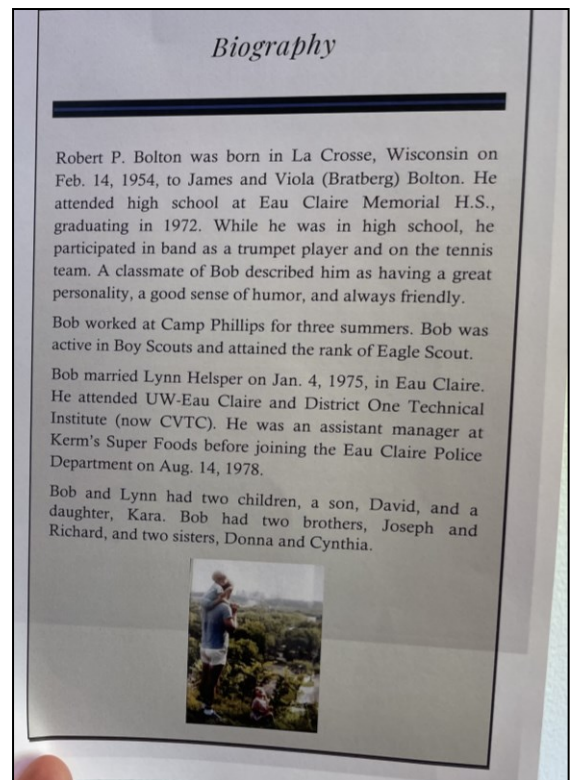


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**From the City Manager:** Here are a few updates from this week...

**Bolton Memorial Service:** It was an honor for those of us who had a chance to attend last week's Robert Bolton's 40th Anniversary Commemoration. You can learn more about the event and the history of Robert Bolton's life and service here: [40 years later: Remembering Officer Robert Bolton | Eye On Eau Claire | wqow.com](#) Thank you to Council Member Larry Mboga and Council President Terry Weld for joining. The event remembered Robert Bolton and was also a reunion for officers who had served with him, as well as friends and families. It was also a time to continue to lift up our current front-line officers and their families, as they live with the uncertainty and worry that comes with the risk of taking the oath to serve. In his message, Chief Rokus said that many things have changed in both policing and in Eau Claire over the last 40 years. But, he said, the danger of policing has not changed. He said that there's no way to prepare a family for the possibility of an officer's death in the line of duty, but that we can commit to remembering the sacrifice of Robert Bolton. Robert's widow, Lynn Bebeau, spoke movingly about holding dear each moment and about how we as a community can show up for our front-line officers and their families, so that they know they are appreciated and so that they don't have to carry the weight of worry alone.



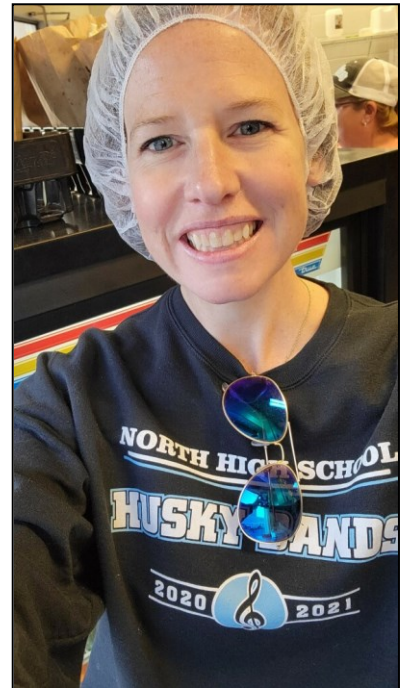
**Spotted Around Town:** It's impossible to miss all of the City employees doing awesome work throughout the town! Here are just a few we spotted this past week...

Brush Clearing: Pictured here is Jeff Mohr, working on clearing out debris by the riverbank in advance of the winter. According to Parks Manager, Steve Plaza, Jeff's main responsibility is Owen Park. Jeff's scope, though, has broadened to include maintaining the trail up to Hobbs Ice Arena, Randall Park, and the trail to the Grand Ave. Plaza.



Steve said this about Jeff: “Jeff has been a fixture for the Parks Department for over 15 years. He went back to college to get his Parks and Recreation Degree when he first started working with the City, and he takes great pride and joy in his job. I have people tell me that they go down to Owen Park just to say ‘Hi’ to Jeff because he always has a smile on his face. Jeff is willing to help the Department or visitors in any way he can. Jeff is a great ambassador for our City and park system and a key member of our seasonal crew. He mows, maintains bathrooms and green spaces, weed whips, picks up trash, reports and cleans graffiti through his service area, and I’m sure does much more! It is always a please to see him come every spring.” Thank you, Jeff!

Homecoming Fun:  
Council Vice President Emily Berge attended the North Homecoming festivities last weekend and shared this appreciation for City staff she saw helping to make the events run smoothly and safely: “I worked with Julie Booth in the concessions at North Homecoming! It was super fun. Eau Claire Parks and



Recreation managed it all great. They were a well-oiled machine!” Here’s Emily looking great as she does her civic duty to sell concessions to support NHS students! She said that the ECPD also did a great job of leading the parade (pictured here).



A week later, I was at the (much colder) Memorial Homecoming. I got to see Engineer Todd Frank driving Truck 8 in the parade, and I saw Officers Ellen Scott, Adam Bembnister, Nate Ollmann, and David Chapin in the park. Thank you to all who made these local celebrations successful!



**LED Lighting:** Pictured here high above South Farwell is the City electrician, Jeremy Bowe. Jeff is part of the Engineering Staff, and in this picture, he is rebuilding the light fixture. According to Deputy City Engineer, Leah Ness, these street lights are part of the largest lighting system that the City maintains.

**Budget Plans:** At the last Budget work session, Council and the City Manager decided that the work sessions on Tuesday, October 11th, and Tuesday, October 18th would be centered around departments presenting their budgets and being available to field questions. Here is a schedule along with what Directors will share in their presentations:

Work Session 2 (Tues, Oct 11 following Council Meeting in Council Chambers)

- Health
- Fire
- Administrative Services (CM, Clerk)
- HR-Risk
- Engineering (Eng, Stm, Pking)
- Finance

Work Session 3 (Tues, Oct 18 at 5 PM in Council Chambers)

- Library
- Attorney's Office
- Information Technology
- Police
- Community Development (Plng, Insp, EcoDev)
- Community Services (Wtr, Swr, Sts, Trst, Rec, Pks, B&G, Frsty, Hbs, FFP, CE)

Questions by Council will follow each one

Structure of Presentations

- Two Achievements from 2022
- Two Goals for 2023
- Overview of Dept Service Mods (if applicable)
- % Change in 2023 Budget
- State of Current and Future Service Levels



All budget materials can be found on the City's website at: [Budget | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin \(eauclairewi.gov\)](http://Budget | City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (eauclairewi.gov))

**Seeking Poll Workers:** The City seeks people to work at Poll Sites on Election Day on November 8th. (City Employees are invited to work with supervisor approval for half or full days.) Please spread the word. Anyone willing and interested can contact Nick Koerner, Nicholas Koerner Nicholas.Koerner@EauClaireWi.Gov, 715-839-4913.

**Council Opportunities:** Consider joining in one or all of these upcoming events...

- **Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service:** Please see the attached invitation to our Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service on October 21st, at 11AM, at Station #10. We hope you can join us!
- **Retirement Gathering:** Council Members are invited to a retirement gathering for Police Officer Clay Wanta, who has served the Department for over 21 years. A Retirement Party will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 2PM in room 1301/1302 at the Courthouse (Law Enforcement Lobby).

**Employee Spotlight:** Here's our next spotlight! (Give a shout-out to a City employee using this form: [Spotlight Form](#)).

This week's spotlight is for **Christine Mohr!**

A co-worker said this about Christine: *"Christine does an amazing job day in and day out. Some of you may not know Christine, but she is the Program and Facility Supervisor at Fairfax Pool. She often refers to Fairfax as her 'baby'. She truly cares not only about her work but also works extremely hard to have a great facility available to the public. Christine continues to do amazing things and she is also the best 'coach'!"*

- **Position:** "I have worked for the City Part-Time

*The Eau Claire Fire Department and Firefighters Local 487*  
*invite you to join us for a service honoring those firefighters who have died in the line of duty.*

*Friday, October 21, 2022*  
*Honor Guard Ceremony*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Fire Station No. 10*  
*820 Malden Avenue*  
*Eau Claire, WI*

*Please join us for refreshments following the ceremony.*



for 20 years and in my current, Full-Time position, for just over a year. I started out as a Lifeguard/Swim Instructor then as Pool manager/Pool Consultant. Currently, I am the Facility (Fairfax)/Program Supervisor.”

- What people may not know: “I have completed the Point to La Pointe four times. Point to La Pointe is a 2.1 open water swim from Bayfield to Madeline Island.”
- Favorite activity: “I enjoy reading, fishing, spending time at the family cabin, being around the water, and spending time with family and friends.”
- Best part about working for the City: “I enjoy making connections with my young staff and coaching them on how to be great employees in the future. Additionally, I enjoy the team I work with. The team works well as a whole to provide exceptional program and facilities for the residents of the City of Eau Claire and surrounding communities.”

### **Council Calendar**

- Monday, October 10th: Regular Council Public Hearing/Discussion night
  - o First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Operating Budget
- Tuesday, October 11th: Regular Council Meeting
  - o Operating Budget work session #2
- Tuesday, October 18th: Special Council Meeting - Operating Budget work session #3
- ❖ *Friday, October 21st: Budget amendments due*
- Monday, October 24: Regular Council Public Hearing/Discussion night
- Tuesday, October 25th: Regular Council Meeting
  - o Operating Budget work session – amendment discussion
- Monday, November 7th: Regular Council Public Hearing/Discussion night
  - o Second Public Hearing on 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
- ❖ *Tuesday, November 8th: General Election, with referendum ballot question*
- Tuesday, November 8th: Regular Council Meeting
- Tuesday, November 15th: Special Council Meeting
  - o City Council action on 2023 Proposed Operating Budget
- Monday, November 21st: Regular Council Public Hearing/Discussion night
- Tuesday, November 22nd: Regular Council Meeting
  - o City Council action on 2023 Proposed Operating Budget (if not completed sooner)

- o City Council action on levy
- ❖ *Tuesday, November 22nd: Deadline for Council action on 2023 budget and Levy*
- Monday, December 12th: Regular Council Public Hearing/Discussion night
- Tuesday, December 13th: Regular Council Meeting
- ❖ *Monday, December 26th & Tuesday, December 27th Meetings – Will be cancelled*

**Additional Dates:**

- Monday, October 10th, 6PM: Referendum Community Information Session - Airport Neighborhood Association Meeting (Chippewa Valley Regional Airport)
- Monday, October 10th, 6PM: UWEC Student Senate (Dakota Ballroom, Davies Student Center)
- Tuesday, October 12th, 7PM: Referendum Community Information Session – Third Ward Neighborhood Association Meeting (UWEC Welcome Center, 127 Roosevelt Avenue)
- Monday, October 17th, 10-11:30AM: Chamber Referendum Forum (Pablo Center)
- Tuesday, October 18th, 10AM: Referendum Community Information Session (L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library - Riverview Conference Room)
- City Bus Tour: One more date in October. Please let me or Alia Johnson ([alia.johnson@eauclairewi.gov](mailto:alia.johnson@eauclairewi.gov)) know if you'd like to join in on a tour, if space is available.
- Wednesday, October 19th – Friday, October 21st: Wisconsin League of Cities Annual Conference (La Crosse)
- Thursday, October 20nd, 7PM: Putnam Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting (Cornerstone Christian Church)
- Friday, October 21st, 11AM: Firefighters Memorial (Fire Station #10)
- Monday, October 24th, 2PM: Retirement for Police Officer Clay Wanta (Law Enforcement Lobby at Courthouse)
- Thursday, October 27th, 6PM: Hmong Mutual Association (Tentative)
- Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30PM: Referendum Community Information Session (L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library - Riverview Conference Room)
- Thursday, December 1st, Morning: Housing Opportunities Conference
- Friday, December 2nd, Evening: Clearwater Parade
- Thursday, October 20th: Eggs & Issues: The Economic Impact of Tourism

**IT Updates:** While much of the responsibilities in IT focus on maintaining our servers and network as well as providing support from our Helpdesk, there is an area that takes a lot of time, expertise, and knowledge that often does not get recognized. This is our involvement in City building construction projects. These projects range from building projects like Fire Station 10 a few years back, City Hall remodel, the current remodel of Station 6, the new Transit Center, or street projects, where we design and coordinate the installation of the fiber optic cabling under the street that interconnects our facilities and gets us to the internet.

Using the Transit Center for example, many hours of planning, thought, and design went into that facility before ground was even broken. Some of the fiber optic projects that were being worked on down Farwell Street back in 2019 were in preparation for this project to ensure the infrastructure was in place to get the facility on our network. Within the facility itself there are three separate network data closets, eight wireless access points, 35 surveillance cameras, data connections for office equipment, electronic door security, remote HVAC, radio communications, and traffic management control. Also required were miles of data and electrical cabling run to interconnect and support all of this equipment. While the types of devices themselves are critical, the bigger issue are the locations. Cameras and wireless network access points located precisely where they can provide the best coverage requires hours of research and design to ensure the best functionality when completed. This facility was especially challenging, with three different floors of a concrete, making changes after construction very challenging, if possible at all. This technology is, by far, just our small part of the giant puzzle putting a facility like this together.

**A few more pictures...**

Our incoming Transit Manager, Tina Deetz, takes the radio on the first Employee Tour to give an overview of Transit.

