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NEWS AND REPORTS

Clerk’s Corner by Julie Kriewaldt, Town Clerk

December 31, 2022 was my last day with the Town of Erin. I have enjoyed my time here and the support from the community. I want to let you know that even though I’m excited about my retirement and my soon-to-be grandchildren, I am sad to leave. I had a wonderful experience working here.

I would like to thank the Erin Town Board, past and present, and the residents of Erin for allowing me to be your clerk for the last nine years. I would also like to thank the poll workers that worked long hours before, during and after each election. Lastly, I would also like to thank my co-workers for the laughs and support.

Please welcome the new clerk, Carrie Bruha, when you see her. She is a great addition to the office.

Chairman’s Update by Dennis Kenealy

I would like to welcome the re-opening of two of our Town’s oldest businesses, The Downslope Pub and JC’s Corner (formerly Tally Ho). The Town benefits from these businesses in the social aspect and commercial tax base.

The Hi-speed internet construction is in winter pause but will resume with the spring weather. All indications are that the internet will be available to the Town during this year.

A project for this year will be negotiating a new fire and rescue contract with the city of Hartford. The current agreement will be expiring soon, necessitating this action.

Due to the passing of the recent roads referendum, the Town has more funds for road construction this year and the results should be increased road work during 2023.

We recently received notice that Washington County’s 980 Committee has selected a site in Erin (NW corner of CTH E and CTH K) for construction and placement of a sex offender. This is a State and County decision. As a Town, we are asking for more information and facts as well as the opportunity for input. We are monitoring this as best we can; the County is the main source of any information.

Finally, I would like to thank Julie Kriewaldt, our Town Clerk who has retired, and Dan
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Coffey, a Town Supervisor who is not seeking another term, for all their years of hard work on behalf of the Town -THANK YOU!

Zoning Department by Eric Casetta

Whether it is for fresh eggs or just to keep the grass manicured, more and more people are looking to have livestock on their property. There are rules for what livestock can be kept and the number of animals, and it is primarily based on the size of the property. The details can be found in Chapter 360-6 and 360-15, but the quick answer is this: if you have less than 5 acres, you can only have chickens and only hens (no roosters). The number varies based on acreage. If you have more than 5 acres but less than 35 acres, you can keep other livestock as defined in Chapter 360-6 which explains what livestock and how many.

For details on the topic, you can find Chapter 360 on the Town of Erin website at erintownship.com. At the bottom of the homepage, there is a link labeled *Erin Codes*. You can also call the Town Hall and ask for zoning; we are always happy to help.







Roads Department by Road Commissioner and Town Supervisor Dan Coffey

Due to the warm weather and lack of snow, it has been an unusual winter. We have not plowed much snow or salted as often as a typical year. The downside of the warm weather is the freeze/thaw cycles that damage our roads and their foundations. An example is Terry Road between Druid Lake Road and Hwy County O. You really have to hang on if you go over 25 mph. This year is far from over and we can only wait and see what nature has in-store for us.



Ash tree removal has been done for 2022. Each year we remove 500 to 1,000 ash trees from the right-of-way on our town roads. This avoids dangerous falling trees in wind or storms. If a tree falls and blocks the road during unscheduled work hours, we have to call in the roads crew to address it. We are getting close to completing ash tree removal for all the roads in the Town of Erin but we do have several roads that are waiting for ash tree removal.

The 2022 road projects included rebuilding St. Augustine Road between Hogsback and Elmwood, rebuilding Belfast Lane, Belfast East and West, and repaving Erin Mountain Pass cul-de-sac and Erin Mountain Court cul-de-sac.

The 2023 road repair season is coming. We have \$200,000 from the referendum and we pulled about \$267,000 from Town of Erin savings. If you combine \$370,093.25 allocated from the 2023 budget, add \$267,000 from savings plus \$200,000.00 from the referendum we have about \$837,093.25 to spend on road rebuild and maintenance. This will definitely have an impact on the amount of repair we can accomplish. Thanks to everyone for supporting the referendum.

 Lough Lane	0.54 miles of repair
 Mayo Road	0.38 miles of repair
 Tam-O-Shanter Drive	0.17 miles of repair
 Cork Lane	0.75 miles of repair
 Log House Road	0.65 miles of repair
 Erin Mountain, Erin Mountain Pass, Erin Mountain Court	0.37 miles of repair

 The 2023 road rebuild projects include:

-  Our new plow truck is on order. The delivery date is somewhere in 2024 or 2025 due to material issues in that industry. We continue to maintain the current fleet.
-  Unfortunately, we are on the end of the duty cycle for two of our trucks and are spending more time, money, and labor than we would like. Thankfully our roads crew is very talented at repair.

Treasurer's Report by Marjorie Bruha, Treasurer

January 2022 through December 2022

Revenue: \$1,482,456 (101.1% of budget)

Expenditures: \$1,526,903 (110.2% of budget)

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

How is a mill rate determined?

In simplest terms, the mill rate is the total amount of the tax levy divided by the total local assessed value for the taxing jurisdiction. For example, Washington County's 2023 fiscal year levy is \$1,549,885.31. Divide this by the Town of Erin total Assessed Value of Property. This amount is \$608,763,218. The county mill rate is 0.00254598 ($\$1,549,885.31 / \$608,763,218 = 0.00254598$). Add to this, the Town of Erin mill rate of 0.001787486 ($\$1,088,156 / \$608,763,218 = 0.001787486$), and the school mill rates that

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apply to your property location. The schools that apply to your property are listed on your tax bills. The sum of each jurisdiction's mill rate is your tax rate. Multiply your total tax rate by your assessed value and this is your taxes before credits.

What is a financial audit and why does the Town of Erin do one each year?

Wisconsin statute §60.43(2) requires towns that have a combined clerk/treasurer position to be audited. In Erin, where the clerk is appointed and the Treasurer is elected, the audit is at the discretion of the board per Wisconsin statute §66.0605. This audit is currently provided to Erin by the public accounting firm Hawkins|Ash, CPAs. Each year they prepare the financial statements of the Town of Erin based on their detailed review of the annual financial activity of the town. This in-depth review by the auditors involves the auditor looking at all financial transactions during the prior financial year. They receive an electronic copy of the accounting software, and copies of insurance, employee records, budgets, bank statements, delinquent property taxes, statement of taxes, employee retirement fund, and employee payroll reports. They also assist the

clerk with any year-end reporting adjustments to the financial records that are required by Generally Accepted Accounting Standard rules. Following this complete analysis, Hawkins Ash will prepare and submit the Audited Financial Statement and the Summary Financial Report to the board each February. This process assures Erin taxpayers that there is a sufficient separation of duties and proper checks-and-balances are in place. It also assures the board that finances are evaluated and determined to be without material misstatement or error.

For any questions on your property tax bill, contact Treasurer@ErinTownship.com.

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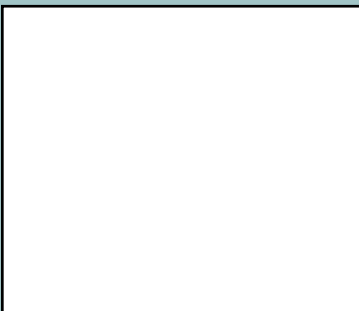
Bradley Bautz, Director



As I write this article, the town has not declared a "snow emergency" this winter. Just a reminder, if the Town

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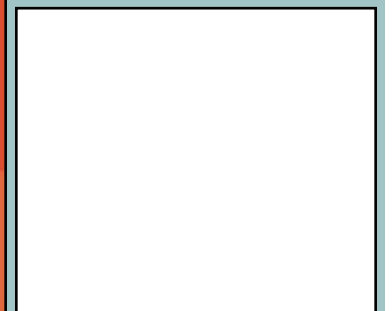
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Chairman or I declare one, that means no vehicles may be left parked on or along the roadway of any town-maintained roads. This is done during larger total snowfall amounts. As a matter of practice during any snow event, please do not park vehicles on or along the state, county, or town roadways.

There have been some instances of parked vehicles interfering with snow removal. If a vehicle goes in the ditch, it should be removed right away. Vehicles must be removed by a licensed towing service for the safety of all. A "snow emergency" does not allow for snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs or any other vehicles to use the roadways. All state DNR regulations still apply. There are no designated "snowmobile routes" or "ATV/UTV routes" on any roads in the town. ATVs and UTVs, golf carts, etc. are still not allowed to be operated on the roadways.

I do maintain a social media presence for the town with the Facebook page, "Town of Erin, Wisconsin-Emergency Management". On this page are press releases, burning restrictions, road construction closures, and general reminders that can be communicated to residents.

Fire/Rescue Services

The town's intermunicipal agreement with the City of Hartford runs through 2024, (including fire protection). We will need to meet with the city in the future to review the agreement.

Burning

Please follow the burning ordinance. We have had several complaints last year involving burning. Please be cognizant of conditions before you burn. It can be especially dangerous during the spring after the snow melts before everything "greens up". In November of 2020, there was a large grass fire off Erin Road that necessitated the evacuation of some homes in the area, and 14 fire departments responded to extinguish the fire.

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 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 exception. 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 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 (i.e., over ¼ acre).
- Fires cannot 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 winter and spring.

Erin Park by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

We were hopeful that our new Erin Park sign would be completed by late fall. However, the manufacturing of the sign took a little longer than expected. The sign was completed by Optimum Signs and picked up the last week of December by our Park Manager, Todd Kozlencer, who oversaw its safe storage until installation is complete. Weix Industries manufactured the steel framing, which should outlast all of us, and Paul Wagner's masonry is truly a work of art. Many thanks to resident Randy Weix for his vision and final construction of the wood posts and roof, which will be installed as soon as weather permits.

We would also like to thank our Park Supervisor liaison, Frank Alvarez, who quickly took over the project once he was appointed last fall. Frank oversaw the upgraded wiring with Joe Wald of JW Electric and trenching of the new wiring with Jake Schulz of OnPoint Trenching that was necessary.

One more thanks is in order to Bob Konstanz of Bob's Stump Grinding. Bob attended the Conrad R. Schmidt Memorial Dedication of the three additional disc golf holes and Conrad's memorial bench at Erin Park on September 11, 2022 and noticed several stumps on the course. He offered to donate his services and removed a total of 12 stumps in

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October. We are so grateful to Bob for not only making our disc golf course and park look great for all those who visit—especially those remembering Conrad—but also make lawn mowing in the park so much easier.

Washington County Humane Society

Did you know that each week we go through approximately 1,000 lbs. of clay litter, 200 lbs. of dog food, and 200 lbs. of cat food, along with many other supplies? That's approximately 52,000 lbs. of litter and approximately 20,800 lbs. of dog and cat food a year! We are always in need of many items and appreciate your donations.

Hours we take donations:

Monday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

We are members of *Amazon Smile* and have an *Amazon Wish List*! We also have registries for *Walmart* and *Chewy*!

Items may be dropped off at the shelter or ordered on-line at our *Amazon Wish List*. If you order on-line at

Amazon, please include your name and address on the "gift note". We would like to thank you and send you a receipt for tax purposes.

Cat Needs

- 🍀 Purina Kitten Chow
- 🍀 Canned Pate cat food
- 🍀 Non-scoopable cat litter
- 🍀 Meat Babyfood
- 🍀 Small Cat Blankets for Cages
- 🍀 Regular Paper Plates
- 🍀 Nutrical

Dog Needs

- 🍀 Empty Peanut Butter Jars
- 🍀 Bitter Apple Spray
- 🍀 6' nylon leashes
- 🍀 Small Animal Needs
- 🍀 Timothy Hay
- 🍀 Fresh Vegetables for Small Animals

Shelter Needs

- 🍀 Monetary Donations (for Medical Needs)
- 🍀 Bleach
- 🍀 Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- 🍀 Libman Floor Squeegees with Flex Blade
- 🍀 Fabuloso
- 🍀 13G garbage bags

Office Needs

- Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Office Max, Fleet Farm, Friends of Nature Pet Store, Chewy, Kwik Trip)
- Gas Card, Piggly Wiggly)
- Postage Stamps
- **Yellow Pocket Folders
- **Letter size colored paper (not cardstock)
- **Denotes desperately needed items.

Event Needs

- Dinner Napkins
- 12 oz. Disposable paper coffee cups with lids
- Bottles of water (any size)
- Orange 1" Diameter Circle Stickers
- 3" X 4" Pin Style Name Badges – Avery 74540

Items we currently cannot accept

- Human pillows
- Comforters
- Children's stuffed animals
- Sheets (fitted or regular) or pillowcases
- Large blankets/comforters
- Towels
- Rugs
- Sleeping Bags



SCHOOL NEWS

Erin School News



We continue working on **Building Our Future** here at Erin School. It has been a busy first half of the school year. Students remain engaged in Readers and Writers Workshop. We are continuing to implement varied models of responsive phonic, vocabulary and grammar instructions as well. We are in our 2nd year of Illustrative Math, our new elementary math program. This curriculum framework was already in place in our middle school. We are also proud of the fact that we continue to focus on the whole child. Students in Physical Education, music and art classes are trying some new and engaging activities. We are grateful for our partnership with the Schauer Center as they continue to partner with us for our annual 8th grade musical experience. Our evening show was sold out this year and the students had an amazing theater experience.



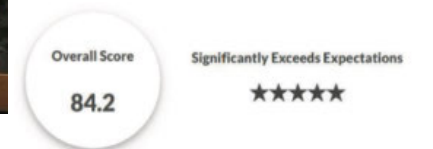
2nd Grade Holiday Program

State Report Card

Erin School once again scored in the highest category of the Wisconsin state report card. **Our state report card also ranked us as second in our county and among the top in our CESA.** While standardized test scores are only one piece of the learning puzzle, we are proud of our teacher and student efforts! The goal of the district is not to chase scores but to continue to make sure we prepare each student to be successful in high school and beyond. We continue to focus on growth for each and every student who enters our school.



Our 8th grade class did an amazing job performing a Holly Jolly Christmas at the Schauer Arts Center for their Holiday program this past December.



Kindergarten Holiday Program



Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Fenney!

Deb Fenney has been our Director of Building and Grounds for the past 15 years. Prior to that, Mrs. Fenney worked as a teacher's aide in various classrooms here at Erin. Mrs. Fenney has a lot of history at Erin School. Not only did she attend school here, but her daughter

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ters and step-children also attended school at Erin. Mrs. Fenney has kept our building in tip-top shape for the past 15 years. She led many building projects and always lent a helping hand for all. Our students and staff will miss Mrs. Fenney's smiles, good cheer, and her decisions on our Friday casual dress theme days! We wish her well in her retirement and plan to see her around once in a while as she promised to keep in touch! Thank you Mrs. Fenney for your service to our school community!



In the spirit of our Building Our Futures theme, our students continue to create opportunities to serve within our greater community

through activities each trimester. This winter we held a coat drive. All winter gear collected was donated to the Washington County Foster Closet. Thank you to everyone who supported their efforts and donated!

REQUEST FOR BIDS – LAWN MOWING

Erin School is accepting bids for Lawn Mowing.

- Approximately 13.5 acres
- Bids are due March 10, 2023
- Bid Forms are available at the school office

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS – EXTERIOR PAINTING

The Erin School District is seeking bids for painting the exterior of the building.

- Bids are due Monday, April 5, 2023 at 12 p.m.
- Bid Forms are available at the school office.

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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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 September 1, 2023, and is not currently attending Erin School, please see our website for a registration form or stop by the office to pick one up. Forms are due by April 14, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Runte at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org

Open Enrollment – February 6 - April 28, 2023

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 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Please contact Donna Runte to find out if your preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when parents may apply? The open enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year is from **February 6 - April 28, 2023**. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply on-line 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.

Upcoming Events

March 8th - 3rd Grade Wax Museum

April 28th - Grandparents Day

May 6th - Our Parent Teacher Club (PTC) will be hosting our annual Erin Fun Fair. The Fun Fair is the biggest PTC annual fundraiser. It takes place here at school on May 6th and is a huge to-do. It is a carnival type event with games, prizes, food, bingo, and a large silent auction. Lots of time and energy is put into it. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun!

May 23rd Fine Arts Night - Come and enjoy students' artwork, hear the 4th - 7th grade bands perform and more.

Stay in the Loop

Please check us out on Facebook to keep up on things happening at Erin School and also on Instagram at [erinschool_frank](https://www.instagram.com/erinschool_frank)



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 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 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 Mrs. Kalina 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 a license.

Do you like to drive? We are also looking for substitute

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bus drivers. If you are interested, please call Riteway at 262-644-5016.

Erin Soccer by Ashley Lisocki, Secretary

Erin's Annual Leah Fenney Tournament was held in September and would not have been possible without the support of club families, the community, and local businesses. Thank you for all that you have done! We'd also like to thank the Town of Erin and their staff for their assistance and for allowing us to use the park. We are always looking for individuals and businesses to help make our tournament successful; please reach out if you are interested.

If you have a child interested in playing soccer in spring, our registration is now open for U6, U7, and U8! There is currently a waitlist for U10. Practices are held one to two times a week at the Erin Town Hall and most games are played on Saturday. We are a recreational club and part of the Kettle Moraine Soccer League (KMSL). Come join us



for fun, fitness and fair play!

ATTENTION! Erin Soccer Club will be hosting our 2nd annual Scotch Doubles bowling fundraiser this spring. Find your best bowling partner and come join us for some fun! All proceeds will benefit the improvement of the club facilities including a new shed and snack shack. More information will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Would you or someone you know like to take part in becoming a referee? This opportunity is great to help the kids learn while making a little extra money. Please contact us for more information. Most games are held on Saturday mornings.

Erin Soccer Club Contact Information

Website: erinsoccer.org

Email: erinsoccerclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Erin Soccer Club



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Erin Youth Baseball Club, by Andy Bath



The Erin Rangers 2022 season concluded on many high notes, while remaining focused on building upon the strong foundations our players' parents started. Our continued focus on individual/team skills provided an environment where each player has the opportunity to push themselves beyond what they thought possible. Our opponents continue to respect our program and recognize they need to play at a high level in order to compete with us. We couldn't be prouder of every player, and we are so honored/humbled that they chose to become a Ranger.

The club is exploring ways in which we can improve the player experience and keep them safe. Two of our primary goals include regrading/leveling the infields and extending netting/fencing in some areas within the next two years. These ambitious goals will require resources, which our dedicated volunteers plan to tackle by conducting fundraising throughout the year. If there are people in or near the community that have skills required to assist with these projects, wish to volunteer their time, or offer financial assistance, please contact the club.

Our baseball season will begin in mid-May and finish in mid-July. Home games are played at Erin Go-Bragh Park weekday evenings. Currently we offer t-ball, coach pitch, 3rd and 4th grade player pitch, and 5th and 6th grade baseball programs. Please visit our website for additional questions or contact us directly. Online registration for players new to the club will open February 6th. The baseball club is extremely grateful for the use of this wonderful venue and for the people that keep it in beautiful condition.

Lastly, thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers for making it possible for us to provide the environment that will help us create lasting memories and invaluable life skills for our players, families, and community. If you have a child or know a child that is interested in playing for the Erin Youth Baseball Club, please visit our website or contact us directly.

Erin Youth Baseball Club Contact Information

Website: www.erinrangers.com

Email: erinbaseballclub@gmail.com

Facebook: [erinbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/erinbaseball)

Erin Hills



Golf Shop to open April 3, Golf Course on May 7

The Golf Shop will open for the 2023 season on April 3 and will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the course opens. On Saturday May 6 we will again host the MACC Fund Invitational (a large high school competition that raises a significant amount of money for the MACC Fund) and on May 7 the course will open for the season.



43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

by Derek Wilcox

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday, March 17th, starting at 11 a.m.



Prize money 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 at least 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 12th at the Erin Inn. If interested in becoming the next King and Queen, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.



The parade is not possible without the help of numerous volunteers and donations from individuals and businesses. If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer or provide a donation, please contact Derek at the Erin Inn.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Schauer Arts Center

The Schauer Arts Center *An Array of Artistry Performing Arts Season Continues*

The Schauer Arts Center *An Array of Artistry Performing Arts Season continues into 2023. Performances will include a variety of genres of music, theater, and comedy.*



Upcoming Winter/Spring performances include:

- **Barron Ryan**, *Classic Meets Cool*, on Friday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m.
- **John Mueller's Winter Dance Party**, *Tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper* on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Marian Anderson String Quartet**, *Critically Acclaimed All-Female Ensemble* on Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- **A Meisel Mardi Gras**, *Featuring Susan Hofer and the Ryan Meisel Jazz Quartet* on Saturday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m.
- **The Magic of Bill Blagg Live!**, *Action-Packed Illusion* on Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Celtic Angels Ireland**, *An Evening of Fun, Music, and Tradition* on Thursday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **Letters From Home**, *The 50 States Tour* on Tuesday,

March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

- **The Barley Jacks**, *Bluegrass and Roots Played with Skill and Soul* on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Mutts Gone Nuts**, *They Put the WOW in BOW WOW!* on Saturday, April 1 at 3:00 p.m.
- **'Splish Splash' The Music of Bobby Darin**, *Starring Ron Gartner* on Saturday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **The Duttons**, *Bluegrass to Classical Music and Everything in Between* on Saturday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **Lee L.A. Lycan**, *Stand-Up Comedy with Lee L.A. Lycan* on Friday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m.

The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now accepting registration for its Winter session. Classes are offered for ages 2+ in Music, Theater, Visual Arts and Dance (Irish, Tap, Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz). Adult Wine and Art classes and 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 12:00 p.m. 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.



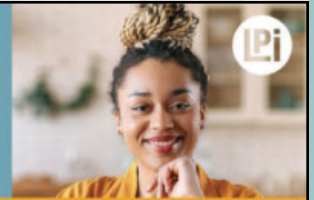
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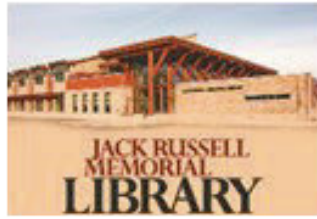
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Jack Russell Memorial Library



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 events and variety of materials available to citizens 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 8th grade may obtain a card with parental approval.

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.

Sunday CLOSED

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. A self-service photocopier is available on the first floor at a cost of \$.10 for black and white copies and \$.50 for color. Faxing service is available at the circulation desk during regular hours for a minimal fee.

Spring story time for children and their families resumed the week of January 16th. The Youth Services Department provides story times four days per week now through April 12th. Signup is not required to attend storytime. Please call the youth services desk for parachute play availability as there is limited space – 262-673-8243. For more details please visit <https://hartfordlibrary.org/children.aspx>.

Story time is available on the following days and times:

Monday – alternating weeks Baby Lap Sit and Parachute Play

Tuesday – Toddler Time 10:30 a.m. and Preschool Storytime 1 p.m.

Wednesday – Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.

Thursday – Toddler Time 10:30 a.m.

Movies for Grownups continue to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Please visit our website for movie titles.

Looking to join a book discussion group? JRML meets on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Community Room. Please visit <https://hartfordlibrary.org/adult-book-discussion-group.aspx> for a complete list of titles.

Citizens with a library card ages 18 and up can check out an Adventure Pass for free admission to regional attractions: Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Mitchell Park Domes, the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the Milwaukee Art Museum. Passes are available for a 3-day checkout period and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. JRML is unable to place holds and accept advance reservations. Passes must be returned to the circulation desk, inside the library, due to the value of passes. For each attraction, the library has two passes available for checkout with a limit of one pass per household at a time. The library encourages those interested to call ahead to see if passes are available or visit <https://www.hartfordlibrary.org/adventure-passes.aspx> and click on “check availability” for the pass you want to borrow. The library will continue adding more passes based on cost and area attractions that have transferable pass programs.

New Collection at Library: Graphic Novels for Adults

The Jack Russell Memorial Library is pleased to announce the addition of graphic novels for adults. This collection features books in a comic format that resemble a novel and are a subgenre of comics. Located on the second floor of the library, the collection contains over 1,000 titles with characters such as Batman, X-Men, Superman, and Captain America. Stop in to browse the collection or request materials through the online catalog at monarchcatalog.org/Polaris.

Carry Your Library Card on Your Phone

Access your local public library through the Monarch2Go app available for iPhones, iPads and Android devices. It allows you to search the Monarch catalog and manage your account all in one place.

You can also leave your library card at home as the app acts as a digital library card and works on all self-checkout machines at Mead.

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- Store all of your family's cards digitally in one place

500 Books Before Middle School Launches

Your public library has launched a new, year-round reading

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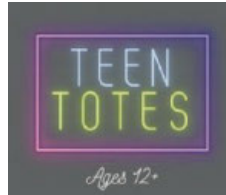
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program for kids: 500 Books Before Middle School! The concept of the program is simple: read a book, any book, and have fun! The goal is to read 500 books before your child starts middle school (and yes, you can repeat books). This free program is open to all kindergarten through 5th grade kids. Kids and parents have their choice of recording books through a printed tracker or the Beanstack App. Prizes are awarded for every 50 books read. More details are available at hartfordlibrary.org.

Youth Subscription Bags

Sign-up the young reader in your life for a monthly subscription bag full of books, crafts, and more! Each bag will include a few books, a craft, an activity plus a treat. Three age levels are offered and each bag is customized based on interest. Visit https://hartfordlibrary.org/youth_subscription_bags.aspx for more information and to sign up.



St. Patrick Preservation, by Maureen Fitzsimons-Vanden Heuvel



It is with great love that we remember Margaret Van Beckum, one of the founding members of our St. Patrick Preservation Group, who passed away at Shorehaven in Oconomowoc on November 10, 2022.

Marge grew up in Wauwatosa and moved to an abandoned farm in Rubicon in 1952, when she was a new bride. She lived there until 2021. She raised six beautiful children and is survived by 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren - an incredible legacy.

She was a member at St. Kilian's Parish in Hartford where all her children attended St. Kilian Grade School, and she was well-loved as a Girl Scout Leader. Later she became a member at St. Patrick's Parish of Erin, where she was a member of the St. Patrick's Ladies Altar Society and served as secretary in addition to being a church reader. In later years she was a member of St. Mary's of the Hill Parish.

After her children were grown, Marge went back to school
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to become an RN and worked at Hartford Hospital. She was instrumental in starting in-home hospice care in the Hartford area. In later years she worked for the Red Cross, driving folks to their doctor appointments. She had a great group of special friends who got together for Card Club and Book Club. She loved traveling, gardening and baking and touched so many of us with her positive, wise and inspirational personality.

When St. Patrick's closed in 1999, she rolled up her sleeves and worked tirelessly to find a way to preserve the memory and historic significance of



Marge Van Beckum

that was built in 1855 by Irish immigrants. She attended our monthly meetings at the Erin Town Hall and prayed the Rosary before our meetings on the steps of St. Patrick's from May through September, starting in 1999 until 2020 when COVID hit. She then opened her home for meetings until she moved to Shorehaven in 2021. She served on our Board of Directors and as Co-Treasurer for over 20 years from 2000 until the spring of 2021. Her memory will forever live on, and as one of her dear friends so eloquently remarked, "Dance with the angels, Marge!"



St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Erin

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Nextdoor Monches

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Starting in January 2023, Bible Study will be held at 1 p.m. on the first and second Thursdays of the month. We will begin with the Gospel of Mark. We would love to see you there.

Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on February 22 begins the season of Lent. During this moving ancient ceremony, the ashes – from which Ash Wednesday gets its name—will be placed on the foreheads or hands with the words, "Remember that you are God's beloved dust, and to God's beloved dust you shall return." There will be times of silence for personal prayer and reflection. As always, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's.

Sunday, February 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Paul's UCC will host the annual Chili Dinner and Homemade Pie Sale. Dinners are \$10 per meal and include all you care to eat chili, a corn muffin, dessert, milk/coffee. Hot dogs and soda are also available to purchase. Take-out meals are available. The pie sale features a variety of homemade pies to go. More information can be found on our website.

Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. is a service of installation for Pastor Bonnie Jacque as our settled minister. This date is particularly appropriate as March 5 - 11 is celebrated as the United Church of Christ's Women's Week. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

March 12 Daylight Saving Time begins. Church still starts
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at 9:30 a.m. so come celebrate the days getting longer.

April 2 is Palm Sunday. We will raise our palms high and sing out "Hosanna". Yes, Hosanna Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice. Service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by coffee and conversation.

Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. is a combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service. Worship will include Tenebrae, the Latin term for shadows, with a gradual extinguishing of lights and a large rough-hewn cross. While the mood is somber, it is also one of hope, looking forward to the great Easter celebration.

Sunday, April 9, Lent is over and Easter Sunday arrives. Join in this joyous celebration as we worship at 9:30 a.m. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Want to know more about St. Paul's in Erin? Friend our Facebook Page and/or check out our website which includes a zoom link for Sunday worship. Of course, the best way to find out about St. Paul's is to walk through the door and find out, because "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

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.



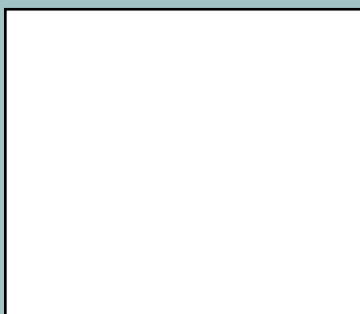
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