



# Newsletter

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## NEWS AND REPORTS

### Clerk’s Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

#### Elections

Aug. 9 and Nov. 8 are the remaining elections for the year. If planning to vote by absentee, return the ballot by mail or hand YOUR ballot directly to the clerk. Deadline for returning absentee ballots is election day before 8 p.m. If returning absentee ballots by mail, allow 4 business days for local mail and 2 weeks for out-of-state mail.

During the spring election on April 5, 1,282 electors voted for town supervisors. A big goodbye to Jeff Millikin who served the Town of Erin as a supervisor since 2008. He was:

- town representative for the Druid Lake protection area
- part of the road commission, securing state Tri-D money for reconstructing part of Druid Lake and Taylor Roads
- on the parade committee
- on the veterans committee
- involved with recycling.

Thank you, Jeff, for all your hard work!

Maripat Blankenheim served four years and had many accomplishments:

- brought Charter into Erin for wired broadband
- took the lead to have the county locate the emergency services tower in the town’s pit
- editor of the newsletter
- updated the town hall to meet COVID conditions
- led the research on a road referendum
- updated the zoning code to accommodate state laws that changed in the last 10 years.

Thank you, Maripat, for all you have done in your short time.

Welcome Eric Casetta and Mike Stapleton, Erin’s newest supervisors.

#### Tax bills

Keep your address for tax bills up-to-date by calling the town hall. The information needed is the owner's name, tax parcel number or address of property, address to send the tax bill and if it is a permanent or temporary change.

When making a second property tax payment, please make the check out to Washington County Treasurer and send it to Washington County Treasurer, 432 E Washington Street, (Clerk, Continued on page 2)

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West Bend, WI 53095.

## Broadband update

**When will Charter services be available to my specific address?**

The project area is throughout the entire six-by-six-mile Erin community. *Design and installation will take time.* Charter is currently finishing up the design phase and will be approaching the pole permitting phase. Charter is required to obtain pole permits to ensure their equipment is safely placed on existing utility poles, as needed.

**When will Charter begin construction?**

Construction is estimated to start at the end of 2022.

**When will the project be complete?**

Charter is still estimating the project to be done by December 2023.

**How will homeowners be notified that construction is complete in their area?**

Charter will contact residents with sales information in the mail and/or by door-to-door representatives.

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## We need YOU!

The volunteer newsletter committee is looking for another member. The newsletter is published 3 times a year. This member would be responsible for emailing all contributors for articles on a weekly basis during a newsletter cycle, collecting the articles and emailing them to the editors. Please contact the clerk at 262-673-3682 or [clerk@erintownship.com](mailto:clerk@erintownship.com) for more information if you are interested.

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## Chairman's Update by Dennis Kenealy

As we look forward to celebrating Independence Day with family and friends, it is important to remember and be thankful for all of those who served our country.

The Town of Erin will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Veterans' Memorial Monument this year. Thanks to the effort of Chairperson Beverly Schroeder, Emmett Burg, Jack Russell, James Sarafiny, Ione Sarafiny, Austin "Tag" Stapleton and Franklin Tennes, the Town of Erin dedicated the Veterans' Memorial Monument on November 9, 2002. The memorial honors past and present serving veterans who currently reside or have at one time resided within the township.

Since inception, the memorial has recognized almost 330 local veterans, with four additional veterans being added in 2022. We thank our current Town of Erin Veterans' Memoriam committee members Patrick Hansen, Jeff Millikin, Franklin Tennes and Michael Eggleston for continuing the legacy honoring our township's local service members.

## Emergency Management by Bradley Bautz, Director



- ☘ The last St. Patrick's Parade went very well. The weather wasn't the best. It seemed like a slightly less than normal attendance for a weekday, but there were few problems. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.
- ☘ I am continuing to work with the school, churches and others on safety and security initiatives. I will also be continuing emergency management training.
- ☘ I want to make a reminder that NO roads in the town are open to ATVs and UTVs. Per state statutes, they are not allowed on the roadway or in the right of way, with limited exceptions.
- ☘ The Richfield Volunteer Fire Company is still working on a staffing plan, and once they get costs to me, I will have a better idea of what that will cost the town. The RVFC services all of the Village of Richfield, Town of Germantown, and parts of Erin and the Town of Polk. Costs would be spread out among all the communities.

With more severe weather a possibility, I want to take the opportunity to remind you about severe weather watches and warnings. A *Severe Thunderstorm Watch* means that conditions are favorable for the formation of severe storms, with damaging winds, dangerous lightning, and large hail. A *Severe Thunderstorm Warning* means these conditions are occurring. A *Tornado Watch* means conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes. A *Tornado Warning* means a funnel cloud was sighted or a tornado has touched down: **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY.** Go to the lowest level of your home or building, and stay away from windows. A weather alert radio would be an excellent way to help protect yourself and your family. They can be purchased at many electronic stores. You can also receive

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weather warnings on your smartphone. There is no need to sign up, as long as your phone is WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) capable. You will receive warnings and they are free.

## Reminder

I encourage you to make use of the brush drop-off at the town's dump site or recycling center.

Please be cognizant of conditions before you burn. We had grass fires this spring, and they were preventable. 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 9 miles per hour. Violations can likely result in a citation from the town. The rules for burning are set forth below:

- 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 department, 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 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.
- The DNR also prohibits the burning of solid waste by businesses.

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Please make your address signs visible for our emergency responders, and do not move or otherwise modify them. It is a violation of town ordinances to do so. If they get damaged or need to be replaced, please contact the town clerk for a replacement, free of charge.

Our local fire departments wanted me to take the opportunity to ask the residents to make sure their driveways stay clear for emergency vehicles. This is particularly important on very long driveways, or driveways that have brush, trees, or low hanging branches that get in the way. Fire apparatus keeps getting taller and taller, and fire trucks and ambulances need the space to avoid damaging your trees and their equipment.

Have a safe and happy summer.

## Roads Department

by Road Commissioner and Town Supervisor Dan Coffey

The snow plows were removed from our trucks and we are in the summer road project phase. This year's projects include mowing the road shoulders, some brush removal, culvert replacement, installing shoulder gravel after paving, and inspection for quality control of the paving projects. Dave and Nick, Erin's only road employees, do most of the equipment repairs also.

Another large cost to the town of Erin is Emerald Ash Borer tree damage. Each year we take down 500 to 1000 dead ash trees. We are making progress on tree removal but still have more to go.

The quality of roads in the town of Erin is reviewed and recorded in the state road Paser system. This requires each road to be rated on a scale from one to ten (one is gravel and ten is new). We try to rebuild and pave roads that are three or less on the Paser scale. When choosing which roads to rebuild, we consider the number of residents located on the road, the amount of traffic the road carries, as well as road condition. Unfortunately, we have almost 17 miles of roads rated at Paser ratings of three or less. Too often a road will get so bad we have to change the road rebuild schedule and address it, making other roads wait. The roads committee will put together a list of which roads we need to rebuild and the order in which we will rebuild them, depending on budget. Erin roads also requires spending money on crack filling and chip sealing of existing roads. Chip sealing and crack filling a road can double a road's life if done soon enough. This is based on

recommendations from several engineering companies.

Once a road or roads are selected, our engineering company (SEH) puts together a bid package including all the details needed to make the major road repairs. Erin then awards the bid to the lowest bidder. This year's bid was awarded to Stark Asphalt. This year's paving projects include cul de sacs in Erin Mountain Pass and Erin Mountain Court, Belfast Lane, Belfast East, Belfast West, and St. Augustine Road from Hogsback to Elmwood Road. Note that Erin Mountain Pass and Erin Mountain Court are projects left over from last year as the paving company couldn't get to them due to weather.



## Financial Status

by Marjorie Bruha, Treasurer

January, 2022 through April, 2022

Revenue: \$842,929 (61% of budget)

Expenditures: \$324,565 (21% of budget)

*This is the first in a series of educational Q & A's to appear in the Town newsletter.*



### How does the Town of Erin decide how much money to spend each year?

Each year a budget is developed from estimates of expenditures determined by the Town's department heads. This process begins around August and is developed from input from the Town Board, Town Clerk, Town Committees and Commissions, Town Emergency Management, etc. Then the budget is reviewed by the Town Board and presented to the electors of the Town for discussion in November at a Special Meeting. Following any revisions from that meeting, the Town Board approves the next year's budget by motion and vote.

### Can the Town Board decide to spend as much as they want?

No. Since 2005, the state of Wisconsin regulates how much local governments can increase the property tax levy, compared to previous year's actual property tax levy. This levy limit sets the maximum amount that any Wisconsin Town is permitted to spend in the next fiscal year.

This increase or decrease in spending limit is determined by the State of Wisconsin based on net new construction from the previous year. (WI Statute 66.0602) For the Town of Erin, that amount was an increase of \$10,591 in the 2022 budget. Exceeding this levy limit results in a penalty of dollar-for-dollar reduction in county and municipal aid in the following fiscal year.

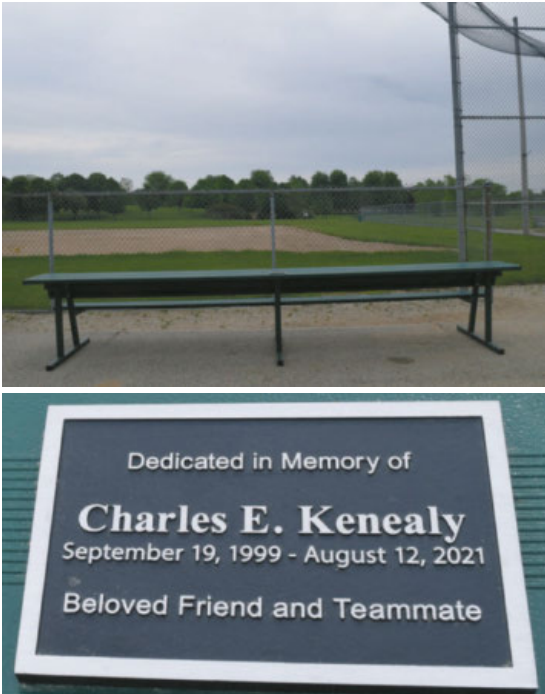


# REPORTS/SCHOOL NEWS

## Erin Park by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Our hard-working, conscientious Park Manager, Todd Kozlencer, is incredibly busy with lawn mowing, trimming, landscaping, fence repair, equipment maintenance and our annual weed treatment, all with excellent results. Our part-time park employee, Kaden Disterhaft, is back for a second year.

We thank the Erin Baseball Club for their wonderful donation of a players' bench to honor Chairman Dennis Kenealy's son, Charles, who succumbed to his injuries suffered in a tragic car accident in August, 2021.



Charles was a natural born athlete who played both Erin baseball and soccer at Erin Go Bragh Park during his grade school years.

This summer, three more holes will be added to our present 12 Hole Disc Golf Course due to a most generous donation from Dale Schmidt and Jill Raffay-Schmidt, whose son Conrad passed away in January 2022 from injuries sustained in a snowmobile accident. Conrad, according to his mom, loved playing Disc Golf at Erin Go Bragh Park, where she would play the course with him as well. A memorial bench in Conrad's honor will also be installed on the course thanks to a wonderful donation by Jill's Soccer Team. Pictures to follow in a future newsletter.

We are so grateful for these wonderful donations and hope they bring comfort to their families. May they always remind those who visit our park of happy, loving memories.

## Erin School Roundup



Rockets, Fun Fair and lots of accomplishments mark the end of another successful school year at Erin. Most importantly, the school graduated 45 proud eighth graders in June. Erin graduates are known to shine academically as high school students. Their smiles and strong contributions to the school will be missed.

### Rocket Club soars to victory

Erin School's amazing rocket team, the Malloernauts, scored two awards at the Rockets for Schools competition. The team brought home the Curtis Jackson Jr. Memorial Award for Best Construction and the Second-Place Trophy for level one rockets. The team competed against multiple schools from Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio.



Winning Rocket Club builders

### Fun Fair brings fun and funds

The annual Fun Fair serves two purposes – to provide a day of games and gathering for school families and to raise funds for important school projects. Sponsored by the Erin School Parent Teacher Club, this year's fair did not disappoint. The beautiful weather attracted hundreds of parents and children while raising more than \$11,000. The fundraiser caps a successful year for the club. Among their 2021-22 expenditures:

- Paid for new playground equipment for the middle school
- Teacher Appreciation lunches/food/gifts
- Funded 8th grade golf trip
- Annual College Scholarship to Erin School Alumni



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# SCHOOL NEWS

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- Hosted Trunk or Treat at Erin School
- Hosted Holiday Craft Day for elementary school classrooms
- Gave holiday gifts (games/books/supplies) to classrooms
- Provided Fine Arts night refreshments
- Hosted Family Movie Night

In addition to the Fun Fair/Silent Auction, the PTC raised money this



Erin School class of 2022



## New neighbors with children?

If you have new neighbors, please ask them to stop at school for a visit and to register. If you are new to the town of Erin and have any questions, please call us at 262.673.3720.

## Stay in the loop

Please check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Erin-School-District-145008838971344> and at [www.erinschool.org](http://www.erinschool.org) to keep up on things happening at Erin School.

school year through Scholastic Bookfairs, Mother's Day Fundraiser (Nothing Bundt Cakes and hanging baskets from Black's Floral), Amazon Smile, Artsonia, Market Day, Scrip and BP gift cards, and box tops. Next goal? Saving for an outdoor classroom/auditorium.

## Child care available at school

Erin School offers childcare for its students. All programs carry an hourly fee, so please contact the front office for more information. Options include:

- Early-Morning Care – parents may drop students off in the multi-purpose room as early as 6:30 a.m.
- 4K Extended Day – parents may extend their 4K child's day beyond the regular classroom time
- After-School Care – parents may pick up students as late as 6 p.m.

## Summer office hours

School summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## 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.

## Job hunting?

Are you 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.

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 pro-

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gram. Once an educator holds a current Three-Year Short-Term Substitute license, they may short-term substitute at any Wisconsin school district that wishes to hire them. Erin School wants to add you 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 schedule a 30-minute meeting to learn about Erin School, the requirements of the job, the training program, and how to apply for the license.

## Kriewaldt retires from Erin School

Erin School District Administrator Dr. Kieth Kriewaldt is retiring on June 30, 2022, after serving as an educator for 32 years.

Dr. Kriewaldt was hired by the Erin School District in May 2007. Before coming to Erin, Dr. Kriewaldt was a principal and Director of Elementary Education in the



Kewaskum School District for 12 years. Prior to administrative work, Dr. Kriewaldt was an elementary teacher in the Plymouth School District. Dr. Kriewaldt became an educator after spending a short time farming and serving in the U.S. Army, bringing skills he learned from both experiences to his successful career as an educational leader.

Taking time to listen to staff, parents and community members, greeting children at eye level (which is no small task for this very tall man), sharing his common-sense fiscal approach and rolling up his sleeves to help with any project are just some of the attributes that make Dr. K a special leader.

During Dr. Kriewaldt's 15 years in Erin, he solidified two cohorts at each grade level, providing resident students with more choices and increasing open-enrollment opportunities. This made Erin a destination school where open-enrollment waiting lists are common. Erin School earned the Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition and continues to rank in the highest academic achievement categories. Dr. Kriewaldt would modestly credit this achievement to hard-working teachers and supportive families.

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# SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

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Dr. Kriewaldt also led many improvements to Erin School facilities. He partnered with the PTC to install a beautiful new playground, gaga ball pits and more. He remodeled classrooms, began a daycare program in the district, led an energy-efficiency project to include a new HVAC system, updated the hallway flooring, helped create a new school logo and much more.

During the pandemic, Dr. Kriewaldt served as a voice of common sense and reason, working with many local officials and consistently communicating to staff and families. Erin School is proud of its responsiveness to student needs and learning during those challenging times and credit it all to Dr. K's calm, consistent and focused approach.

Dr. Kriewaldt is known for his funny metaphors, his personal values and for modeling the highest standards of ethical leadership for all.

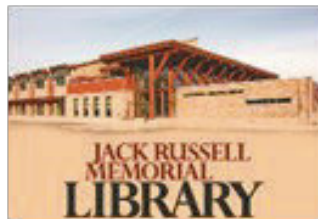
Dr. Kriewaldt epitomizes these words from Mr. Rogers: *If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.*

The Erin School staff thanks Dr. K for giving so much of himself to the district's children and families and wish him a happy, healthy and long retirement.

## Jack Russell Memorial Library

The Jack Russell Memorial Library (JRML) at 100 Park Avenue in downtown Hartford invites all Erin residents to visit the library to check out the variety of materials and programs that are available to patrons of all ages. Library cards are issued free of charge to Erin residents by providing a photo ID and current address. Children ages 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade may obtain a card with parental approval.

"An Ocean of Possibilities" is the theme for the 2022 Summer Library Program. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Hartford Library and a special grant from Save the Children through the Hartford Rotary Club, the program encourages youth to read through the summer in order to keep up the skills they learned during the



school year and become lifelong library users.

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins Monday, June 6, and continues throughout the summer.

Each age category has a specific goal that children and teens are working to accomplish. The program ends with a special celebratory party on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Information on sign-up and tracking minutes can be found at <https://bit.ly/3LZDqYT>.

JRML invites adults to "Sail the Seas" as we set out on an adventure across the open water! With their map in hand, adults will sail to different ports and have an adventure by completing the activities listed. When all three (3) activities at each port are done, you've earned a chance to win "treasure" in the form of a gift card to a local business. Visit all ports and earn seven bonus entries. A copy of the brochure is available at <https://bit.ly/3M3pFTC> or

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**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2022**  
 JOIN THE READING CHALLENGE ON BEANSTACK!  
 Your reading time counts! Challenge yourself to read 1200 minutes by August 6 and turn your downtime into prizes. Track your reading and activities at [hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org](http://hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org) to earn badges, rewards, and grand prize tickets.  
**EVERY VISIT COUNTS**  
 Pick up a daily scratch off ticket at the Youth Desk, plus get extra tickets at teen events and when you check out books, games, and more. You could be an instant winner! All tickets will be entered in a grand prize drawing for \$50 Amazon gift card.  
**SUMMER TEEN EVENTS**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
 Summer Library Program starts & registration begins  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Macramé Keychains  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 28 - 4 PM**  
 Brush & Slush with Audrey :)  
 registration required  
**TUESDAY, JULY 5 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: DIY Water Fight!  
**TUESDAY, JULY 12 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Marbled Mini Ring Dishes  
**TUESDAY, JULY 19 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Yarn Meetup  
**TUESDAY, JULY 26 - 4 PM**  
 Brush & Slush with Audrey :)  
 registration required  
**THURSDAYS - 2:30 PM**  
 Weekly Gaming Day  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
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**SAIL THE SEAS!**  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS**  
**JUNE 6TH - AUGUST 6TH, 2022**  
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**Free Outdoor Concert Series open to the public**  
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 TAE & The Neighbors July 12  
 The Kevin Prater Band August 23  
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hard copies can be picked up at the library.

With funding from Friends of the Hartford Library, the Jack Russell Memorial is trying something different this summer with an outdoor concert series called Music on the Mill. The first concert takes place Tuesday, June 21st overlooking the beautiful Rubicon River. This free, live concert is open to the public! The June concert features Wisconsin-based musician Billy Bransted.

Please like our Facebook Page, Jack Russell Memorial Library, for program announcements and other information about the library. To

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**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2022**

**THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING EVERY DAY!**  
Head to the Library this summer for programs, activities, and crafts for kids ages 5 and up! There's something happening every day, all summer long. What will you discover?

**WEEKLY FUN**  
Come to the Library each week for new scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, ocean adventures, and more!

**MONDAYS @ 9 AM**  
New weekly Creation Zone project  
Bring your creativity to the Creation Zone maker table!

**MONDAYS @ 10 AM**  
Seas the Day activity kits to go  
Available in the Library vestibule, while supplies last

**SPLASH INTO SUMMER STEAM**  
Dive into science, engineering, coding, and more with the HHS Robotics Team!

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7 @ 2 PM**  
LEGO Club: Wind Cars!

**JUNE 20 - JUNE 24 @ 1 PM**  
Engineering Bootcamp for Kids  
\*advance registration required

**TUESDAY, JULY 5 @ 2 PM**  
LEGO Club: Bridges!

**JULY 11 - JULY 15 @ 1 PM**  
Coding Mini Camp  
\*advance registration required, ages 10 and up

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 @ 2 PM**  
LEGO Club: Ziplines!

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**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2022**

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 6 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
This summer, we're challenging kids ages 5 to 11 to read 800 minutes! Log your reading and track your activities at hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org to earn badges, tickets, and prizes! Paper logs are also available at the Children's Desk.

**BIG EVENTS FOR KIDS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6 @ 4 PM**  
SLP Kick-off Party: Hula Hoop Elation

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 @ 1 PM**  
Pirates and Mermaids Party

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 @ 1 PM**  
Balloon Twisting Workshop with Mischief & Magic

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 @ 1 PM**  
Draw Cartoons with Paul Merklein  
Oceans of Possibilities

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 @ 1 PM**  
Pint Size Polkas  
Music and Magic from Sea to Shining Sea

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 @ 1 PM**  
Survival Island Party

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 @ 4 PM**  
Duke Otherwise  
Hilarious Children's Musician

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 @ 1 PM**  
Shark Attack! Party

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 10 AM**  
Finale Party!!

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Schauer Arts Center



### Schauer Courtyard Music and Market

The Courtyard is back and better than ever, moving to every Thursday night (except July 21). The Schauer Arts Center and Hartford Chamber of Commerce are partnering to bring you the Schauer Courtyard Music and Market. Bring a chair and a friend to enjoy shopping at the farm/artisan market with music, food, and refreshments in one place. Family-friendly with free art activities on June 30 and July 28. No tickets are required, a \$5.00 donation is suggested for the live entertainment.

Thursdays, June, July, and August

Market Open 4:30–7:30 PM

Courtyard and Bar Open 5:30–9:30 PM

Live Music 6:00–9:00 PM

No Tickets Are Required, Suggested \$5 Donation for Courtyard Music

June 9—Copper Box *Zydeco Blues Rock*

June 16—Raising Red *Americana, Rock & Blues*

June 23—Vinyl Road *Rock*

June 30—Lighthouse Big Band *Big Band Jazz*

Schauer Arts Center Rocks free art activity

July 7—Dolcé Duo & Co. *Acoustic Guitar Duo*

July 14—The Acoustix *Rock with Guitar, Congas & Vocals*

July 28—Qubic Metre *Rock*

Find Your Wings free art activity

August 4—The Claudettes *Cabaret Blues & Soul*

August 11—Scotch & Soda *Rock & Folk*

August 18—Rick 'n Dave *Pop, Standards & Folk*

August 25—Tangled Lines *Alternative Rock & Americana*

Visit [SchauerCenter.org](http://SchauerCenter.org) for full details. Event sponsored by Allstate Insurance—Penny Zagel, Forte Bank, Greywolf/Rincón 225, Landmark Credit Union, The Lutz Family Foundation, Schnorenberg's Floor Covering Inc., Scoop Deville, Thrivent—Ramiro Paz, Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home, Broan NuTone, Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, Faith & Giggles Gift Shop, GFWC Hartford Women's Club, Mantz Automation, Inc., Perc Place, State Farm—Alan Jordan, Vickney & Associates, Wisconsin Auto Museum and Kwik Trip.

### Hot Summer Shows Added

The Schauer Arts Center announces three exciting shows for Summer—Kids From Wisconsin, Missoula Children's Theatre *Hansel and Gretel*, and Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder.

Kids From Wisconsin *The BIG BANG BOOM Tour*

Monday, July 25 | 7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$20 | Child \$10  
Through the decades, eclectic fads, explosive dance crazes, artists and bands have burst forth onto the music scene and into our psyche. The Kids From Wisconsin's **BIG BANG BOOM** Tour will bring these sensations, and much more, to life in our high-powered two-hour Vegas style production. Join our state's most talented singers, dancers, and instrumentalists in celebrating the World's most dynamic and impactful music styles and cultures. The Kids From Wisconsin is presented with support from the Neil E. Park Family Foundation Family Series.

### Missoula Children's Theatre *Hansel and Gretel*

Friday, August 12 | 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, August 13 | 2:00 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$13 | Child \$8 | Lap \$4

Extra! Extra! Big news from the Wildwood! The mystery is solved! Hansel and Gretel return safely from their perilous adventure deep in the woods and bring with them the age-old secret of the Wildwood Witch! Don't miss a moment as the truth is revealed. It's amazing. It's shocking. And it's very, very funny! *Hansel and Gretel* will be presented by local youth. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Hartford is presented locally with support from the Neil E. Park Family Foundation Family Series. For audition information, visit [SchauerCenter.org](http://SchauerCenter.org).

### Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder

Sunday, August 28 | 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$60  
In conjunction with the Schauer Center "Sip in Summer" fundraising event. Fifteen-time GRAMMY® Award-winner Ricky Skaggs' career is easily among the most significant in recent country music history. Ricky Skaggs is always forging ahead with cross-cultural, genre-bending musical ideas and inspirations. Performance is backed by his all-star Kentucky Thunder band. A ticket to either performance also gives access to the Sip in Summer fundraising event, 3:30–7:30 pm, between shows. Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder is presented with support from Prairie House LLC.

### Schauer School of the Arts

The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now accepting registration for the summer session June 13–July 29. Adult classes include Wine & Art and Happy Dance Hour. Youth classes include visual arts, theater, music, and dance. Visit [SchauerCenter.org](http://SchauerCenter.org) to download the full brochure of summer class offerings.

To purchase tickets or register for classes, stop by the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 5:00 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](http://SchauerCenter.org).



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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**OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES**  
**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2022**  
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**EVERY VISIT COUNTS**  
 Pick up a daily scratch off ticket at the Youth Desk, plus get extra tickets at teen events and when you check out books, games, and more. You could be an instant winner! All tickets will be entered in a grand prize drawing for \$50 Amazon gift card.

**SUMMER TEEN EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
 Summer Library Program starts & registration begins

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Macramé Keychains

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28 - 4 PM**  
 Brush & Slush with Audrey :)  
 registration required

**TUESDAY, JULY 5 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: DIY Water Fight!

**TUESDAY, JULY 12 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Marbled Mini Ring Dishes

**TUESDAY, JULY 19 - 4 PM**  
 Teen Tuesdays: Yarn Meetup

**TUESDAY, JULY 26 - 4 PM**  
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 registration required

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 Weekly Gaming Day

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
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**HOOP IN HARTFORD**  
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## Erin Hills

by John Morrissett



### 2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur at Erin Hills

We're excited to host this special championship that is reserved for amateurs aged 25 and older with a handicap of 3.4 or less.

Key dates:

- September 8-9 Practice Rounds
- September 10-11 Stroke Play
- September 12-15 Match Play, with a 36-hole final on the 15<sup>th</sup>

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

This year marked the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were thankful for warmer weather and a great crowd to enjoy the fun parade tradition. I hope you were able to enjoy the parade! We had 25 float entries this year, which is about average for a weekday parade.



Enthusiasm and creativity with the entries, however, were 10 out of 10!

As a parade committee, it is extremely important that we do everything we can to leave the roadway cleaner than it



was prior to the parade. We place numerous garbage cans the day before the parade as well as hand out garbage bags to each group along the route. Despite our best efforts, there is a fair amount of trash left behind. De-

pending on the weather, our volunteers try to get out to clean the roadway the very next day to make sure we are keeping the town of Erin clean and looking its best. Of the dozen garbage bags of trash we pick up each year, 75% of the garbage is not parade related. We find that most of the trash are items that have been hiding under the snow all winter, including car parts, trash thrown out of car windows such as cans and cups, and items that blew off of trucks and trailers.

We would be happy to get your opinion and suggestions for future Erin St. Patrick's Day Parades. In the past, we haven't had an open line of communication between the committee and the homeowners in the town of Erin. Please take this opportunity to provide your comments or suggestions. I would love to hear from you. Please email me at

[wilcox.dere@gmail.com](mailto:wilcox.dere@gmail.com).

Many thanks to these folks who helped make the parade possible:

- Washington County Sheriff's Department and the deputies who helped coordinate the crowd and traffic
- Derek Wilcox — Parade Committee Chairperson
- Jeff Millikin — Town Liaison
- Randy Wilcox — Parade Administrator
- Randy Wilcox, Barb Wilcox, Julie Roberts, Kaine Pfeiffer, Nick Tarasoff
- Volunteers who helped with police coordination, entry alignment, general road supervision, traffic control and parking
- Russ Sparr, Shannon Harris, Barb Wilcox — clean-up of the roadways
- Ute Tarasoff, Jennifer Doughman, Mary Horst — Parade Float Judges
- Erin Inn Irish Pub and The BBQ Company — generous financial sponsors who made donations to ensure the parade happens without taxpayer expense
- GFL Environmental — use of their donated dumpster

This year's King and Queen: Dustin Wilcox and Katlyn Tetzlaff



Parade prize winners:

### Best Animal Entry

1st Place: Lucky Mutts Rescue, Patrice Thorin

2nd Place: Dublin Our Vision, Mary Legg

### Best Antique Entry

1st Place: Gaffney Family War Club Shille-

lagh, Bart and Sharon Gaffney  
2nd Place: Sloppy Joe's Saloon and Spoon, Frank Wiedmeyer

### Best Judge's Choice Entry

1st Place: Radio Recall, Glen Soehrmann

2nd Place: Erin Adventure Club, Paul O'Hearn



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

The 42nd St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2022 turned out to be a beautiful day, although crowds were a little smaller than usual. We thank the Erin Parade Committee for all their hard work, most especially Derek Wilcox. We are always grateful to our St. Patrick, Jim Purtell, and his faithful driver, Chuck Smither, for always leading the parade.

Our Annual Report Filing with the Department of Financial Institutions was done on May 25, 2022.

Board of Directors remain the same and Officers are as follows:

Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel – President  
 Robert Schwengel – Vice President  
 Joyce Weber – Secretary  
 Co-Treasurers – Mary Hasslinger and Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

The St. Patrick's Rectory is home to a new family. Thank you Father Britto and a big thank you to Advance Lawn



Service Company for their care of St. Patrick's and the new landscaping behind Old St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Our annual membership drive begins July 1, 2022. Memberships are reasonably priced at \$5/single and \$10/family. If interested, please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel at 262-670-0975 or [Maureen-FVH@aol.com](mailto:Maureen-FVH@aol.com) or you can forward membership dues to St. Patrick Preservation Fund, Inc., 2063 Saint Patrick's Circle, Erin, WI 53027-9776. Remember all donations to the St. Patrick Preservation Fund are tax deductible.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Mary of the Hill Parish

1515 Carmel Rd. Hubertus,  
by Vicki Dubnika



### A Growing Faith Community

St. Mary of the Hill Parish, nestled at the base of Holy Hill, is a growing faith community. Here people of all ages and in all stages of their faith journey will find opportunities for spiritual growth. Read a book from the parish library in the summer sun on your own, sing joyfully with the church choir, or pray at Mass with a welcoming community. There's something sacred for everyone.

#### DEDICATED WORSHIP SPACE

A new dedicated worship space is in the planning phase after a successful Love One Another Capitol Campaign. Plans for the new dedicated worship space at St. Mary of the Hill have been presented to parishioners and are now being considered. The space will provide more square footage for the expanding community as well as a remodeled kitchen.

#### JOIN THE CHOIR

With all this excitement, how can we keep from singing? Voices are needed to sing at Mass. Interested in joining the St. Mary of the Hill choir? Email Richard at [music@stmaryhh.org](mailto:music@stmaryhh.org) or call (262) 628-3606 x8.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MASS

Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m. come pray before the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. Mass follows at 6 p.m. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month between May and October we welcome all to a Healing Mass at 6 p.m. Weekend Mass times are Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

#### FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

The 5 First Saturdays were introduced to Sister Lucia, the last surviving visionary of Fatima, nearly a century ago. On May 1, Fr. Jude began the devotion of the 5 First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by celebrating Mass at 9 a.m., followed by an Adoration, the Rosary and availability for confession. You are invited to join the 5 First Saturdays prayer.

#### READ AND BE REWARDED

Reading is always rewarding. This summer's St. Mary of the Hill Summer Reading Program includes three reading baskets that will be awarded in child, youth, and

adult categories. Register to win. Baskets will be awarded August 15. You don't even need to get out of your car; read a book from the free book nook located outside near the car port.

#### CAMP LUMINOUS – grades 1-6

Children in grades 1 through 6 are invited to Camp Luminous. This takes place June 20-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$45 per child, with discounts for multiple children per family. Register by clicking the scrolling banner at [www.stmaryhh.org](http://www.stmaryhh.org) or call Melinda at (262) 628-3606 x4.

#### YOUTH GROUP – Volleyball

Set. Pass. Spike! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet at the Parish Center for prayer at 5:30 p.m. on June 25, followed by volleyball at Pioneer Bowl. Activities conclude at 7:30 p.m. On July 23 please join us for a lake outing. Contact Youth Minister Grace Marie at [ym@stmaryhh.org](mailto:ym@stmaryhh.org) or (262) 628-3606 x4 for further details and future events.

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUE AND FLEA MARKET

It's nearly time! Stroll outdoors and shop at the Antique and Flea Market. This 33<sup>rd</sup> annual event will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

- Do you have items to sell? Spaces (10 x 30) can be reserved by calling Tony at (262) 665-9209.
- Donations of gently used or new name brand/designer women's clothing are being accepted for the St. Mary of the Hill Boutique. These items, which include clothing, shoes, and accessories, need to be at the parish center by July 12. Please call Marisa at (262) 391-8626 if you have any questions.
- Handmade crocheted or knitted items such as baby items, hats, ear band warmers, fingerless gloves and cotton dish cloths will be sold at the flea market too. Donate these or other homemade gifts for the sale by contacting Carla at (262) 628-3606 x6.

#### COMING IN SEPTEMBER

In September, look forward to several popular activities starting up again. These include book clubs, Sunday Scripture Readings Group, and Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Erin

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[www.stpaulserin.org](http://www.stpaulserin.org)  
 262-628-2319      Worship Service—9:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

*Women's Guild Brat Fry at Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly, Hubertus*

*Saturday, July 16 and Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*Stop by for a tasty brat or burger when you shop*

*Calling all Kids 5 to 14 years old. Join us for St. Paul's VBS Camp!*

*Saturday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Watch our Facebook page and website for registration info.*

*Brat Fry and Fun at Monches Ball Park*

*Saturday, August 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

*Food, beer and soda, bag tournament and music by Tom & Brian*

Mission Maniacs invite you to join their Sunday School class this Fall! We meet every other Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 starting in September and have fun doing mission work and learning about God's love.

(Check our website for other events & updates.)

## Notice to Town of Erin Veterans

If you or anyone you know want a name enrolled on the Erin Veterans' Memorial Monument, please contact one of the committee members: Patrick Hansen, 262-966-0837; Jeffrey Millikin, 262-673-3682; Franklin Tennies, 262-673-2723; or Michael Eggleston, 414-651-0875.

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



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Scheduled Meetings:  
Town Board-7 p.m. third Monday each month  
Plan Commission -7 p.m. first Monday each month  
Meetings held unless holidays or other  
conflicts arise  
For complete listing, see the website

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