

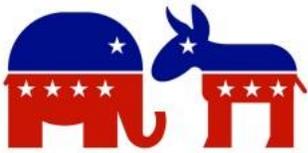


VISION: Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

MISSION STATEMENT: It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

City Manager

Election Update



While the national debates are keeping elections in the news, Eau Claire voters won't be going to the polls until next year – the first election is the Spring Primary on February 16, 2016. But, just like the national candidates, the City elections office staff is busy preparing for the 2016 elections.

Five new wards were just established due to annexations over the past year, and a new voting site is being set-up at the Fire Station #8 on Starr Avenue to serve those city voters who live in Chippewa County. Staff is getting ready for the re-implementation of the Voter Photo ID requirement. (Do you have what it takes to cast your ballot? Check out the [Bring It to the Ballot](#) website.)



Spring elections in the City will include At-large City Council members, County Supervisors, School Board members, judicial offices and a special election for Aldermanic District #1.

If you have questions on election matters, contact the Elections Office at (715) 839-4913 or the City Clerk at (715) 839-4912.

And remember:



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Popular Website Links: [City Website](#) [City Calendar](#) [City Council Members](#) [Citizen Resource Bank Form](#)
[Contact Us](#) [E-Notifications](#) [Social Media Links](#)

City Attorney



2015 Up and Coming Lawyer

Congratulations to Doug Hoffer, Assistant City Attorney, who was honored as one of the rising stars of the legal community at the “2015 Up and Coming Lawyers” reception held September 30. Consideration for this honor was based on:

- Attorneys that are on the fast track to making a significant impact on the legal profession.
- Attorneys that represent determination in legal work, in community betterment and in improving their own law office.
- Attorneys that have been practicing law for 8 years or less.

We thank Doug for the positive effect he has had on the City and around our community. We are proud to have him on our team. Those chosen for this honor were featured in a special Wisconsin Law Journal publication. Click [here](#) to hear Doug’s story.

Community Development

Inspections

Residential building permits issued in September 2015 consisted of 14 single-family homes for a total valuation of \$3,471,108, and 8 twin homes consisting of 16 units, for a total valuation of \$1,761,768. For the same time period in 2014, there were 3 residential building permits issued for a total valuation of \$492,102, and 2 twin home permits issued for a total valuation of \$350,000. Total construction valuation through September 2015 is \$133,603,902, compared with \$59,947,326 for the same time period last year.

Convention Center Opens at The Lismore

For months, there have been only contractors filing into the downtown hotel. As of a few weeks ago, the doors to the convention center are open, and people are filing in to attend events.

The Lismore began October by unveiling the first piece of its highly-anticipated project in downtown Eau Claire. The newly-renovated event halls attached to the Lismore began hosting events October 1, with a 10th birthday celebration for the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire. According to Julia Johnson, Project Specialist and Partner with Pablo Properties, more than 70 events have already been scheduled, despite limited marketing.



The convention center is now open for use at the Lismore. The event halls are already booked for more than 70 events.



Johnson and the local ownership group are excited to make the event spaces available as a resource in downtown Eau Claire. Totalling 13,800 square feet of event space, the halls have added two new ‘green rooms’ for staging as well as expanding previous food preparation space to a full kitchen. Those at Pablo Properties anticipate opening the rest of its facility by the end of 2015.

Beautiful Downtown From Above



Market and Johnson recently shot aerial photos of the downtown area using a drone. To see an album of more aerial views, go to the Downtown Eau Claire Facebook page.

Traffic detoured

Sections of the Water Street Bridge are gone as the Department of Transportation continues its work to remove and replace the aging bridge. Recently, piers have been removed and excavation has taken place. Next up is pier footing pile driving, west abutment formwork, pouring concrete for the west abutment, and beginning sheeting for a cofferdam. Bicyclists and pedestrians can use the Lake Street Bridge or the UWEC footbridge. Construction is expected to be complete in the fall of 2016.

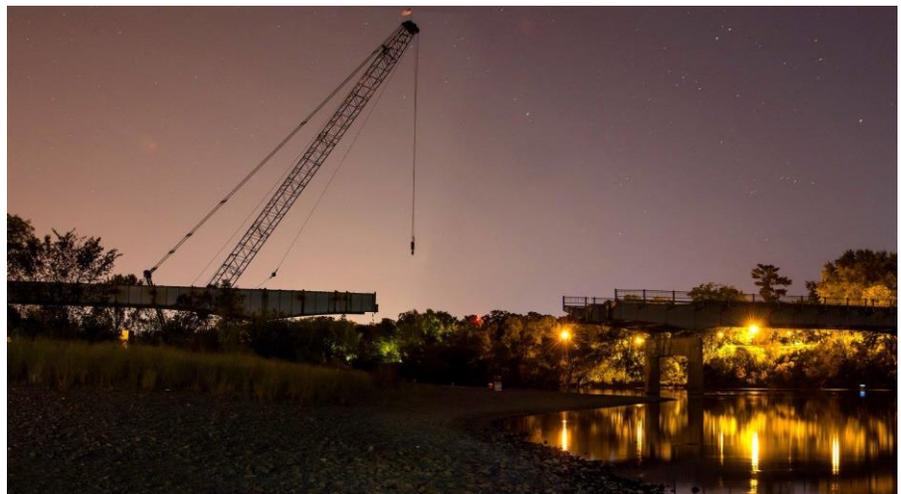


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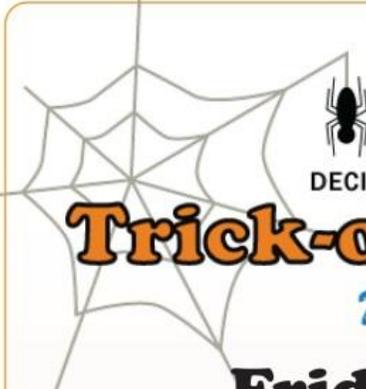
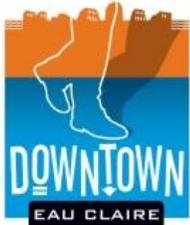
Fancy Footwork at the International Fall Festival

Irish dancers from Janelle’s School of Irish Dance performed at the International Fall Festival. There were also Salsa dancing lessons, Latin Zumba demonstrations, the Klezmazel band playing European music, martial arts demonstrations, and more! People had a chance to eat Native American fry bread, gyros, baklava, Cuban sandwiches, pretzel bites, brats, Greek salad, burritos, and more! One hundred food and craft vendors lined South Barstow Street.





Fest-goers enjoyed a Blugold Marching Band performance, as well as the event's largest parade to date!



DECI PRESENTS

Trick-or-Treating

Downtown Eau Claire

Friday
October 30th
3 - 5 PM



Downtown Eau Claire's streets will be overrun with witches, goblins, and superheroes as little ones roam from place to place filling up their pumpkins and pillowcases.

Local merchants generously hand out treats to thousands of kids!

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN!
Fun for the entire family! Please make sure that children are accompanied by an adult.

VISIT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES ALONG:
North & South Barstow St.
North and South Farwell St.
Phoenix Park Area
Graham Avenue (Including Syverson Lutheran Home)
East & West Grand Ave
Water Street



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Fire & Rescue

Yard Waste Disposal

The fall months are an active time for yard waste disposal, and many options exist for residents. The semi-annual curbside yard waste collection program still is being offered to residents through their regular garbage and recycling hauler and will take place the week of November 2 – 6.

Eau Claire County also has compiled a yard waste directory consisting of businesses and homeowners who accept leaves, grass, pine needles and other materials. A paper copy of the directory, printed in spring, is available from the Planning Department in the County Courthouse. [Click here](#) to view further information.



Another option to make good use of yard refuse is by composting, which allows decomposed materials to be reused as a nutritious supplement for your garden, lawn, and house plants. A variety of materials may be used for composting including leaves, grass, and weeds. Information on the world of composting is abundant on the Internet.

Eau Claire Fire and Rescue encourages residents to utilize the aforementioned options as they provide no disruption to neighbors who may be sensitive to odor/smoke from burning. Within the city of Eau Claire, a burning permit (\$5 per burning occurrence) can be obtained from the fire department to burn grass, leaves, and vegetable matter. Under no circumstances can plastics, garbage, or other products that might produce noxious fumes be burned. [Click here](#) to view the process for obtaining the permit and a sample permit. Please burn responsibly and respectfully!

For **brush** disposal (no leaves, grass, etc.), Eau Claire County operates two disposal sites: one on Jeffers Road in the city of Eau Claire and the other near the Seven Mile Creek landfill in the Town of Seymour. These sites are open through November 14. [Click here](#) for further information on those sites. The Eau Claire City Council is working on an agreement with Boxx Sanitation to provide services at the Jeffers Road disposal site. That process is ongoing; please be alert for future developments.

Eau Claire Firefighters Turn Out for a Good Cause this October

In addition to their usual firefighting and EMS duties, Eau Claire firefighters are sporting blue-and-pink t-shirts from October 9-18 in an effort to bring awareness to the fight against breast and other cancers. Firefighters exposed to carcinogens and other chemicals while on the job are disproportionately diagnosed with many types of cancer, including breast cancer. Your Eau Claire firefighters encourage everyone in the community to participate in breast cancer awareness and prevention activities.



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Health

Eau Claire City-County
Health Department

Are you a woman? Over age 40? Have you been screened for breast cancer yet this year?

It is recommended for women over 40 to get screened for breast cancer every year. The Affordable Care Act (also known as Obama Care) has brought changes to our health care system. One of those changes is that most health insurance companies are required to offer preventative breast and cervical cancer screenings (Clinical breast exam, Mammogram, Pelvic exam and Pap test), according to recommendations, at no cost to the insured.

If you have private insurance, we encourage you to call your insurance company, make sure they offer these services without application of your deductible and then call your medical provider to make an appointment for your screenings.

The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) is also available to assist women to get their recommended breast and cervical cancer screenings. The WWWP may be of assistance to you if you are a woman 45-64 years old, your income meets our guidelines, you do not have health insurance, your insurance does not cover screening exams, or you cannot pay the deductible or co-pay. The WWWP connects qualified women to one of our participating providers in the area and pays for the visit. Diagnostic testing is also covered, if cancer is suspected.

If you have any questions about the program guidelines, covered services, or enrollment please call the Eau Claire County WWWP Coordinator @ 715-839-4718.

For more information, visit <http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/health-department/adult-health/wisconsin-well-woman-program>

OCTOBER IS
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH



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Library



Solve Riddles @ the Library!

October 18-24

One riddle will be given each day; each riddle leads to a well-known children's book. Riddles will be available in Youth Services. Riddle solvers will be entered into a daily prize drawing. Riddle Me Readers is sponsored by the Friends of the Library to celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week.

Owning Your Future

Tuesday, October 20 • 10:30-12 p.m. and repeated 5:30-7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Learn more about long-term services and preserving your personal assets for future assistance needs. Register online at www.adrcevents.org or call 715-839-4735.

Everything is Strawsome!

Thursday, October 22 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Youth Services Room

Calling all future engineers! Build your own creative structures out of ordinary straws and special Strawbee pieces. For grades 5-8. All materials provided. Registration is required. To register, stop in or call 715-839-5007.

Halloween Storytime

10:15 a.m. • Eau Claire Room

Thursday, October 29 (Ages 0-2)

Friday, October 30 (Ages 2 and up)

Join us for fun stories, songs, dancing, activities, costume parade, and other fun Halloween fun! No registration required.



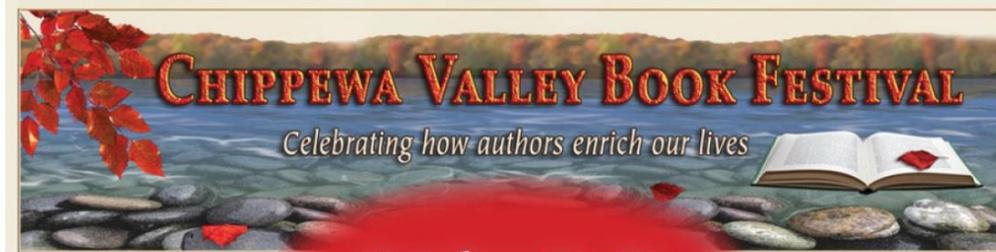
Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction Writer's Workshop

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Chippewa Room

Have you been carrying a story or novel but haven't quite got it down on paper? Or written a story that's still missing 'something'? Develop new writing techniques through a brief lecture and in-class writing exercises. Led by writer Michelle Koehn. Space is limited. Register online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or call 715-839-5004.

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October 15–22



**“The Slaves of Chang and Eng”
Presented by author Joseph Orser**

Monday, October 19 • 7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Joe Orser explores the stories of enslaved African Americans owned by conjoined brothers, Chang and Eng Bunker (more famously known as the Siamese Twins) in the 19th-century United States.

Featured authors at our library:

Saturday, October 17 • Eau Claire Room

9:30 a.m. Aimee Molloy

However Long the Night: The Anatomy of a Social Movement

10:45 a.m. Christopher Scotton

Landscape and Story: The Secret Wisdom of the Earth

1 p.m. Ben Stroud

Byzantium: Form and Place in Fiction

2:15 p.m. Julie Schumacher

Dear Committee Members: The Fun and Freedom of Form

3:30 p.m. Blake Harris

Console Wars: From Soldier to Author

Visit www.cvbookfest.org for a complete list of authors and events.



Parks, Recreation & Forestry

'Outdoor Adventures' Curriculum Earns State Honor

The great outdoors is a wonderful place to be in Wisconsin, and a curriculum designed by the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department is doing a terrific job getting kids out and about in it. The Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association awarded the department its Silver Star for excellence in recreation programming after reviewing the department's Outdoors Adventure curriculum.

Through a series of classes throughout the summer, students ages 8-17 can try sailing, canoeing, mountain biking, archery, fishing, camping, nature photography, outdoor skills and wildlife study. Through a partnership that leverages school district funding, many of the classes are available to residents for \$14-\$18.



Drop In for Fun and Fitness

Fall [drop-in programs](#) are getting underway with the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department. No registration necessary. Just stop in and pay for the days you attend, and don't worry about the days you can't. Save money with a City Pass, where you get 12 \$3-admissions for the price of 10. The City Pass is accepted at the following drop-in activities:

- Adult Open Basketball
- Adult Open Broomball
- Adult Open Hockey
- Adult Open Pickleball
- Adult Open Volleyball
- Lunch Break Skate
- Open In-line Skating
- Open Skating
- Open Swimming
- Parent's Night Out
- Par-Te-Rec
- Rink Rat Hockey
- Water Fitness

"Hoop Dreams" Begins October 19

Hoop Dreams is a four-week instructional basketball program that meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mondays, starting October 19, at Flynn Elementary School, 1430 Lee Street. Participants must be in kindergarten or first grade. Cost is \$15 for Eau Claire residents, \$25 for non-residents. To register, visit www.eauclairewi.gov/reg.

School's Out Open Skating October 22-23

School's out, and skating is in! Enjoy a day – or two – away from school and instead at special skate sessions on October 22 and 23 at Hobbs Ice Center. Cost is \$3 per session with free skate rental.

- **Session 1:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Session 2:** 1:15-3:15 p.m.

Special Rink Rat Hockey sessions also are available both days:

- **Mites/Squirts:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Pewees/Bantams:** 12:45-1:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation staff at 715-839-5040.

Clearwater Parade - Save the Date: December 19

Save the date for this winter's Clearwater Parade on Saturday, December 19. The parade begins at 5 p.m. with family activities from 6-8 p.m. at Hobbs Ice Center. The Clearwater Parade is seeking volunteers. To get involved with Eau Claire's newest winter tradition, please call Eau Claire Parks and Recreation at 715-839-5032.

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Halloween

The Eau Claire Police Department wishes to pass along these safety tips to ensure that participants will have a happy and safe Halloween:

- Children's visits should be made from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Residents who wish to welcome trick-or-treaters should leave a door or porch light on. Children should be advised to only visit homes with outside lights on.
- Children who participate in trick-or-treating should be supervised by a responsible person who is not trick-or-treating.
- Children should only cross at crosswalks or intersections of streets. Never cross a street from between parked cars or mid-block, and never run into the street.
- Motorists should exercise extreme caution during the hours of Halloween activities and be aware of unpredictable movements by children.
- Halloween costumes should be light in color, short enough to prevent tripping and made of non-flammable material. For greater visibility, costumes may be decorated with reflective tape or glow sticks. Trick-or-treaters should also carry a flashlight.
- Facial makeup should be used whenever possible as masks tend to obstruct vision.
- Instruct children not to eat their treats until a responsible adult has inspected them.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged treats.
- Keep costumed children away from pets as the costume may frighten the pet, although we know some pets wear costumes, too!



Kids N Cops

On October 19, Eau Claire Police will join other Eau Claire County law enforcement agencies at Altoona Family Restaurant to raise money for the Kids N Cops Program. Officers will greet patrons, serve coffee and promote the Kids N Cops cause. Altoona Family Restaurant donates 100% of the day's sales to Kids N Cops. Last year this amounted to over \$11,600.

The Kids N Cops Program identifies children ages 4-11 in Eau Claire County that are in need of winter clothing, but do not have financial resources. All of the money raised through fundraising goes directly back to the children, as they are paired with law enforcement officers who volunteer their time to shop with the children at Target to purchase clothing and a special toy for the holidays.

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Public Works

Civic Center Parking Ramp Complete; North Barstow Ramp Progresses Safely

Repair work on the Civic Center Parking Ramp recently was completed. The section of Gibson Street leading to the ramp is now open for use.

Work continues to progress on schedule for the North Barstow Parking Ramp. City engineers commended work crews for their attention to safety throughout the project. To date, no loss-of-time accidents have been reported for the project. The ramp is expected to be open for use by September 2016.

Trail Leading to High Bridge Growing in Popularity

Use of the trail connecting Ninth Street to the High Bridge continues to grow in popularity since its completion in September. Based on casual observation, city staff members estimate that daily trail use has potentially doubled since the trail's opening last month.

Madison Street Bridge on Track for November Completion

With the arrival of a delayed expansion joint, work continues to advance on repairs to the Madison Street Bridge. City engineers say the project remains on schedule and expect the bridge to be fully open to traffic by early November. Crews are expected to begin work on the south end of the bridge next week.

Utility Division Flushing City Hydrants

As part of its annual maintenance, the Utility Division is systematically flushing all the fire hydrants within the city. The process of [flushing hydrants](#) removes mineral deposits along the water mains and also ensures proper functioning of the hydrants for firefighting purposes.

During flushing, residents might experience a momentary loss of water pressure or discoloration of water — red for iron, black for magnesium. If discoloration occurs, residents should open the cold tap nearest the water meter — usually a basement sink — to full flow until the water runs clear. In some situations this may take 5 to 10 minutes. Residents are advised to make sure their water is clear before doing laundry or other projects for which discolored water could cause problems.



Crews will be flushing hydrants until early November. For questions or to inquire if flushing is expected within a day or two in a specific neighborhood, contact Utilities at 715-839-5045.

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Eau Claire City Council



City Council Meeting Summary – October 12 & 13, 2015

The City Council

- Held public hearings on two rezoning proposals and regarding provisions within the Zoning Code pertaining to Rooming Houses.
- Heard public discussion about a proposed agreement with OutdoorMore, Inc. for the operation of a winter recreation area in Pinehurst Park and a discussion on a proposed resolution opposing Xcel Energy's electric rate proposal.
- Granted new bartender licenses and renewed bartender licenses for the 2015-2017 licensing period.
- Granted a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish, a temporary expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Eau Claire Fire House to include a fenced-in area for an Autumn Celebration event, and granted a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to Noodle Tea House/Macy's Eggroll.
- Approved the following special events: Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity, Inc. to conduct the Alpha Xi Delta Amazing Challenge and Indianhead Track Club to conduct the Carson Park 5 and 10K along city trails.
- Authorized bids and proposals to Reroof Fairfax Pool Buildings, Purchase Servers for Virtual Desktop System Hosts, Purchase Snow Plow Blades, and to Purchase Computer Workstations.
- Granted Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association and granted a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License to Casa Margarita LLC.
- Approved the appropriation of a 2015 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant from the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and the acceptance of USDA Local Food Promotion Program planning grant funds to conduct a public market feasibility study within the Cannery District.
- Authorized appointments to the Visit Eau Claire Tourism and Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee; appointed the City of Eau Claire voting delegates for the National League of Cities Conference in Nashville, Tennessee; and approved appointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees.

- Approved an amendment to the Travel/Training Policy for City Council members and Board, Committee and Commission chairs.
- Authorized the creation of new voting wards in the City of Eau Claire and established a new voting site at Fire Station #8 to serve the northern area of the city.
- Approved the agreement with OutdoorMore, Inc. for the operation of a winter recreation area in Pinehurst Park and an agreement with Boxx Sanitation regarding operation of the Jeffers Road Brush Site.
- Approved a Right of First Refusal agreement with ECHL, LLC (The Lismore) for purchase of the municipal parking ramp.
- Adopted an ordinance to rezone property located on the west side of Mercantile Drive, north of Kohlhepp Road, and adopted the General Development Plan for Hope Gospel Mission House of Hope; adopted an ordinance to rezone property on the east side of Cypress Street, south of Hamilton Avenue and adopted the General Development Plan for a memory care facility; and adopted an ordinance amending provisions within the Zoning Code pertaining to Rooming Houses, requiring conditional use permits for new rooming houses.

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