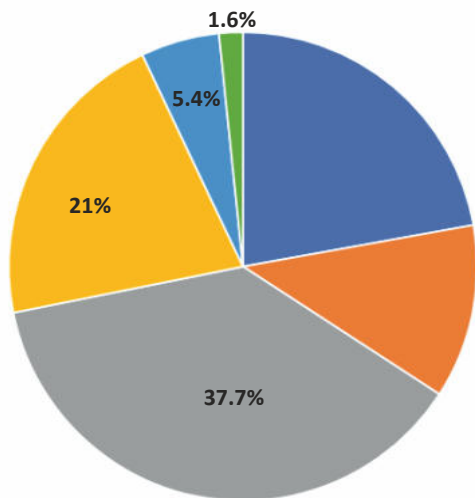
When you pay your property taxes to the town of Erin, the town is collecting money for all the taxing districts, including the school districts and Washington County, as well as the town. Other than Moraine Park Technical College, the town of Erin is the smallest piece of your tax dollar pie. While the percentages may fluctuate slightly from year to year, the pie pieces are fairly consistent.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS - ERIN SCHOOL DISTRICT



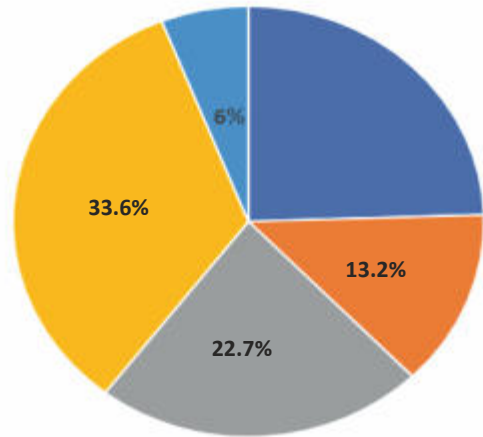
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YOUR TAX DOLLARS - ERIN SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH DRUID LAKE



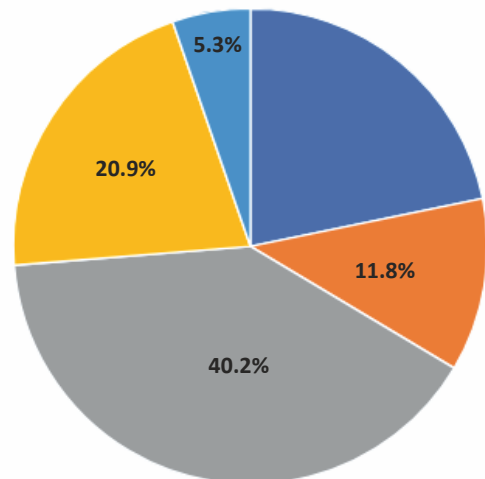
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YOUR TAX DOLLARS - HARTFORD J1 SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Erin Soccer by

Becky Bautz
Secretary, Erin Soccer Club

Erin Soccer Contact Information:
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Facebook: Erin Soccer Club



Despite a very rainy week leading up to our annual Erin Soccer Tournament, we had a great turn-out. Some of the fields were muddy, but the sun came out
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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Preservation by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Hope springs eternal for 2021—unfortunately, there will be no Mass on Saint Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17, at St. Patrick's Church in the town of Erin.

We do have some good news to report. After more than five years of building concerns, the gutters were finally cleaned at the church and rectory. In addition, the vegetation overgrowth was trimmed back and one of the very large trees between the church and rectory was removed. It was quite a project and, hopefully, will produce some fine wood products.

We also learned from Mary Hasslinger (Nancy and Ev Henke's daughter) that she is working on a book for the Hartford Library History Room, which will list all the gravesites at Old St. Patrick's Cemetery on Hwy. 83. This is truly a labor of love, and we are so grateful for her efforts.

Remember all donations to the St. Patrick Preserva-

tion Fund are tax deductible, and memberships are reasonably priced at \$5/single and \$10/family. If interested, please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel at 262-670-0975 or e-mail her at SaveStPats@aol.com. If you have family buried at one of the St. Patrick Cemeteries and would like to tell their story, we would love to hear from you.



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Schauer Arts Center

Spring Season & Classes

The Schauer Arts Center is excited to continue its 2019-20 Performing Arts Series, a new and diverse season of entertainment from a wide variety of global artists. The Schauer's 19th season, featuring the theme of "Expect the Unexpected," includes upcoming performances from Golden Dragon Acrobats, Dallas String Quartet, Golden Girls Show and more. Upcoming Spring performances include:



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- **Limanya Drum & Dance Ensemble**, on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Golden Dragon Acrobats**, on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- **The Magic of Isaiah**, on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- **The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley Jr.** Schauer Rising Star Productions, on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra Masters of Silent Comedy**, on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Mark Nizer 4D** on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Dallas String Quartet DSQ Electric** on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
- **That Golden Girls Show! A Puppet Parody** on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **Songs & Stories of Neil Diamond Starring Jack Wright** on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **Lee Rocker of the Stray Cats** on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **New (Fiscal) Year's Eve Fundraiser Featuring Bill Zeffiro and Marissa Mulder** on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now accepting registration for its Winter/Spring session. Classes are offered for ages 2+ in Music, Theater, Circus Arts, Visual Arts and Dance (Irish, Tap, Contemporary, Ballet).

Adult Wine & Art classes, Tap Dance, and monthly Watercolor Workshops are also offered.

To purchase tickets or register for classes, stop by the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 147 N. Rural Street in Hartford. You can also order by phone at 262-670-0560, ext. 3 or online at SchauerCenter.org.

ERIN HILLS

Erin Hills by John Morrissett

Erin Hills Golf Shop Opens April 20; Course Opens May 4

The golf season at Erin Hills opens Monday, May 4 and will run through October 11. The Golf Shop will be open to the general public for two weeks before the start of the season: From April 20 through May 1, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday.

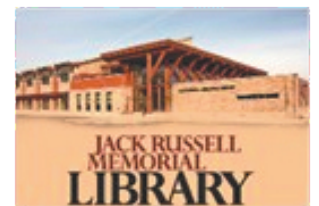


Jack Russell Memorial Library

262-673-8240

Dear Town of Erin Citizens,

I'm writing today on behalf I'm writing today on behalf of the five Municipal Public Libraries in Washington County: Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum, Slinger and West Bend. For the last



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five and half months, work has been taking place on an in-depth study about public library service to the citizens of Washington County, with a focus on those citizens residing in one of the 15 communities without a public library. This study is the result of a discussion that began at the beginning of September 2019 regarding creating joint libraries by Washington County Staff.

One component to this study is a survey asking citizens about their public library use because it will help us to answer questions with certainty about why local citizens are choosing to visit public libraries outside of Washington county. The results will be released in the spring of 2020 and incorporated into our final report which will be presented to the Washington County Administrative Committee in May of 2020.

We are inviting ALL Town of Erin Citizens, to participate in this survey. It takes just two minutes to

complete and is available online at: <https://bit.ly/36Ep1BM> . Paper copies are available at each public library in Washington County and can be dropped off there as well. The survey deadline has been extended until Friday, March 13th, 2020.

We want to hear from ALL citizens in your households – no matter if you visit a public library or not. Your feedback is important to our study.

Thank you for your consideration and time.



Gaelic Harpist
 TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - 6:30PM
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Wisconsin musician Jeff Pockat is returning to perform traditional and original pieces on the the gaelic harp. You don't want to miss this fantastic performer! All ages are welcome.

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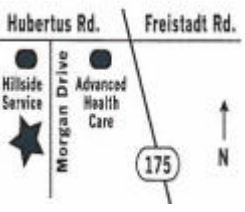


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Libraries are worth every cent

The Jack Russell Memorial Library wants to remind you of the great investment you have made into your library and of the tremendous wealth of returns from your investment. We are able to offer access to materials, specialized assistance, streaming services, community space, trained staff, over 57 hours per week of access to our beautiful new building and programming.

There is a cost though when Town of Erin citizens borrow materials from public libraries outside of Washington County. It's around \$5 per item. While it may not seem like much, when many people go outside of our county and checkout materials at other public libraries, the costs add up.

How can you help? Keep using JRML and the library system we are part of, Monarch. Through collaboration with 33 public libraries you have access to over one million items. This will ensure every cent of your investment continues to remain where you live.

Thank YOU for using your public library. We are happy to be a part of the community you call home.

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40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

by Derek Wilcox, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Chairman

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade is fast approaching and will be held on Tuesday, March 17th, starting at 11 a.m. It will begin again this year at the intersection of County Hwy E and County Hwy K. It will proceed south on County Hwy K to the intersection of County Hwy K and Hwy 167 where it ends.

Police will be starting to close off Hwy K to traffic around 10:15 a.m. Parking along County Hwy K will be limited to passenger vehicles and light trucks. Recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, buses, etc., will not be allowed to park on the road and will need to find alternative parking. Temporary structures such as tents will not be permitted along the parade route.

Gift certificates will be awarded to the best entrants in each of the three different categories: Best Antique; Best Animal; and the all-inclusive Judge's Choice. All participants **MUST** fill out an entry form – no unregistered walk-ins permitted.

Parade entrants will be limited to the first 50 to sign up. Entry forms can be obtained at the Erin Town Hall (1846 Hwy 83, Hartford, WI 53027); 262-673-3682, at www.erintownship.com or at the Erin Inn – Irish Pub. As always, we will be crowning a King and Queen of

the Parade. To be eligible you must be 21 years old and not married. If multiple people are interested, there will be voting conducted at the local establishments. The Coronation Ceremony will take place Sunday, March 15th at the Erin Inn. If interested in becoming the next King and Queen, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that we receive cooperation from the spectators. Please, **STAY OFF THE ROAD AND DO NOT APPROACH THE PARADE ENTRIES.** Staying behind the white line on the side of the road is a must; this will help ensure a smooth-flowing and safe parade again this year.

The parade is not possible without the help of numerous volunteers and donations from individuals and businesses. We need more help the day of the parade to assist with crowd control as well as monitoring the side streets along Hwy K. Furthermore, we need help with cleanup along the route the day after. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer or provide a donation, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.

For more up-to-date information as the parade gets closer, please visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/ErinStpattysday

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and it was a great day. Thank you to the town of Erin for allowing us to use the park, and to the park staff for their assistance. Thank you also to all our sponsors and volunteers for their support, without which the tournament wouldn't be possible. We will be making improvements to the fields, in coordination with the town, with some of the proceeds. We are always looking for people and businesses to help make our tournament successful, so please reach out if you are interested.

Before you know it, the snow will be gone and soccer practices will be starting. If your child is interested in playing, registration is now open online. Check our Facebook page for updates. If your child played in fall, your coach will be contacting you. Practices can begin March 15. We have teams for children in 4K and 5K (U6) through 8th grade (U14). Practices are held once or twice a week at the Erin Town Hall. Most games are on Saturday. We are a recreational club and part of the Kettle Moraine Soccer League. Come join us for fun, fitness and fair play.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Washington County 4-H

Over the past months, the Thompson Irish Settlers have done some exciting things within and outside the community:

- In August, we had our 4H picnic at the Erin Town Hall filled with food, fun, and a meeting that followed after.
- In September, many of our 4H members attended the State 4-H Horse Expo. All members who participated placed well and had a good time.
- In October, the Thompson Irish Settlers had a bonfire at Lake Erin Estates. Members wore Halloween costumes to celebrate.
- In November, many of our members participated in Art Discovery Day at the Washington County Fair Park and created some fun crafts. Following Art Discovery day, multiple members of our club met at Creative License in Hartford and made some fun crafts such as cups, plates, animal sculptures, paintings, fused glass, and many more.

During the month of November, Thompson Irish Settlers had their annual fruit sale and raised approximately \$300 to fund club activities.

- In December, members went caroling at the Waterford and Majestic Heights retirement homes in Hartford to spread holiday cheer. Some members brought their musical instruments to get everyone into the holiday spirit. Members also went shopping for the Hartford Giving Tree program to give to those in need for the holidays.
- In January, the club went tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum and had a great time.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Thompson Irish Settlers have done many things in our community and the club is excited for more upcoming events. If interested in joining, check out the Thompson Irish Settlers' website: <https://sites.google.com/view/thompsonirishsettlers4-h> The site also includes links to the Washington County 4-H website. Or contact us by email at: thompsonirishsettlers4h@gmail.com.

St. Mary of the Hill Parish

1515 Carmel Rd. Hubertus
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Crafts for Charity

St. Mary of the Hill may be a relatively small parish but its impact reaches across the globe - thanks, in part, to parishioners like Sandi Powell. She and others use their gifts to help those in need. Since becoming involved with the parish's Crafts for Charity in 2017, Powell has helped the group fashion over 150 dresses for young girls in the Congo, over 150 blankets for newborns at Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee, as well as about 30 blankets for homebound parishioners this past Christmas.

And, why blankets for newborns in Milwaukee? Sandi learned from one of her daughters that the midwives needed help. "The blankets are given to all patients who come back for their postpartum visit as an incentive to return to receive care. The smiles on the nurses, parents and babies are enough to warm your heart," she says. "We meet once a month for three months in the fall and once a month for three months in the spring," Sandi explains. "It is a wonderful time for women of faith to come together and sew, knit, talk and laugh with one another." Some members are retired while others maintain full-time jobs. There is no need to attend every meeting and some members are unable to attend the four-hour meetings at all. Instead, they pick up fabric and work at home, dropping off their projects at the parish at their convenience. In addition to the hand-knitted blankets, we have received some hand-knitted hats. Quilting friends have joined in. While making the dresses for children in the Congo, group members couldn't resist adding headbands and flip-flops.



Crafts for Charity embodies St. Mary of the Hill's parish mission to "seek and maintain a strong relationship with the universal church." All are welcome. "We have a wonderful time together, each contributing our own little part," shares Sandi.

There is little waste and members add personal touches. Some turn fabric scraps into quilts and others serge edges of fleece and embroider "the cutest" designs on them, she says.

Do you want to make a difference? Apply your crafting skills, donate materials (current needs are baby yarn and 2 ½ yards of flannel). Contact Wendy Newburg at St. Mary of the Hill Parish, 1515 Carmel Road, Hubertus, phone 262-628-3606 ext. 2. Or, check out other upcoming opportunities at www.stmaryhh.org. On Facebook, follow St. Mary of the Hill Parish.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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 Worship Service – 9:30 am
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St. Paul's UCC Presents "Change the World" Youth Musical February 16

On Sunday, February 16 at 9:30 am, we will once again host the Southminster Presbyterian Youth Musical. The musical is called "Change the World." It is a look at the world of high school life and how faith plays into it. It depicts some "typical" teenagers as they run for student body president with an election theme of "Campaign 4 Change." Free and open to the public.

St. Paul's UCC "Faith Flix" Presents "The Way" on February 19

Join us in the sanctuary for a morning movie and dis-

cussion of "The Way" on Wednesday, February 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Free and open to the public—just bring your own popcorn and beverage. "The Way" is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends, and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to France and Spain to deal with the tragic loss of his son. Through unexpected and oftentimes amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."

St. Paul's UCC Ash Wednesday Worship Service February 26

Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 pm as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. This Ash Wednesday worship service will include special music, an inspiring and hope-filled message, special music from our Choir, and the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them.

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For complete listing, see the website

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