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From the City Manager: Here are some updates from around Eau Claire from this week...

Approaches to Hot Weather: We have had many contacts from advocates to encourage the City to refine its approach to hot weather events, especially in terms of how heat may impact people who do not have easy access to cool indoor spaces. City and County staff will be meeting next week to discuss the plan, which has evolved in recent years depending on the availability of public places or cooling centers for residents to go to in extreme heat. One option to fund solutions is to ask the Council to move forward with an initial batch of ARPA spending at the June 28th meeting. We will update you next week.

Water Plant Tours: Last Saturday, Utilities staff hosted tours of the Water Treatment Plant. A huge thank you to the Utilities who used their Saturday to host: Cole Cloutier, Tyler Fadness, Mark Nelson, and Lane Berg. Also, thank you to Council Members who were able to attend. My family attended and loved the tour. My son was telling me all about water pressure, magnesium, and more for



several days after. I also heard from a neighbor that a member of her church stood up to make an announcement to say how grateful she was to go on the tour and how grateful she is for public servants. Pictured here is a young girl who was on our tour. She and a friend, plus my 10-year-old son, were very excited to taste “the freshest water in Eau Claire”, which runs from the drinking fountain in the plant, according to our tour guide, Ty. They said it tasted “delicious!”.



Fire Ops 101: The City’s Fire Department hosted an open house for this past Thursday. Council members Joshua Miller, Larry Mboga, Terry Weld, and Charlie Johnson were able to join, along with WQOW’s anchor Stephanie Rodriguez.

Fire Department staff helped us through four scenarios: a paramedic response to a cardiac event, a ropes course rescue such as would occur if someone fell over a steep bank, an extraction of a patient who was trapped in a car after an accident, and a response to a burning building and rescue of an injured person inside. Their professionalism, expertise, and spirit of service was exceptional, and all attendees expressed gratitude for the experience. The day also showed just how much their work is a combination of analytical decision making, physical response, and psychological resilience. Very few jobs have that combination of demands. One of my reflections was that all of us are likely to rely on Fire/Paramedic help for ourselves



and our loved ones, no doubt at least once in our lifetimes. The Department literally helps most everyone on their worst days. For anyone lucky enough to avoid the need to call for help, the day-to-day peace of mind we gain knowing it's available is nevertheless worth so much. Thank you, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue for such an amazing experience!

McDonough Park: McDonough Park is a great place for Eau Claire residents to spend time outdoors and get some exercise, including by playing pickleball! After a recent McDonough Park presentation, one community member expressed appreciation for this new park: *"I was moved by your message and your commitment to staying active, especially as we age... We are new to Eau Claire, and these are the pockets of community that we have been searching for! Thank you for presenting yesterday and being an advocate for people to be active and take ownership in their community. We look forward to settling into this community and looking for ways to get involved."* Pictured here are my very own mom and dad testing out the active aging equipment at McDonough when we recently visited, along with many other residents, to watch the closing events of the Airshow.



Special Events: There was a recent Special Events meeting at which common issues that Neighborhood Associations experience were discussed. We will share updates as we continue to work through protocols and, we hope, ease event planning steps for Neighborhood Associations. Also, be on the lookout for some potential upcoming neighborhood and city-wide events, like "Neighborhood Olympics"!

Employee Spotlight: Here's our next Employee Spotlight (Feel free to highlight a City employee using this form, if you would like: [Spotlight Form](#))

This week's spotlight is for **Amber Willi!** One of Amber's co-workers said this about Amber: *"Amber has such a great helping attitude and the skills to go along with it. I know she is overwhelmed right now helping to do the duties of three open positions in the Community Services department, but her attitude has stayed steady and bright! She is a joy to work with!"*

Here's a bit more about Amber:



- Position: “I am the Administrative Associate for the Community Services Department. I’ve been in this role for just over a year, but I’ve been working for the City for 11 years now.”
- What people may not know: “I have a degree in English Literature from UWEC.”
- Favorite Activity: “I love to take my boys (Finley & Milo) to check out the local parks.”
- Best part about working for the City: “My favorite part of working for the City is being part of a team of people that genuinely want to serve their community. I love getting the behind-the-scenes view of what makes Eau Claire so great.”
- Life philosophy: “When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence.”

Council Calendar

- Monday, June 27th: City Council electronically receives 2023-2027 Proposed CIP
- Tuesday, June 28th Council Meeting
 - Work session: Continued ARPA planning
 - Work session: Referendum planning
- Tuesday, July 12th: City Council operating priorities and parameters work session
- Tuesday, July 19th: City Council CIP Budget work session #2
- Tuesday, July 26th: City Council CIP Budget work session #3
- Monday, August 8th: Public discussion for 2023-2027 Proposed CIP
- Tuesday, August 9th: City Council adopts 2023-2027 Proposed CIP
- Tuesday, August 23rd: Need approval for referendum ballot question language, if referendum moves forward
- Saturday, October 1st: City Council receives 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, October 4th: Operating Budget work session #1
- Monday, October 10th: Public Hearing on the Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, October 11th: Operating Budget work session #2
- Tuesday, October 18th: Operating Budget work session #3
- Tuesday, October 25th: Operating Budget work session – amendment discussion
- Tuesday, November 1st: Budget amendments due Monday, November 7th: Public Hearing on 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, November 8th: City Council action on 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
- Tuesday, November 22rd: City Council action on levy

Library Update: Attached is the latest Library update. We are counting down the days!

Engineering Update: Engineering staff is in the full swing of construction season. Some of what they are focusing on is:

- Finishing up work with Eau Claire County on the Kane Road project, north of Folsom Street, which is scheduled to open Friday, June 17th,
- Inspectors are busy on Omaha Street and Eddy Lane, along with the start of the mill and overlay projects.

The new “Evolve Public” permitting system has been working well for right-of-way permits and encroachments. Staff have been busy reviewing traffic detours and street closures requested by contractor construction and coordinating with Capital Improvement Project work.

Community Services Update

Parks: This week, Parks staff harvested weeds from Half Moon Lake prior to its treatment with Alum to bind phosphorus to the bottom of the lake. This is the final year of the Alum treatment and 2024 will mark the last Endothall treatment and the end of a 15-year treatment plan for controlling weed growth in Half Moon Lake.

On Thursday, the Shawtown Neighborhood Association had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground at Newell Park. The new playground replaced a 27-year-old set, and Parks staff hope to continue to use Capital Improvement Funds in future years to continue replacing aging playgrounds throughout the City.

Recreation: Fairfax Pool staff are preparing for a stretch of hot weather forecasted for next week. On Sunday,

June 19th they will host Water Safety Fest which will promote safety in and around water. At Hobbs Ice Arena, staff have completed the O’Brien Rink beam painting and facility water heater replacement projects. With these major projects behind them, staff will focus on smaller projects and touch-ups around the facility.

Recreation staff are keeping themselves very busy with summer programs, athletic events, and more. In order to recognize their efforts and the impact that work has on the community, the City is poised to declare July as Parks and Recreation Month. A formal proclamation will be presented at the June 28th City Council meeting.

Streets: Micro-Sealing work is ongoing



this week and, aside from a few weather-related delays, is going smoothly. This project has been the main focus of the Streets Division lately as it requires staff to be street sweeping, posting no parking signs, and setting up detours. The contractor applies a sealer to the street, and it is typically able to be reopened to traffic in eight hours or less.

The streets completed (or underway) are:

- Highland Ave
- Folsom St
- Summit St
- Conifer Ct
- Delrae Ct
- Rudolph Rd

Remaining streets in the project should be completed next week, weather permitting.

Transit: Transit is testing out a new three-position fat-tire bicycle rack. If successful, the Division will transition the entire fleet from the old two-position bike racks. The



concrete pour for the ramp at the new Transfer Center went smoothly on Tuesday. The fourth of eight pours is scheduled for the end of June. Transit staff continue to engage with the community at the Thursday night Sounds Like Summer Concerts. Make sure to swing by to say hello if you're in attendance! Weekday Average Ridership is 1,036 for June. This is level with June 2021 (1,034) and down 47% from pre-COVID levels in June 2019 (1,968). Average Fare Box weekday revenues for June is \$290. Revenues are down 5% from June 2021 (\$307) and down 43% from the June 2019 Average (\$507).

Utilities: The Damon Reservoir painting project is complete and the tank is currently being filled. Following two consecutive safe bacteria samples, the reservoir will be put back online to serve the community.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, June 18, Juneteenth
- Independence Day activities, City offices closed July 4

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Stephanie A. Hirsch
City Manager

Attachments: Market and Johnson Library Renovation Update



WEEKLY SUMMARY

L.E. Phillips Library – Eau Claire

June 17th, 2022



Last 5 Days/Next 5 Days:

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- **All Floors**
 - Continue Installing Lighting Equipment
 - Painting as available
- **3rd Floor**
 - Installed Glass Doors
- **2nd Floor**
 - Install Terrazzo on Headwaters Bridge
- **1st Floor**
 - Install Terrazzo in Front Entry
 - Finished Installing Carpet
- **Lower Level**
 - Continued to Tape and Paint
 - Continued to Install Flooring
 - Install Exterior Doors & Storefronts
 - Install Doors & Hardware
- **Exterior**
 - Patch and Repair Existing Retaining Wall
 - Install Site Specialties/Install Lights
 - FRP Site Walls/Sculpture Pads

Next 5 Days:

- **All Floors**
 - Painting as available
 - Continue Installing Lighting Equipment
- **3rd Floor**
 - Install Green Roof and Pavers
- **2nd Floor**
 - Install Terrazzo on Headwaters Bridge
- **1st Floor**
 - Installed window blinds
- **Lower Level**
 - Finish to Tape and Paint
 - Install Raydoors
 - Finish Installing Flooring
- **Exterior**
 - FRP Sidewalks
 - Install Site Specialties/Install Lights
 - FRP Site Walls/Sculpture Pads
 - FRP Sidewalks/Paving

Key Factors:

- Schedule – Reference attached 5-Week Look ahead schedule.
- Priority Submittals
- Priority RFI Needs
 - 162: Existing Lights on Ramp
 - 170: Light Bases





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Installed Soffit Lights In The YS Program Room





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Installing Terrazzo In Front Entry





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Installed New Carpet In Tween Lounge and Play & Learn Areas





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Installed Storefront Window & Door In Staff Lounge





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Starting To Install Storefront Window & Door In Dabble Box Area





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Installed Doors & Hardware On Lower Level





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Installing Terrazzo on Headwaters Bridge

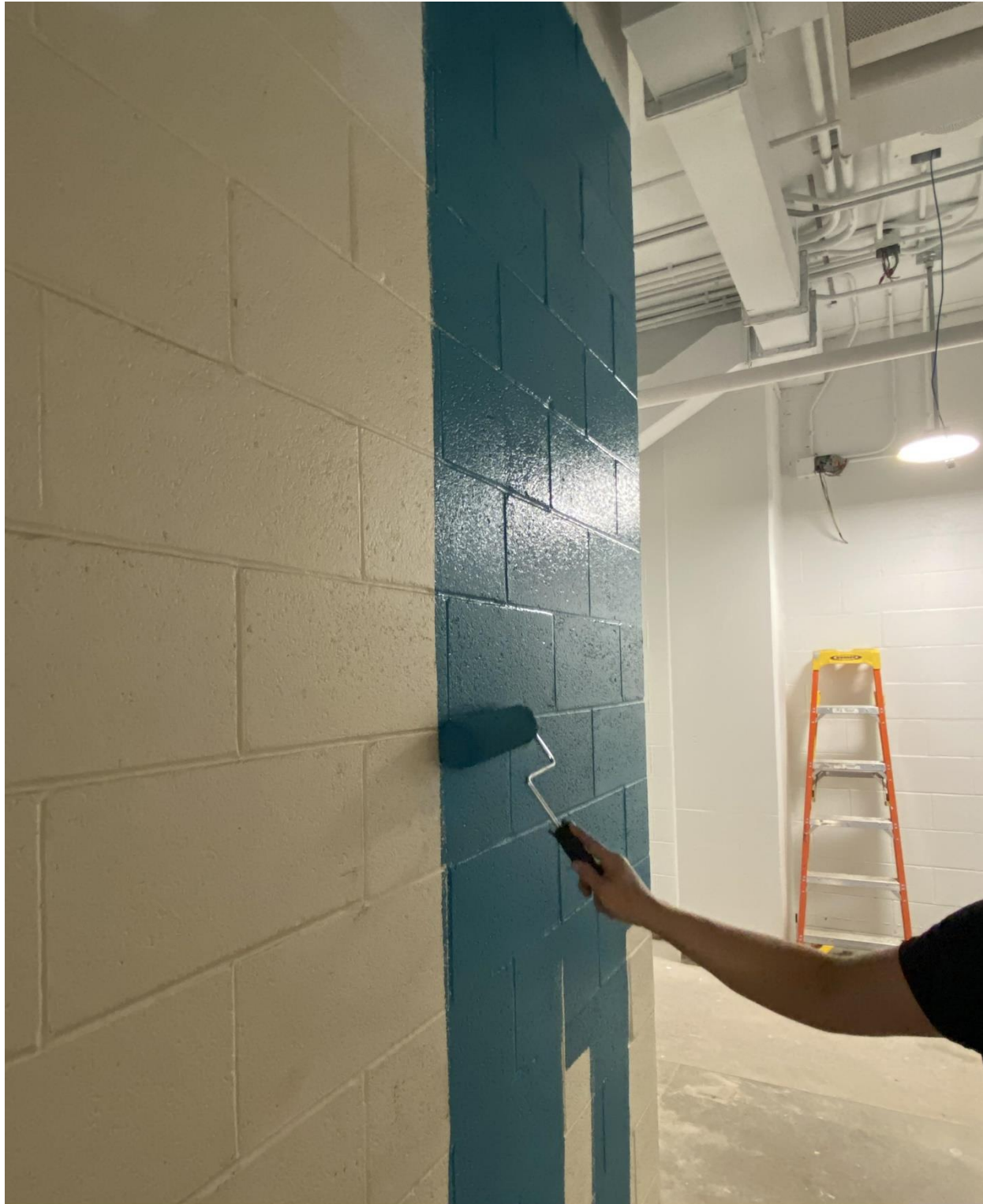




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Continued Painting On Lower Level





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Poured Exterior Cast-In-Place Wall For New Front Entry Bench





SHORT INTERVAL SCHEDULE

Adding Value to Everything We Do

EAU CLAIRE, WI 715-834-1213
 LA CROSSE, WI 608-784-5000

PROJECT: L.E. Phillips Library Expansion and Remodel DATE: 6/16/2022

PROJECT SUPT.: Steve Schmidt

PREPARED BY: Steve Schmidt/Austin Anderson

ITEMS OF WORK	6/13 to 6/17						6/20 to 6/24						6/27 to 7/1						7/4 to 7/8						7/11 to 7/15										
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
All Floors																																			
Lighting equipment	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																							
Paint Touch Up	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																
3rd Floor																																			
Install glass doors	X	X	X																																
Install green roof and pavers	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																							
2nd Floor																																			
Terrazzo headwaters bridge	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																							
1st Floor																																			
Terrazzo								X	X	X	X	X																							
Install window blinds								X	X	X																									
Carpet	X	X	X	X	X																														
Final Cleaning										X	X	X																							
Punchlist																	X																		



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Lower Level																																		
Tape and Paint	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																						
Raydoors								X	X	X																								
Install flooring	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																						
Install Exterior Doors & Storefronts	X	X	X	X	X																													
Punchlist																X																		
Door & Hardware	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																						
Finial Cleaning								X	X	X	X																							
M&J Work to Complete List																																		
Work to Complete – 1st Floor	X	X	X	X	X																													
Work to Complete – Lower Level	X	X	X	X	X																													
Start-Ups/Testing/Training																																		
Test & Balance	X	X	X	X	X																													
Lighting Designer/Control Walk-Through	X	X																																
Commissioning Checklists/Controls								X	X	X	X	X																						
Commissioning Commences															X	X	X	X	X															
Owner Training								X	X	X	X	X																						



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A/E Punchlist Walk-Through																																		
2 nd and 3 rd Floor Punchlist Completion	X	X	X	X	X																													
1 st and Lower Level – Walk-through (6/23)											X																							
1 st and Lower Level Punchlist Completion											X	X			X	X	X	X	X															
Inspections																																		
Elevator Inspection (Week of 6/27)															X	X	X	X	X															
Fire Marshall Walk-Through (Week of 6/20)								X	X	X	X	X																						
Occupancy Inspection (Week of 6/27)															X	X	X	X	X															
Owner Items																																		
Furniture Installation Coordination Meeting	X																																	
Furniture Install Begins (7/5)																																		
Book Conveyor																																		
Book Conveyor Install																											X	X	X	X	X			
Book Conveyor Commissioning																																		



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EXTERIOR																																			
Complete Metal Panel Work		X	X																																
Complete Roof Cap								X	X	X	X	X																							
EIFS Patching/Install															X	X	X	X	X																
Courtyard																																			
FRP Sidewalks								X	X	X																									
Patch and Repair Existing Retaining Wall	X	X	X	X	X																														
Asphalt Binder Lift															X	X																			
Install Site Specialties/Install Lights	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																							
Install Irrigation/Landscaping															X	X	X	X	X																
Install Final Asphalt Lift and Pavement Markings (With Plaza) (Late July)																																			
Upper Plaza																																			
FRP Site Walls/Sculpture Pads	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X																							
Install Curb & Gutter US Bank Drive Aisles																																			
FRP Sidewalks/Paving								X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X										
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