



Newsletter

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NEWS AND REPORTS

Broadband coming to Erin by Maripat Blankenheim, Town Supervisor

The Erin Town Board approved an agreement with Spectrum Mid-America, managed by Charter Communications, to build out a broadband infrastructure, which will result in the company offering retail wireline broadband data services to town residents.

The project is funded by Charter Communications with the town of Erin contributing \$300,000 in funds the town received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Although Charter had the option of applying for project funds through the state of Wisconsin, the company decided to fund the bulk of the project privately.

Under the terms of the agreement, construction will be authorized by the end of the year and completed by December 2023. When the construction plan is available, the town of Erin will provide the schedule and updates on its website.

The project’s scope of work includes installation of a fiber-to-the-home wireline broadband network capable of providing up to 1000 megabits per second download and upload speed of 500 megabits, meaning up to 1000/500 Mbps. After completing the broadband project, Charter Communications shall offer retail wireline broadband data services over the resulting network to an estimated 1,700 business and residential addresses. Locations not covered under this specific project are likely covered under a previous Charter project under the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund.

A special thanks to Erin residents who provided information regarding their internet speed and experiences, which was crucial to bringing this project to fruition.

Clerk’s Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

2022 Elections

Feb. 15 primary	Aug. 9 primary
April 5 general	Nov. 8 general

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Recycling reminders

The towns of Erin and Hartford joint recycling center, 3360 Hwy K, is open Thursdays 2 - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon. It accepts:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass
- Plastics
- Tin cans
- Brass
- Bronze
- Carbide
- Cast iron
- Copper
- Insulated wire
- Lead
- Nickel
- Sheet metal
- Silver
- Stainless steel
- Tin
- Zinc
- Egg cartons
- Stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher
- Radiators
- Vehicle batteries (keep separate)
- Barrels or drums cut in half
- Newspaper (please put in paper bags)
- Corrugated cardboard, boxes (no wax coated materials). Flatten all boxes.
- Magazines, phone books, books, shiny paper, bound books, notebooks

How to prepare recyclables:

- Rinse all containers
- Flatten all containers and cardboard boxes
- Remove labels, if possible
- Remove caps and lids from containers
- Keep the following separate:
 - Clean cardboard
 - Aluminum cans
 - Milk jugs without caps
 - Tin cans
 - Phone books and books with glued spine
 - Copper wire
 - Christmas lights
- There is a bin for all metal products listed above
- Newspaper needs to be in paper bags; keep glossy paper, phone books and cardboard separate
- Sort glass by color (clear, brown, green etc.)

A&W Iron & Metal, 7588 Otten Lane, West Bend, takes:

- TVs - 50 cents per pound
- Computer monitors - \$20 each
- The computer CPU, keyboard, mouse is free to drop

off.

City of Hartford takes waste oil only from Erin residents. The Recycling Center at 710 W. Sumner St. is open Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon.

For items not accepted at the local recycling center, check with your waste hauler. Most companies will take other items, possibly for a fee.

Winter is coming; help keep everyone safe

Be cautious approaching plow trucks. Do not try to pass them (it is illegal on a single-lane road) and please wait for the plows. It is for your safety and for the safety of the plow drivers. If the plow driver approaches an intersection and stops, the plow driver may be backing up to take another swipe of snow in the road. Have a safe winter.

Chairman's Update by Dennis Kenealy

There are a great many things keeping Erin town employees busy these days.

The town hall staff reports there is no longer a 'down time' in the office. Everything from new home and remodeling projects to zoning challenges of all types are keeping the zoning department busy. Road projects, tree removal and general maintenance never seem to stop for the public works department. Keeping the town park and property in tip-top shape while working with volunteers on a new town sign on Hwy. 83 is a full-time job for the park crew. Our treasurer makes sure the bills are paid on time and that our money is working harder for us than we are for it. And our clerk keeps it all humming without missing a beat.

With all that, it seems like a good time to give our staff a well-deserved shout-out. When you see these folks out and about, please thank them for their hard work and continued commitment to the town of Erin.

- Julie Kriewaldt - clerk
- Jenny Conley - zoning clerk and deputy clerk
- Dave Lofy - public works foreman
- Nick Savatski - public works crew

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REPORTS

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- Marjorie Bruha – treasurer
- Todd Kozlencr – park manager
- Brad Bautz – emergency management director

Emergency Management by Bradley Bautz, Director

I am updating our Alcohol Ordinance, which deals with Liquor Licensing, and the operations at the taverns. I am also in the process of updating our Animal Ordinance, which deals with pet licensing and loose animals.



Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3-9, 2021. There are many tips available on the internet at: www.NFPA.org/FPW. Call your specific fire department-Ashippun, Hartford or Richfield if you have safety questions. Also, if you are out cleaning up

the yard, please make sure that your driveway has enough clearance for an ambulance or fire truck to get to your house. Low-hanging branches can damage their equipment.

If your address sign is damaged or needs replacement, contact the town. Replacements are free. This is to ensure that they stay up and help emergency responders for years to come.

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 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

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REPORTS

Roads Department by Road Commissioner and Town Supervisor Dan Coffey

Erin roads continue to deteriorate

Just how bad are the town roads?

The Town of Erin uses the Paser system to rate all town roads every other year. The Paser system uses a 1-10 rating scale to assess road pavement conditions with 10 being excellent conditions and 1 being failed conditions.

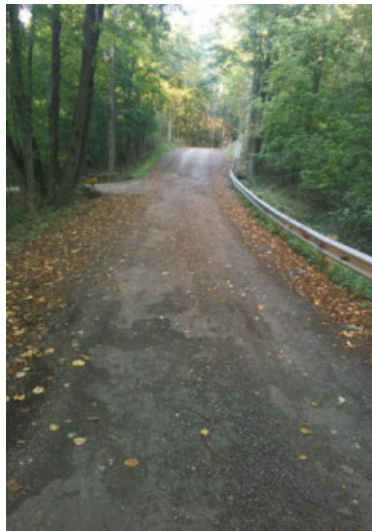
The 2021 ratings of the 56.6 miles of town roads show roughly 38 percent are rated 5 or less. Worse yet, nearly 29 percent – almost 17 miles – of our roads are rated 1, 2 or 3. This is almost one-third of the town roads. These ratings will come as no surprise to the people who live on those roads.

The majority of the remainder of town roads are a level 5 and above. From the definition of a level 5, the quality of the road is still not that good, but road life could be extended with the chip seal process. The definition of a Paser level 5 road: Slight raveling and secondary cracks. First signs of longitudinal cracks near pavement edge. Block cracking up to 50% of surface. Extensive to severe flushing or polishing.

Only 23 percent of our roads are in very good condition, rated 8, 9 or 10.

So, where do we go from here? Unfortunately, if we continue to rebuild roads at the current rate, it could take 15 years to

According to 2021 Paser ratings, the town roads in Erin fall into these rating categories.		
PASER RATING	PERCENTAGE OF TOWN ROADS	MILES
1	0.31%	0.18
2	12.22%	7.02
3	16.38%	9.58
4	0.17%	0.1
5	8.96%	5.07
6	20.7%	12.01
7	17.55%	10.18
8	8.84%	5.13
9	12.05%	6.91
10	2.1%	1.22



St. Patricks, Rating: 1



St. Augustine, Rating: 2

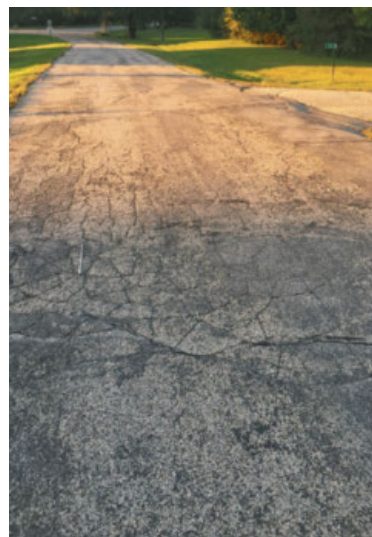
just catch up. And this doesn't consider that other roads will continue to deteriorate as well.

Projects

Our major road rebuild and shouldering project for the year, Emerald Drive, is completed. The project covered 1.22 miles at a cost of \$235,000, which is less than was anticipated for the project. For reference, a mile of road generally costs roughly \$250,000 per mile to rebuild.



Emerald Drive, Rating: 3



Shamrock Ct, Rating: 4



Garvey Road, Rating: 5

Washington County is crack filling about nine miles of town roads, a process that includes cleaning the cracks in the asphalt and filling them with hot tar. This keeps the moisture from getting under the road asphalt layer and helps limit front damage. The warmer winters we continue to experience are causing significantly more damage due to

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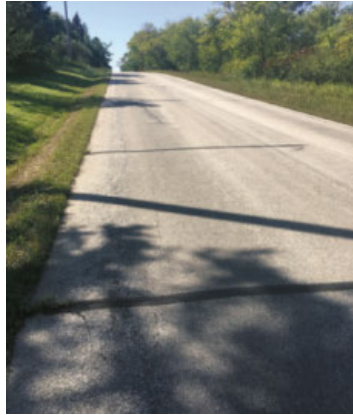


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Galway Road, Rating: 6



Druid Lake Rd, Rating: 7



Taylor Road, Rating: 9

many more frost cycles.

In addition to the normal day-to-day road maintenance, our public works crew is mowing shoulder grass. With winter right around the corner, our trucks and snow equipment are being prepped for the season's storms.

We plan to rebuild St. Augustine Road next year, from Hogsback Road south to Elmwood Road. Depending on budget, we're also hoping to rebuild Belfast Lane, Belfast East and Belfast West.

Ash trees

Emerald Ash Borer disease is decimating ash trees nationwide. Erin is no different. Despite removing dead ash trees from town roads annually, we struggle to keep up with the pace of dying trees. To date, we've removed thousands of dead ash trees from town road rights-of-way with more dying each year. Dead ash tree bids will go out soon.

New snow plow truck

We are in the process of buying a snow plow truck to replace our 2001 truck. We've had great service from our 20-year-old truck thanks to excellent maintenance, but rust continues to take its toll. The buying process will likely take about one year before the new truck is ready for use.

New parking lot

The Public Works crew worked with the Department of Natural Resources to establish a parking lot on Donegal Road for people using the hiking trails. The new lot provides hikers with a safe place to park rather than along Donegal Road.

Salt shed

Our new salt shed is serving the town well by simplifying winter salt storage. We typically use between 600 and 800 tons of salt on town roads annually or more than 10 tons per mile. Even though the past several winters have been warmer, more freeze/thaw cycles require more salt use.

Erin Park

by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Park Manager Todd Kozlencer and summer help, Caden Disterhaft, spent August completing our park maintenance projects: burying drain pipe from the gutters on the new salt shed, sealing all the picnic tables, taking down 3 more ash trees (with 5 more to go next year), painting the benches in front of the Town Hall a matching "Town Hall Green" and starting the repainting of the clovers on the large disc golf rocks for each hole. When completed, the rocks will show hole distances and tree and pin placements. Our new Erin Disc Golf sign by the first hole will be installed in October. In addition, thanks to our town supervisor liaison, Seth Dornfield, we have a newly refurbished "Welcome to Erin Township" sign as you drive into our park.



The annual Leah Finney Tournament is Oct. 10. We are grateful to Father Britto, Pastor of St. Kilian's in Hartford and St. John's of Rubicon (who also oversees St. Patrick's), for allowing the St. Patrick's parking lots to be used during the tournament to keep folks safe and off of busy Highway 83.

We have also started the process of replacing the large, lit Erin Park/Town Hall/Community Center sign, which is rotting. A brainstorming meeting took place in early September, and the base will hopefully be poured before winter. If things go as planned, the new weather-resistant sign should be completed next year.



SCHOOL NEWS



Spotlight at Erin School: Meet Our New Teachers

5th grade: Mrs. Erin Voss is our new 5th grade teacher. Prior to joining us, Erin was on a one-year long-term in Slinger and was teaching 5th grade in West Allis. Erin and her husband

have a 2-year-old goldendoodle named Piper. In her free time, she reads books, especially mysteries, and spends time with friends and family outdoors. Fall is her favorite time of year; not only because it is the start of school and she gets to meet her new students, but she also loves the cooler weather.



Special Education/RTI - Miss Colleen Roden is serving as the middle school special education teacher during an extended leave, after which she will specifically focus on K-2 special education and learning support. She is a recent graduate of Edgewood College with a dual license in elementary and mid-

dle school general and special education, and also has certifications in teaching English/ESL. She loves teaching all ages and grade levels, and has been lucky to have a variety of experiences teaching children and adults with vastly different backgrounds and abilities. Miss Roden has two pomeranians, with whom she spends much of her free time. She also enjoys watching movies and spending time with her family.

Little things make the ERIN difference

Erin School Daycare

Four years ago, we had several families and teachers within our community in need of daycare. To meet this need, while giving our teachers and families peace of mind, we established the Erin Daycare. While this is a paid service, it has added a rich element to our school. Whenever openings occur, community members are notified. We are also proud to offer a 4K childcare program for a small fee to complement our 4K educational program.

THANK YOU, ERIN PTC

In addition to two GAGA ball pits added to the back playground, our middle school students now have their own Ninja Course. This includes a new Tarantula Climber, a rope climb, a balance beam, parallel bars and a Cargo Climb Over and more for some exciting new playground entertainment.



News and Announcements:

Erin School is proud to report that 90 percent of our students attended in-person learning during the 2020-21 school year. We continue to make this our goal for the 2021-22 school year. While our staff worked hard to provide options, our data confirmed the majority of students engaged best in face-to-face learning.

Upcoming Events:

ERIN SCHOOL 5K or 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK at Erin Hills Saturday, Oct. 23

Erin Hills generously allows us to host this annual event on its beautiful grounds. Registration information is at: www.erinschool.org



Our 8th grade class presents the Musical *Lights! Camera! Christmas!* at the Schauer Center on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Matinee performance at 1 p.m.

Evening performance at 6:30 p.m.

Community members are welcome to join us for this delightful holiday performance. We typically have space available at both shows, however, more seating options may be available at the matinee performance. Tickets will be available by Nov. 15 online at www.schauercenter.org.

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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

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Community Service Shout Out

Thank you to our school board members for their dedication and leadership throughout this challenging pandemic. We appreciate the many additional meetings and thoughtful dialogue to ensure all students were safe and successful.

SNOW PLOWING BIDS WANTED

Erin School is requesting sealed bids for snow plowing for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 winter seasons.

Bid forms are available at the District Office.

Bids must be received by 3 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 1, 2021

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262-673-2659 - Fax

Erin's Little Library

☘ The Erin Town Hall is home to the area's newest Little Library.

☘ Thanks to the generosity of longtime Erin residents Bob and Jane Rufener, the Little Library will inspire readers – young and old – by expanding book access for everyone and a book for every reader.

☘ The philosophy of the Little Library is to share books freely by leaving them in the small wooden container while taking a book to read for yourself. It's on the honor system, so returning the books once you've read them is a way for others to enjoy the book as well.

☘ Our Little Library, handmade by Bob Rufener, is located outside the town hall.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Thompson Irish Settlers

Learn more about 4-H

Thompson Irish Settlers is a 4-H club that meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Erin School. 4-H is an informal, practical, learning-by-doing educational program for youth. The purpose of 4-H is to help youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive members of society.

The 4 H's stand for Head, Heart, Health, Hands. The members recite their pledge before every meeting along with the Pledge of Allegiance. They learn how to run a meeting, make motions, and learn specific skills if nominated as an officer of the club. They also have outings throughout the year such as bowling, winter tubing, and a club bonfire in the fall.

Young people who are active in Thompson Irish Settlers give back to their community by sponsoring Druid Lake Road and performing a spring and fall road clean up. They sing Christmas carols at local nursing homes and host an Easter egg hunt at Erin Town Hall.

They may also participate in projects such as Animal Science, Art, Ceramics, Clowning, Dairy, Horse, Knitting, Leathercraft, Quilting, Shooting Sports and much more. Volunteer leaders teach about their selected projects and help them make items they can enter at the Washington County Fair.

If you are interested in learning more about 4-H or the Thompson Irish Settlers, please email the club at: thompsonirishsettlers4h@gmail.com.



Cluck, Bawk-Bawk

Did you know the Town of Erin now allows chickens on parcels five acres or less? For more information, check out the Livestock Guide at erintownship.com. Open Erin Township Forms > Planning & Zoning. If you have additional questions, email the zoning office at: zoning@erintownship.com

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Planning & Zoning

To see the Codified Zoning Code see Erin Code.

[Erin Zoning Map \(Updated 06/2021\)](#)

[Zoning Compliance Form](#) 122 kB

[Fence Requirements](#) 108 kB

[Accessory Structure Checklist v20210830](#) 93 kB

[Erin Zoning Map](#) 8 MB

[Home Construction Checklist v20210817](#) 76 kB

[Livestock Guide](#) 86 kB



COMMUNITY NEWS

Schauer Arts Center

Schauer Center Kicks off New Season & Classes

The Schauer Arts Center is excited to present its 2021-22 Performing Arts Series, featuring the theme of "The Beat Goes On." Performances will include Charlie Berens, Lorrie Morgan, Rockapella, Riders in the Sky and more.



Upcoming Fall performances include:

- **Michael Perry and the Long Beds** Eclectic Mix of Country Rock, on Saturday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dallas String Quartet** DSQ Electric, on Saturday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Royal Wood** Canadian Singer and Songwriter, on Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Johnny Peers & The Muttville Comix** Slapstick Comedy Dog Show, on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Top of the World** A Carpenters Tribute, on Friday, October 8 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- **Give 'Em Hell Harry!** Tribute to Former U.S. President

Harry Truman on Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

- **Songs & Stories of Neil Diamond** Starring Jack Wright on Saturday, October 23 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- **The Claudettes** Soulful Rock & Roll Rooted in Blues, Jazz and R&B on Friday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Lorrie Morgan** Emotive Country Vocalist on Thursday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble** on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Christmas in Killarney** An Irish American Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 9 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- **Old Befana** An Italian Christmas Story on Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m.
- **I Got Yule Babe** Funniest Christmas Music Ever on Friday, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.
- **A Rocky Mountain Christmas** The Music of John Denver & Holiday Favorites on Saturday, December 18 at 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- **Seussical Jr.** Presented by Schauer Rising Star Productions on Friday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m.

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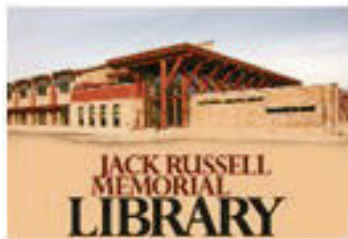
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- **Comicality 2022** The Hartford Players Benefit for the Schauer Arts Center on Friday, January 21 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, January 22 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Schauer Center Open House** A Showcase of All Things Schauer Arts on Saturday, January 29 & Sunday, January 30
- **Ryan McIntyre** Award-Winning Singer, Songwriter & Performer on Friday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m.

The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now accepting registration for its Fall session. Classes are offered for ages 2+ in Music, Theater, Visual Arts and Dance (Irish, Tap, Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz). Adult Wine & Art classes & Adult Happy Dance Hour classes are also offered.

To purchase tickets or register for classes, stop by the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 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.

Jack Russell Memorial Library



Jack Russell Memorial Library is open for in-person services and contactless pickup of materials. Please visit to browse for materials, pick up holds, use a small meeting room and for computer or internet access. Please call us at 262.673.8240.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For those who need to print or scan documents, please visit the reference desk on the second floor for assistance. JRML is able to scan and email documents at no charge. Photocopying and faxing services are available at the circulation desk during regular hours for a minimal fee.

Fall story times for children and their families has resumed in person four days per week now through the week of Dec. 6. For a list of themes, please visit hartfordlibrary.org/children.aspx. Sign-in is not required to attend storytime. Please call the youth services desk for parachute play availability as there is limited space – 262.673.8243.

Monday – alternating weeks Baby Lap Sit and Parachute Play
Tuesday – Preschool Storytime 1 p.m.

Wednesday – Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.
Thursday – Toddler Time 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 p.m. for an Elephant and Piggie Party in the Youth Department. Our favorite Mo Willems characters will be making an in-person visit. JRML will have activities and meet-and-greet with best friends, Gerald and Piggie.

JRML's popular kits for kids and teens will be available each month in addition to all of the in-person programs available. The first Wednesday of each month, craft kits for kids ages 2-11 will be available for pickup. On the first Thursday of each month, teens can stop in for their own kits. Please look for kits near the entrance of the library at 3:30 p.m. Kits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Crafts for Grownups continues twice per month on the first Monday at 6 p.m. and the second Wednesday at 10 a.m. Kits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. After kits are released, instructions can be found at: https://hartfordlibrary.org/crafts_for_grownups_kits.aspx

Kits for the rest of 2021 are:

Monday, Oct. 4 - Wood Block Lantern
Wednesday, Oct 20 - Pumpkin Terracotta Pot
Monday, Nov. 1 - Mini Gourd Turkeys
Wednesday, Nov. 17 - Glittered Acorn Art
Monday, Dec. 6 - Wine Cork Snowman
Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Snowmen, Snowmen, Snowmen

Movies for Grownups has returned. Please visit our website at hartfordlibrary.org for a complete list of titles, dates and times.

Looking to join a book discussion group? JRML's monthly group is back as of Sept. 13. The group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Community Room. For a complete list of titles, please visit: https://hartfordlibrary.org/adult_book_discussion_group.aspx

Good News Club by Mary Uecker

Good News Club, an after-school Bible club, will meet at Erin School again this year. The club meets on Wednesdays when school is in session from Oct. 20 through April 6, from 3:15 to 4:30 pm. Children in 4k through fifth grade are welcome. Please register at: <https://cefwi.org/gnc/> Enter Erin for club location. Once I receive your registration, I'll contact you with my email in case you have questions.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

On May 25, 2021, our beloved Joan (Griesmer) Coffey passed away peacefully at the age of 93 surrounded by her loving family at the family homestead (the former Edward Mountin farm) where she lived for almost 64 years.

Joan was a founding member of the St. Patrick Preservation Fund, Inc., dedicated to the preservation of historic St. Patrick's Church built in 1855 by Irish immigrants. Joan was treasurer from the time our 501(c)(3) was created in 2000 and was also a member of the Board of Directors for 21 years.

Joan was born Oct. 9, 1927, and married J. Edwin Coffey on May 28, 1949, at St. Patrick's Church. Joan and Ed cele-



brated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at St. Patrick's Church on May 28, 1999, just three weeks before St. Patrick's was merged with St. Kilian's and the parish ceased to exist. During her 42 years at St. Patrick's Parish, Joan held many positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Ladies Altar Society, Parish Council Member and Parish Council Secretary. She was also Parish Bookkeeper from 1987 until St. Patrick's Parish closed officially on June 30, 1999.

Joan had nine children, 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Joan helped run the family farm, snowmobile business and in later years, husband Ed's vehicle repair business. She also did secretarial work at local businesses. Joan was a talented seamstress as well

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as a highly sought-after cake baker for every occasion. Lucky you if you had a Joan Coffey wedding cake! No one could bake bread like Joan, who would bake loaves and loaves of bread every couple of weeks and then drive around delivering them to the fortunate recipients.

Joan also contributed her time and talents to this newsletter, working with her daughter, Pat Stapleton, to review and edit the town newsletter.

Joan's Catholic faith was deep and strong. She loved praying the Rosary daily and if you needed a miracle or help of any kind, Joan would make sure you were remembered during her daily prayers. One of my daughters would always remark that Joan was related to everyone in the Town of Erin, which made Joan laugh in delight. A dear friend remarked at her passing, "Joan Coffey was the kindest, sweetest person I have ever met", and recently one of Joan's daughters spoke beautifully of the Joan Coffey we all knew: "She was a miracle maker yet felt she could always do more, and she provided a wonderful example of how to live one's life". No truer words have ever been spoken. How we will miss this incredible woman.

Portions of the above were taken from the St. Patrick's 150th Anniversary Booklet written by Nancy (Collins) Henke and Mary (Henke) Hasslinger.

Erin Soccer by Ashley Lisocki,
Secretary

The fall soccer season is here and the kids couldn't be more excited. It is great to see everyone on the fields again. We had fabulous weather for our first round of games, which are scheduled through the end of October.

The Soccer Club is looking for referees. This opportunity is great to help the kids learn while making a little extra money. Please contact us for more information. Most games are Saturday mornings.

We are excited to announce that Erin's Annual Leah Fenney Tournament is back and scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10. It will be a day filled with fun, laughter, and community as we welcome more than 100 teams from the Kettle Moraine

Soccer League. If you are interested in volunteering or providing a donation for the tournament, please contact us.

If you have a child interested in playing soccer in spring, watch our website and follow us on Facebook for updates. Spring registration is February through March. We have teams for children ages 4 through 13. Practices are one to two times a week at the Erin Town Hall. We are a recreational club and part of the Kettle Moraine Soccer League (KMSL). Come join us for Fun, Fitness and Fair Play.

Erin Soccer Club Contact Information:

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Email: erinsoccerclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Erin Soccer Club



Erin Hills, by John Morrisett

Volunteer Registration for 2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur opens February 2022

The best amateurs in golf over the age of 25 are coming to Erin Hills next year for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship. The stakes are high, with the winner invited to play in the 2023 Masters and U.S. Open. Play is at Erin Hills Sept. 10-15, and Volunteer Registration will open in February.

To receive updates on Erin Hills, including the specific date and link for registering to volunteer, please subscribe to our Email Club at erinhills.com/ subscribe. Thank you for supporting another national championship in Erin.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Erin

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St. Paul's kids, aka the MISSION MANIACS, spend every other Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. hearing stories of Jesus and planning MISSION projects to help the community and the church. So, **what are you doing this fall?** Consider joining the MISSION MANIACS. We would LOVE to have you.

Upcoming Events

Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec. 4 - 9 am until sold out

Fill your own box from our huge selection of beautiful homemade Christmas cookies. Come early—they go quickly. \$8 per pound
 Masks optional if you are vaccinated. Gloves are required and will be provided.

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, Dec. 24 - 4 pm

All are welcome.

Check our website for updates and COVID requirements.

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fireworks, which are already restricted by county ordinance) by order of the emergency management director, or town chairman. Outdoor cooking (grills) is an exemption. For such a ban, I will notify the sheriff's office and local radio stations. Notices will also be on the town posting boards and 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 feet in diameter or if a large area of grass is burned, such as more than one-quarter acre.

Fires can't be started on the roadway surface, and only leaves and grass can be burned in the right-of-way.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary of the Hill Parish by

Vicki Dubnika 1515 Carmel Rd. Hubertus

Refreshing Changes Are Afoot...at the foot of Holy Hill



The change from summer to fall delights us all with a resplendent display of color. At St. Mary of the Hill, fall finds folks displaying their faith in equally beautiful ways. People of all ages are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith and to live it.

Biking for Babies

Parishioner Aubre Faust completed her 682-mile Biking for Babies fundraiser and reports more than \$5,000 was raised to support women experiencing unplanned pregnancies with material resources, counseling, and medical care.

Baptism - 4K

Little Lambs is a group for little ones from baptism through 4K. Every month the children are given opportunities to grow their faith. For example: Mini saints prayer blocks were offered recently to help introduce children to incredible role models. Speaking of role models, Little Lambs also invited their grandparents to Mass. Together they received a family blessing, complimentary photo, and, hopefully, some time to enjoy each other's company.

Up next is Trick or Treat. On Oct. 31, children are asked to dress as their favorite saint. There will be prizes for the Least Known Saint, Most Recognizable Saint, Most Creative, and Best Overall Costume.

5K - Confirmation

Family Faith Formation (FFF) invites students from 5K through Confirmation to catechesis twice per month. FFF begins with 9:30 a.m. Mass, followed by fellowship and instruction and concludes at noon. A third class per month is dedicated to whole-family activities, such as prayer, service, games and more. FFF meets next Oct. 3. Sign up is required. Please register online at stmaryhh.org and select Family Faith, Registration or call (262) 628-3606.

When you attend FFF, you will notice another change. St. Mary of the Hill has been blessed with a new youth minister: Grace Urlakis. She brings a deep love of faith

and family to the role.

Youth Group

The Frassati Youth Group (open to grades 6-12) is a wonderful opportunity to discover the Faith, make new friends, and share in the strength of the community. With a balance between prayer and activity, August found us kayaking and canoeing on Pike Lake. As our youth group grows, consider joining the adventure. Our next gathering is Oct. 30 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



High School Seniors - Retired Seniors

Lifelong Learning, or LLL, is free. No sign up is needed. Twice per month, parishioners gather to enjoy a speaker's presentation or catechetical instruction. LLL begins at 11 a.m. and concludes at noon. The next LLL is Oct. 3.

Fr. Pier Giorgio – Faith on Fire

Finally, one of the most beautiful ways to display one's faith is to be ordained a priest. St. Mary of the Hill is proud to announce Fr. Pier Giorgio Pacelli was ordained a priest on July 18. His journey is inspiring and his zeal is contagious. Don't believe me? Find out for yourself. Visit us at St. Mary of the Hill. Enjoy the scenery and see faith in action.

Thank You, Community

Last but not least, thank you one and all for helping make the St. Mary of the Hill Antique & Flea Market a beautiful day. We hope our efforts allowed you to enjoy the grounds and find a treasure or two. The event will be held next on July 30, but you don't have to wait that long to return to St. Mary of the Hill.

We welcome you to see if St. Mary of the Hill is the right fit for you and your family. Enjoy the fall beauty and the beauty of the Catholic faith. Join us for Mass Saturdays at 4 p.m. or Sundays at 7 or 9:30 a.m. Call (262) 673-7505 for information about any of our programs and activities. Visit our Web site stmaryhh.org.



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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 fall.



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 Tennes, 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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