



May 10, 2016

**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.

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### Law Enforcement Memorial

The Northwest Wisconsin Regional Law Enforcement Memorial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 16, at [the Florian Gardens](#) in Eau Claire. This memorial service honors regional law enforcement officers who lost their lives while serving their communities and is held in conjunction with National Police Week, which takes place May 15 – May 21. Community members are invited to attend.



### EMS Week



May 15-21 is National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. This year’s theme is “Called to Care”. Initially established by President Gerald Ford in 1974, this annual observance serves as an opportunity to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers. The EMS system provides lifesaving care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and includes skilled dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, nurses, physicians, educators, and administrators. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. Members of emergency medical services teams, both career and volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

This month, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue personnel have been visiting area grade schools, providing EMS education to over 1,500 students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.



# NATIONAL Water Safety MONTH

May is National Water Safety Awareness month. With this in mind, summer is fast approaching, and families will be heading to the waterways in Wisconsin and beyond for summer activities.

Eau Claire Fire and Rescue and the Water Safety Task Force have created a water safety program to present to 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Eau Claire Area School District as part of this year's spring prevention programs. This program teaches students about the inherent dangers of water and provides them with the tools to keep themselves and their families safe.

Please join us in getting the word out about water safety, and let's aim for a safe summer on our waterways.

If you have any questions about these topics, please call the department's Fire Prevention Division at (715) 839-4825.



## Our City 2016

Our City 2016 is back and better than ever! Join our downtown spring cleaning event this Saturday, May 14. Our City 2016 is an event where the community comes together and "loves" our city by doing much needed projects in the downtown area. These projects include sidewalk sweeping, trash pickup along the river, painting, gardening, small construction projects, etc. Event-day registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Valleybrook Church. All participants will receive a free lunch at Phoenix Park.

## Meet Our New Human Resources Director

We are pleased to welcome Vicki Seltun as our new Human Resources Director. Her first day was Monday, May 9. She has a Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law and has practiced law for 23 years. Ms. Seltun has an extensive background working with public and private sector organizations on a wide range of human resource issues.

We look forward to working with you, Vicki!



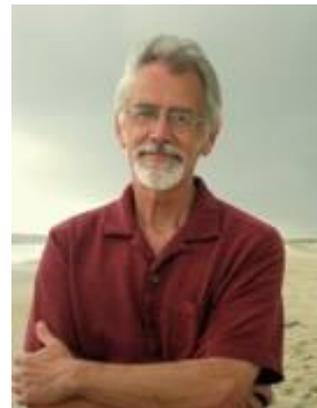
## Welcome to Pamela Westby, Our New Library Director

On May 4, a welcome reception was held for the new library director, Pamela Westby. The event was funded by the Friends of the Library and hosted by the Library Board of Trustees and staff.

Welcome to Eau Claire, Pamela!

## Meet Our New "Writer in Residence"

Welcome to our new Writer in Residence, Max Garland! He is a professor emeritus at UWEC, where he taught creative writing and literature for 20 years. He served as Poet Laureate of Wisconsin from 2013-2014. The Writer in Residence works to bring about a greater appreciation and enjoyment of the value and importance of the reading, performance, publication and writing of literature.





## **Bicycle Friendly Community Program**

On April 28, the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) met with Steven Clark from the League of American Bicyclists to discuss the Bicycle Friendly Community Program and recommendations that could move Eau Claire from its current bronze status to silver status. Thanks to the BPAC members for all their hard work to make us a bicycle friendly community!



## **Dawn Comte Receives Healthy Communities Individual Champion Award**

Dawn Comte, Recreation Manager for Parks, Recreation & Forestry, received the Healthy Communities Individual Champion award for her involvement with local health partnerships. Congratulations, Dawn! We are proud of you! Thank you for all the work you do to help our community live life better!



## Enjoy the Beauty of Spring

Have you been to Phoenix Park or Wilson Park lately? If you have, you probably saw these beautiful flowers. They are called Butterfly Magnolias and they are flowering right now at the parks. Spring is here, and we are loving it!



## The Sculptures are Here!

On May 4, the sculptures were installed throughout the area. Thanks to the crews who started at 5 a.m.! Be sure to take a "Sculpture Tour" and pick out your favorite!



## National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day

The Eau Claire County Drug Endangered Children Team is excited to announce that our first annual observance of National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day was held on Thursday, April 27. DEC Awareness Day helps to bring attention to the many risks faced by children living in dangerous drug environments. A Drug Endangered Child is one found in an environment where illegal drugs are manufactured, sold, distributed, used or where there is other significant evidence of illegal drugs.



Our community participated in DEC Awareness Day by organizing a backpack stuffing on April 27 with help from the Eau Claire County DEC Team, the residents at Grace Willowbrook Assisted Living, and a small group of Communication and Journalism students from UW-Eau Claire.

The backpack program is the first community project the Eau Claire County DEC Team is working on. This program allows for any child being removed from a drug environment to immediately receive a backpack with clean, non-contaminated necessities until there is time to decontaminate or replace their own personal items. Some items included in each backpack are clothing, toiletries, blankets, an age-appropriate toy, and educational supplies. Infant/toddler bags also contain diapers, wipes, bottles/sippy cups, pacifiers, receiving blankets, and single-serve formula. The items within the backpacks have been provided through generous in-kind or monetary donations from area businesses and private donors from the Eau Claire area. Click [here](#) for more information on Eau Claire County's DEC Team.



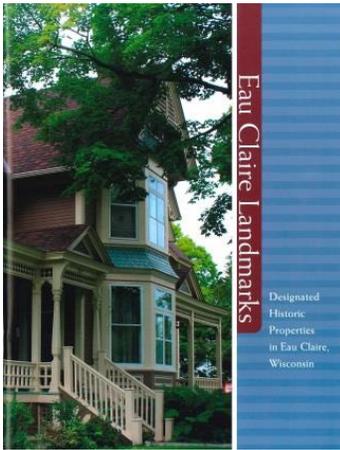
## Be Prepared for Summer: Connect With Us to Get the Latest Beach Closing Updates!

Starting the week of May 23, the Health Department's Environment Health Laboratory will begin closely monitoring the level of bacteria in area beaches. Although closings may change your beach day plans, they are for the safety of all beachgoers. Exposure to bacteria in the water can make you and your family sick. To get the latest news on beach closings -

- Sign up for e-notifications by visiting the City of Eau Claire's website and clicking on [sign up for e-notifications](#). Select "beach closings."
- Like the Eau Claire City-County Health Department on Facebook.
- Follow us on twitter [@ehealthdept](#).
- Check out our website at [www.ehealthdepartment.org](#).
- If you have questions, please contact us at 715-839-4718.



## Eau Claire Landmarks Tour Booklet



The Eau Claire Landmarks Commission recently completed an update of the Eau Claire Landmarks Tour Booklet. The booklet features over one hundred properties within the city that are architecturally or historically important. Each property is either listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a local landmark property. The booklet also features seven historic districts in the city and provides a brief overview of the history of the city and an explanation of the common architectural styles found in Eau Claire.

This booklet updates the previous booklet that was printed in 2002. Copies are available for sale at several locations including the Chippewa Valley Museum, Volume One and City Hall.



## Craft Talk with Author Michael Perry

The library, in partnership with the recently formed Chippewa Valley Writers Guild (CVWG), hosted a special Craft Talk on Saturday, May 7, featuring local author Michael Perry. Perry presented on the keyboard-level realities of balancing writing for a living with writing for meaning. More than 110 people attended the presentation, which was fun, fascinating and practical.

Directly preceding the presentation, literature lovers gathered for a meet-and-greet with the CVWG on the library's front lawn. Over 150 people stopped by to learn about the Guild, visit with local authors, and enjoy refreshments. The Guild also asked the community to share their voice by talking about a book that changed their life and contributing a line to a collaborative poem, the results of both activities will appear in the Guild's next [monthly newsletter](#).



Isa Small, Programming and Communications Manager at the library, says the library was excited to partner with the CVWG for the program. "One of our goals is to foster a culture of creativity and innovation," Small says. "The Michael Perry craft talk is another step in that direction and we are eager to learn what future craft talks will bring to our community."



## Eau Claire City Council



**Seated from left to right: David Klinkhammer, Tim Tewalt, Eric Larsen, Catherine Emmanuelle, Bob Von Haden, Andrew Werthmann, Kerry Kincaid, Kathleen Mitchell, Michael Xiong, David Strobel, Kate Beaton**

The [Eau Claire City Council](#) meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. These are legislative meetings where the Council votes on items. Public Hearings are held at 7 p.m. on the Monday evening before each legislative session. All meetings are held in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 203 S. Farwell Street.

City Council meetings are televised live on Community Television Basic Cable Channels 96 and 97 and Digital Cable Channels 993 and 994, and Digital TV Tuner Channels 98-13 and 98-14, along with being streamed live at [Community Television](#). The program is re-broadcast on the Thursday and Saturday following the meetings. The re-broadcasts begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday morning and at noon on Saturday. The meetings are also simulcast on radio station WRFM 101.9 FM.

Please contact Community Television at 715-839-5067 with any questions you may have regarding the broadcasts of City Council meetings.

