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NEWS AND REPORTS

Clerk’s Corner by Carrie Bruha, Town Clerk

Elections

First and foremost, I would like to take a moment to thank all our Election Inspectors for their hard work creating an election process where everything ran as smoothly as possible. I would also like to thank JC’s Corner for donating food for everyone working at the polling location.

The 2024 General election brought a 92% voter turnout for the Town of Erin. This year brings two elections, Feb. 18th Primary, if needed, and April 1st Spring Election, for local offices, school boards and state offices.

Dog licenses

All dogs five months and older are required to be licensed annually by March 31. Dog license applications are required for each dog, complete with the license fee and a copy of the rabies certificate. The certificate is returned with your license in a self-addressed stamped envelope you provide. There is a \$10 late fee if the dog is not licensed by March 31. This only applies to puppies that are five months old or older. Dogs acquired throughout the year may be licensed at that time.

Tax receipts

To print your tax receipt from the Washington County website:

- Go to <https://www.washcowisco.gov>
- Under the search bar, click **Taxes/Assessment information** to access the Washington County Ascent Land Records site.
- Click the drop-down and pick **T3-TOWN OF ERIN**
- You can search by last name, street number or parcel ID.
- Select the **red Parcel number**, which provides your parcel information.
- Choose the **Select Detail Taxes**.
- Go to the correct tax year, **2024**, and click.
- A small box will open, click **Printer Friendly**.
- Print your receipt from this screen.

Chairman’s Update by Dennis Kenealy

The Town of Erin signed new contracts for Fire and EMS services with the City of
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Hartford and the Village of Richfield. The Hartford contract also includes border protections of the same nature as the previous contract. As expected, the costs of those services have risen substantially. Since it appears there will be no let up to increasing costs of Fire and EMS services, the town and other governmental units will continue to work with the county in an effort to find cost savings, particularly those that apply to Fire and EMS Services.

The town is continuing its negotiations with our tower company regarding their lease payments to the town. We hope to resolve that soon.

In our continuing efforts to keep up with our road repairs, the town authorized borrowing money to pay for several needed road construction projects. By doing so, we hope to have more of our town roads meet criteria for continued maintenance rather than the ongoing necessity of reconstruction.

A reminder - we do have elections this April for several town positions. Parks has more details, but the town is looking for a Parks lead person to replace Tod who has chosen to step down. Any interested person, please contact the Clerk. Thank You to Tod for all he has done for the town.

Erin Park by Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel

Hopefully by the time this newsletter arrives, there will be snow on the sledding hill for kids to enjoy. As I write this, the hill has only been used twice, which is unfortunate.

The new baseball pavilion continues to take shape. Windows and doors should be in sometime in February with interior plumbing and electrical work beginning in earnest.

In the spring, new lighting will be added to the town hall and parking lot area and also a gutter system will be added on the west side of the town hall building. This should help to alleviate the water pooling on the south side of the town hall. In addition, the south town hall parking lot will be reconfigured to hopefully end the water issue where the road

equipment is stored. The outside of the Erin Town Hall will be painted as soon as weather permits.

Employment Position Opening in the Town of Erin Parks Department

The Town is looking for a seasonal, part-time employee to work under the direction of the park superintendent to do lawn mowing, trimming, landscape maintenance, small tree trimming and removal, and performing duties necessary for park maintenance. Good communication skills with the baseball, soccer and disc golf clubs are a plus.

The position is seasonal beginning in April and ending in late October with hours to be determined by the park's supervisor. The majority of the hours are from May through September.

Applicants should be at least 16 years old, have knowledge of and be able to operate lawn mowing equipment and garden power tools, lift at least 50 pounds and have a valid driver's license.

Pay commensurate with experience; the current rate is \$16-\$21.

If interested, please fill out an application at the Erin Town Hall, 1846 Hwy 83, Hartford, WI, 53027, Monday | Tuesday | Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call 262-673-3682 to receive an application and information regarding this opening.

Roads Department by Town Supervisor Dean Schober

There are a number of projects that we will be doing in 2025. As you may have heard, the Town Board has approved of the Town borrowing 1.7 million dollars to allow some larger paving projects to be completed. As stated in the past, the road budget pays for about 2-2.5 miles of hot mix re-paving per year. We have three high-traffic paving projects that would have to be divided over several years to complete. The price of paving goes up at least 5% per year. We were able to obtain a 10-year note at 5.25% and use the \$200,000 from the referendum passed three years ago to make the payments on the loan. This means we can

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complete three large projects this season. Larger projects yield lower bids because the companies know they will be working in the same area for a longer period without the cost of moving machinery. The roads being done using this funding are:

Terry Road (CTH O to Hwy 83)
Emerald Drive
Monches Road

The Town is experiencing an issue with water coming into the Highway Shop, in part because the "South Parking Lot" is in poor condition, with many low areas and poor pitch. The soccer fields to the South are significantly higher than the parking lot and runoff from them goes onto and across the parking lot toward the building. The construction of the new baseball pavilion will also increase water draining onto the lot due to increased roof area and the need to raise the grade around the building.

There is also an issue with water coming up through the floor in the shop and there is some historical

indication there may have been some water issues when the foundation for the south end of the building was built, which could explain the situation. If let go, this could lead to the need for costly foundation and water abatement work.

The town engineer has developed a plan to address the problem and the Town Board has approved the use of some federal funding and money unused from last year's road budget, due to judicious management of the projects undertaken in 2024. These funds will cover the cost to remove the existing pavement, ensure that the base is adequate, and determine if groundwater abatement is needed in order to prevent damage to the foundation. The lot will then be re-shaped, re-graded and new pavement applied. Bids were obtained for this work and the low bid was \$89,284.61 by Kartechner Brothers LLC of Waupun. The lot will need to be closed while the work is completed.

Town Board approval for crack filling and mastic

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application on Waterford Road, Pleasant Hill Road, and St. Patrick Lane has also been obtained. We again received Shared Revenue Credit (\$31,000) from Washington County. This will be used to trim and cut trees along roads in the town. This means you will see Washington County Crews cutting trees on township roads.

At the January Road Commission meeting, additional projects will be discussed and bid requests posted for work like chip sealing and other road maintenance projects.

The public is invited to attend road commission meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. See the town web page for agenda items.

Hartford Union High School by Katrina Cravy, Director of Communications & Jeffrey Walters, Superintendent

HUHS - School Report Card Up More Than 6 Points In Two Years



Hartford Union High School's school report card, issued by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), improved by more than one point this year after last year's increase of more than 5 points, bringing the overall score to **61.9 – Meets Expectations**.

These improved test scores are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our educators, students, and families in fostering a culture of learning and achievement for students who are either headed to a four-year college or for those who immediately want to start their careers.

HUHS is committed to further enhancing academic growth through targeted strategies, data-driven decision-making, and robust support systems for students.

Initiatives include:

- Strengthening interventions for students with the lowest test scores.
- Expanding opportunities for advanced coursework and career readiness

- Increasing efforts to address chronic absenteeism and ensure every student is on a path to graduation.

Thank you! Community Passes \$25.8 Million Facilities Referendum

As we look back at 2024, we reflect on an incredible year of progress and community collaboration. One of the standout achievements of this year was the successful passage of the \$25.8 million Facilities Referendum. We are immensely grateful to our community for supporting our students, making them safer, and improving their learning environment.

Moving Forward with the Referendum

Construction Work

Superintendent Jeff Walters has been providing regular updates to ensure transparency and to keep the community informed about the referendum's progress. Director of Business Services Rob Nelson and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Tracy Peterson have also been working closely with Bray Architects President Matt Wolfert to lay the groundwork for the projects.

A couple of key steps have been the focus of their efforts:

1. **Selecting a Financial Partner:** Rob Nelson has been meeting with financial firms interested in partnering with us, ensuring we have the right expertise to manage the fiscal aspects of this large-scale project.
2. **Construction Management Selection:** The interest in our work has exceeded expectations, with twelve construction management firms expressing interest—more than the predicted nine or ten. The team is in the process of narrowing this list to a manageable number of firms for interviews, with a recommendation for the selected firm anticipated to be done by February 2025.

Looking Ahead

As we celebrate this year's accomplishments, we remain focused on making greater strides in 2025! Thank you for being a vital part of our school's success for generations to come. Go Orioles!

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SCHOOL NEWS

Erin School News



REQUEST FOR LAWN MOWING BIDS

Erin School is accepting bids for Lawn Mowing
Approximately 13.5 acres

Bids are due February 28, 2025

Bid forms are available at the school office.

Office Hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Erin School

6901 Hwy O

Hartford, WI 53027

262-673-3720

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, 2025, 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 18, 2025. Our 4K Drop-in will be held Friday, May 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Runte at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org

Open Enrollment – February 3 - April 30, 2025

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 can parents apply? The open enrollment application period for the 2025-26 school year is from February 3 - April 30, 2025. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* Parents may apply online during the application period at <https://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, 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.



Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team - 8th Grade 2024 Division 2 Conference Champs! This was an especially exciting win as we had a mixed grade level team of 5th -8th grader girls who were able to still take the 8th grade Conference Championship!



Science class gets hands (or eyes) on!

Students in science class got up close and personal learning all about the sheep's eyeball.



6th Grade Camp

An Erin School tradition - 6th grade camp at Camp Whitcomb Mason.

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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.



Our elementary students did a fantastic job singing and entertaining the packed gym during their Holiday performances. All 4K- 5th grade students wrapped up the performance holding candles and singing a heartwarming rendition of *Somewhere in my Memory*.



Our 8th grade class did an amazing job performing a Karaoke Christmas at the Schauer Arts Center for their Holiday program this past December. All 8th grade students participate in this performance in some capacity. This is a long-standing Erin tradition of over 30 years!

Upcoming Events

- April 12th - Fun Fair
- May 2nd - 4K Drop In
- May 13th Fine Arts Night. Come and enjoy students' artwork, hear the 4th - 7th grade bands perform and more.

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 educators hold 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.

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Do you like to drive? We are also looking for substitute bus drivers. If you are interested, please call Rite-way at 262-644-5016.



September



October

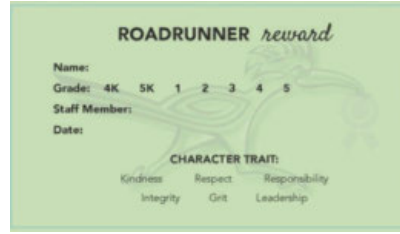


November



December

Erin Roadrunner Award Recipients



The Erin Roadrunner Award is awarded monthly to students who show above and beyond behaviors in the areas of cooperation, initiative, accountability and integrity. When these positive behaviors are noticed, students earn an award to go home and one that goes into a written ticket drawing. Pictured are the lucky winners who were drawn to win a prize this year so far!

Each September, Mr. Mueller organizes Fitness Friday, where the younger students are buddied up with the older students and everyone spends the afternoon being active. We are very grateful to our community sponsors:

- Kling's Lawn & Landscape
- HUHS H-Club
- Tooth or Gum Family Dentistry

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Erin Hills Golf Course
Kemps Dairy
MJ's Market & Catering
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Wisconsin National Guard
Courtney Mac Fitness



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7th & 8th Graders at the National Guard Team building field trip.



Erin Youth Baseball Club

by Andy Bath



Get Ready for the 2025 Summer Baseball & Softball Season with the Erin Rangers! The Erin Rangers Baseball Club is gearing up for another exciting summer season, set to begin in early June! We are thrilled to offer baseball and softball programs for participants of all ages—starting with young children all the way through to adults. Whether you're looking for a fun introduction to the game or a competitive league to showcase your skills, we have something for everyone.



Youth Programs: Our youth baseball and softball leagues provide a great opportunity for young players to develop their athletic abilities while learning valuable lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun. With dedicated coaches who focus on fostering a positive environment, every child will have the chance to grow and enjoy the game of baseball or softball.

Adult Softball League: For adults looking to stay active and competitive, we are excited to offer a fun adult softball league this summer which would play Sunday nights. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to enjoy a recreational league, our adult league offers a chance to meet new people, have fun, and stay fit.

Pavilion Construction Update: We are also excited to update our community on the ongoing construction of the new pavilion! With a target completion date of late April, this new addition will offer the community and park a fantastic space for gatherings, events, and more. We want to extend a huge thank you to all the businesses and individuals whose generous support has made this project possible, as well as those who have contributed their time and effort to get the job done.

Memorialize Your Support: It's not too late to memorialize your business or family by purchasing a donor tile. By doing so, you can support the club and leave a lasting mark on the new pavilion. Your contribution will help create a space for generations to enjoy.

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Registration is Now Open! Don't miss out on the chance to join us this summer! Registration is now open, and spots are filling up quickly. Visit www.erinrangers.com to sign up for one of our baseball or adult softball leagues today.

We're excited to open the new pavilion to the community this spring, and we can't wait to welcome you to the field this summer. Thank you for your continued support of the Erin Rangers Baseball Club!

Erin Youth Baseball Club Contact Information:
Website: www.erinrangers.com
Email: erinrangersbaseball@gmail.com
Facebook: [erinbaseball](https://www.facebook.com/erinbaseball)

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

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

- ☘ Prize money will be awarded to the best entrants in the parade. 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 Inn – Irish Pub or at the Erin Town Hall, 1846 Hwy 83, Hartford, WI 53027, 262-673-3682, or online at www.erintownship.com. As always, we will be crowning a King and Queen of the Parade. To be eligible, you must be 21 years old and not married. If multiple people are interested, there will be voting conducted at Erin Inn March 1st-7th. The Coronation Ceremony will take place Sunday, March 9th also at Erin Inn. If interested in becoming the next King or Queen, please contact Derek.
- ☘ 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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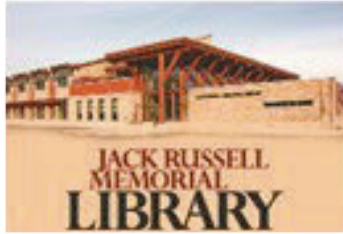
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Jack Russell Memorial Library

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 variety of materials and events 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.

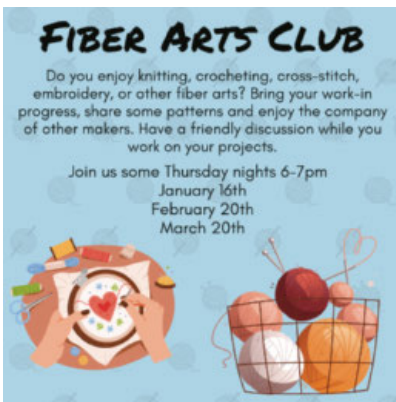


Library cards are issued free of charge to Erin residents by providing a photo ID and current address. Children ages 5 through 8th grade may obtain a card with parental approval.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

We have added more Adult Programming! Join us!



Looking to join a book discussion group?

JRML has two in-person book clubs. Adult Book Discussion meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Mystery Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room.



The Harley Davidson Museum and the Kettle Moraine YMCA are two NEW Adventure Passes that have been added to our collection.

We still maintain the

following passes: Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Mitchell Park Domes, Wisconsin Historical Society, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, and the Milwaukee County Zoo. Passes are available for a 3-day checkout

period and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. JRML is unable to place holds. 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.

Erin Hills

by John Morrissett



For the first time since 2017, major championship golf is returning to Erin Hills! On behalf of the USGA, we invite you to join us for the 80th U.S. Women's Open Championship, May 29-June 1, 2025. This will mark the first U.S. Women's Open held at Erin Hills, and we hope you will join us to witness the best female players in the world compete to win the coveted Harton S. Semple Trophy! Our team is so proud to be returning to Erin, WI and are looking forward to creating another memorable and historic week at Erin Hills!

U.S. Women's Open Ticket and Volunteer opportunities are available on our website at www.uswomensopen.com. Additionally, championship parking and other fan information will be released this spring via our website. We look forward to having you join us onsite for this memorable event!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Schauer Arts Center by Donna Dienhart, Marketing Director



The 2024–25 Season of Legacies Continues

Escape the winter chill this season at the Schauer Arts Center! Our “Season of Legacies” offers an exciting lineup of performances that will warm your heart and spirit. Enjoy a delightful mix of musical comedies, captivating dance, energetic music, and even some charming comic dogs that promise to bring joy to all. Don’t miss out on a fantastic night out—gather your friends and family for an unforgettable experience filled with world-class entertainment!

Our upcoming shows can be previewed on our website, SchauerCenter.org, for more information. Some shows offer additional tickets for preshow experiences, workshops, and post-show events. Our season includes the following upcoming shows:

- **Broadways Next Hit Musical—*Improv, Stand-***

up Comedy & Live Music Made Up ON THE SPOT! Friday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. It is a hilarious, unscripted theatrical awards show. You’ve heard of the TONY Awards? Get ready for the PHONY Awards! Enjoy a pre-show champagne reception with an extra ticket!

- **B2wins—*Music: Reimagined***, Saturday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. A show that is interactive, uplifting, and pure joy, these twin brothers from Brazil will take your soul on a feel-good vacation through music. An additional VIP ticket includes a meet and greet with the twins, photos, and a sound check sit-in!
- **Spamilton: *An American Parody***, Friday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. Created by Gerard Alessandrini, Spamilton is a side-splitting new musical parody of everyone’s favorite Broadway blockbusters.

- **The StepCrew—*Celtic Dance Music and Song***,

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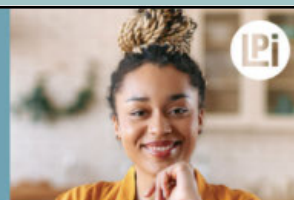
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Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. The StepCrew achieves the ultimate balance of respecting traditional dance forms while creating exciting modern fusions never seen or heard before.

- Professor Pinkerton's Irrelevant Orchestra—*Every Act You Can Imagine...and Some You Can't*, Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Professor will take you on an immersive journey of story and song through a wide array of early American blues, pre-war jazz, and golden-era gospel. Celebrate pi (e) day with coffee and pie before the show with an extra ticket.
- Live From Laurel Canyon—*Songs and Stories of American Folk Rock*, Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature classic hits from James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Neil Young, and more that celebrate the musicians who lived in Laurel Canyon.
- Kuniko Yamamoto—*Japanese Storytelling with Magical Mask, Mime, and Music*, Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. Classic Japanese folk tales combine traditional musical instruments, masks, origami, and mime to create a spellbinding story. After the show, Kuniko will lead an origami workshop from 2:30–3:30 p.m. with an additional ticket for \$5.00.
- TAKE3—*Where ROCK Meets BACH*, Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. From Bach and Beethoven to Bieber and the Beach Boys, these three talented ladies will surely entertain with their infectious and down-to-earth onstage personalities.
- Michael Cavanaugh—*The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John*, Saturday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Hand-picked by Billy Joel for the hit Broadway musical *Movin' Out*, Michael received both TONY and GRAMMY nominations in the lead role.
- The Coalminers Present Always Loretta—*The Ultimate Loretta Lynn Tribute starring Emily Portman*, Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Fans of Loretta Lynn will enjoy this tribute to the most awarded lady in country music.
- Water Street Dance Milwaukee—*Milwaukee's Premier Repertory Dance Company*, Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Renowned for their athletic, innovative, and entertaining performances, enjoy a vibrant dance experience pushing contemporary art's boundaries.
- Mutts Gone Nuts—*Canine Cabaret*, Saturday, April 12, at 3:00 p.m. The four-legged performers will dance, prance, flip, and skip their way right into your heart. Deemed “a must-see” by the Washington Post!
- Jarabe Mexicano—*Bordeño Soul*, Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. An eclectic mix of Mexican folk, rock & roll, and Norteño/Tex-Mex to Latin rock, enjoy traditional Mariachi string instruments and Norteño-inspired drums that complement dramatic vocals in English, Spanish, and Spanglish! Join us after the show for a “palomazo” celebration that features live music, a bar, and free snacks.
- Swing Chevron—*Gypsy Swing Ensemble*, Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. Playing swing styles from the 20s, 30s, and 40s with original tunes, enjoy the vintage hot sounds of Swing Chevron. Join us for free swing dance lessons 6:00–7:00 pm before the show.

The Schauer School of the Arts (SSA) is now open for winter/spring session registration. Classes are available for students covering dance, theater, and visual arts. We also offer adult classes like Wine & Art, Schauer Adult Art Club, and Adult Happy Dance Hour. Additionally, we have two exciting events planned—a PEEPS® visual arts contest in April and a free Chalk Art event on May 18. For more information about classes and events, visit our website at SchauerCenter.org, where our latest SSA brochure is also available online.

To purchase tickets or enroll in classes, please visit the Schauer Arts Center box office at 147 N. Rural Street in Hartford. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can also place your order over the phone by calling 262-670-0560, extension 3, or you can purchase directly at SchauerCenter.org.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick Preservation by Maureen Fitzsimons-Vanden Heuvel

In September 2024, St. Kilian's Parish announced the sale of the St. Patrick's property. We are thrilled to announce that Don and Mary Jane Gallo, who reside in the Town of Erin, have submitted an offer to purchase the property. The Gallo family will be presenting a unique development plan at the February 10, 2025 Plan Commission Meeting that will allow for the preservation of the 170-year-old historic Church and rectory. This plan will ensure the future of the Church and rectory as well as the peaceful rural setting.

In addition, Don is collaborating with the Milwaukee Archdiocese to discuss conditions of use. He is also securing bids for new furnace/air conditioning units for the Church and rectory, new siding, and windows for the rectory. Also, he is consulting on Church disability accessibility, ADA bathrooms, exterior lighting, and landscaping.

It is their plan to have St. Patrick's Church and Recto-

ry restored to their original intent for service to God and the Church, the Rectory as a home for a religious order, and the Church available for services and celebrations.

If approvals are received by the Town of Erin, closing may optimistically take place at the end of April or May 2025. We are more than grateful to the Gallo family, who have reached out to members of the St. Patrick's Preservation Fund to share their ideas to ensure St. Patrick's exists for another 100+ years.



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St. Mary of the Hill Parish

1515 Carmel Rd. Hubertus



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

St. Mary of the Hill parish extends a hearty welcome to all. The year 2025 is a Jubilee year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," and St. Mary of the Hill invites you to continue your faith journey here. You'll find this active Catholic community at the base of Holy Hill. Mass is celebrated Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. There are many spiritual and service opportunities to help grow your faith. Call the parish office at (262) 673-7505 to learn more.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. spend quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction is at 6 p.m. followed by Mass.

Lifelong Learning at St. Mary of the Hill

Speaker Bob Kroll presents "The Incredible Impact of a Father" at 11 a.m. on February 2. Then, Ann Klausen speaks on the topic "Motherhood: Spiritual & Personal" at 11 a.m. on February 16. This is a two-part series focused on the vocations of masculinity and femininity. Consider these speakers' insights and grow your personal understanding. All are welcome.

St. Dymphna Mental Health Group

The Catholic mental health and spiritual group meets February 3 and 17 at 1 p.m. It is intended for people with mental illness or who have problems with addictions.

Souper Bowl for Caring and Engaged Couple Blessing

Cans of soup will be collected February 8 and 9 for those in need. Thank you in advance for your donation. During all Masses this same weekend, engaged couples will receive a special blessing.

Family Faith Formation

Following the February 9 youth Mass, students in grades 9 and 10 will visit Serenity Villa Assisted Living in Slinger to create Valentines with residents and possibly play bingo if time permits.

Birthday Blessings and Blood Drive

Blessings for those who have a birthday in February

will occur during all Masses on February 15 and 16. On Monday, February 17, donate blood at the parish center. Future Blood Drives will be held June 9 and November 3.

Frassati Youth Group

Weather-permitting, the group, open to students in grades 6-12, will go sledding at Glacier Hills County Park on February 22 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. If conditions are not favorable for sledding, the group will meet from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the parish center for a movie night instead.

All Saints Meal Program

Volunteers are needed to help those in need at All Saints Catholic Church in Milwaukee on February 27, leaving our parish at 3:15 p.m. Preparing and serving a meal entails about three hours of your time. This program assists about 100 people. Contact the parish for more information about how you can help.

Hawaii Raffle and Mardi Gras Celebration

Win a two-week stay in a condo in Kona for the price of a \$50 raffle ticket. All proceeds go to the new church. Winning ticket (only 300 will be sold) will be pulled at the Mardi Gras. Winner does not need to be present. Air fare is not included and the stay can be booked between mid-May and late October 2025. For more information, call the parish office. St. Mary of the Hill's Annual Mardi Gras begins with appetizers at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at Hartford Town Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and live music begins at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We hope you join us at St. Mary of the Hill. For more information, please call the parish office at (262) 673-7505.

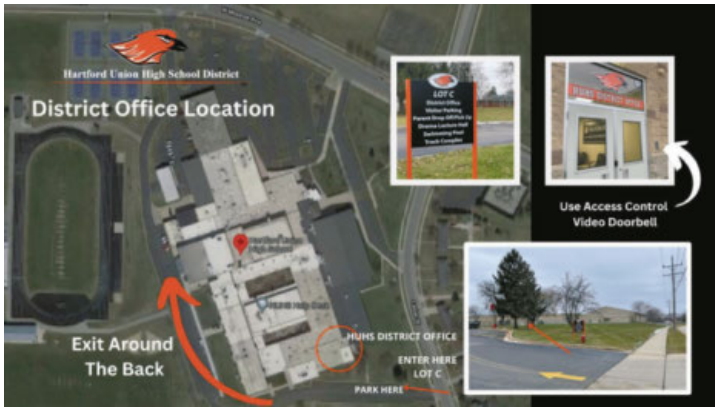


New Church Under Construction



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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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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
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By Bradley Bautz

I want to take a moment to highlight some of the work done over the past year. There has been new town legislation and agreements to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of the Town. I have been working to ensure we are safe, prepared, and well-positioned for the future.

1. Hartford Intermunicipal Agreement

- I was on the negotiating team for the town that secured a new 20-year agreement with the City of Hartford.
- The previous 20-year agreement, which I also helped negotiate, expired last year.
- This agreement protects the town from any potential annexation and loss of town land, and the city adoption of our zoning ordinances within three miles of the border.
- The city will continue providing fire protection and paramedic-level EMS service.
- The funding formula for fire/rescue services was adjusted, moving from being based on equalized value to being tied to the CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers), which offers more stability in funding, hopefully eliminating yearly 20%+ increases.

2. Richfield Fire Contract

- Following the dissolution of the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company, the village has taken over its fire/rescue services, creating the Richfield Fire Department.
- Village residents approved a new referendum to provide additional funding for added personnel.
- A one-year contract was signed to continue the relationship between the town and the newly municipalized department, which now serves all of the Village of Richfield and part of Erin with paramedic-level EMS service.

3. ATV/UTV Ordinance

- The town board approved an ordinance to allow ATV/UTVs on town roads.
- Specific regulations apply, including driver age and licensing requirements, insurance, operational hours, speed limits, restrictions on cruising, and open intoxicants.
- The ordinance will be periodically reviewed for adjustments.
- We tried to strike a balance between recreation and safety with clear guidelines for residents.
- It will not be valid until the roads are posted with signs.

4. U.S. Women's Open (May 28 - June 1)

- Ongoing planning efforts continue for the 2025 U.S. Women's Open golf tournament, including coordination with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and other agencies for traffic and security.
- The event will require extensive cooperation between local, state, and federal entities.

5. Emergency Operations Plan

- Following the US Open, I hope to start updating the town's Emergency Operations Plan, with input from community stakeholders to ensure preparedness for various emergencies.

6. Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- The town board adopted an updated county hazard mitigation plan, which will continue the eligibility for federal grants and other disaster relief programs.

7. Animal Ordinance

- The town adopted a new animal ordinance to address licensing issues, dangerous animals, and other concerns that were either not covered by county code or required referral to the county.
- Every dog over five months old is required to be licensed with the Town.

If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact me. My goal is a thriving and safe community here in the town. Have a safe and happy spring.