

City of Kewaunee Newsletter

August 2026

City Hall Info:
Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - Noon
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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JEFF VOLLENWEIDER

I would like to thank the Street Department staff, our engineers and contractors for their diligent work on the Main Street and Dodge Street road construction projects. The budget for Main street was \$1.2 million and I am happy to report we were able to complete the project \$154,000 under budget. Thank you again to the homeowners for your patience as we have experienced some challenges as a result of the weather. The Dodge Street portion of the project is expected to be completed in October.

We are planning for 2027 projects that include a storm sewer south of Scott Street, concrete sidewalks and driveways from Kilbourn to Henry street and sewer and water extensions on Baumeister Drive.

The City also bought a 2026 Ambulance to replace its oldest Ambulance, a 2011 vehicle. The 2011 Ambulance has been sold.

I hope you have the opportunity to tour the Tug Ludington which reopened for tours in July. I also recommend a visit to Kieweg Park to see the new playground.



LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY: 10 AM - 7 PM
TUESDAY: 10 AM - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY: 10 AM - 7 PM
THURSDAY: 10 AM - 7 PM
FRIDAY: 10 AM - 6 PM
SATURDAY: 9 AM - 1 PM

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

9/5 & 9/7 - Library Closed for Labor Day
9/8 at 12:00 - Page Turner's Adult Book Club
9/11 at 1:00 - Afternoon Matinee: Reminders of Him
9/15 at 2:00 & 4:00 - DIY Diamond Art (18+ registration required)
9/21 at 3:30 - Kids Gem Art
9/22 at 10:30 - Baby & Me Storytime

RECURRING EVENTS:

Preschool Storytime - Every Friday at 10:30
Chess Club - First & Third Thursday of the month at 5:00
Senior Coffee Club - Third Thursday of the month at 10:30
Recipe of the Month - New featured recipe available the 1st of each month
Tea at 2 PM - First Tuesday of the month at 2:00
Pajama Storytime - First Wednesday of the month at 5:30
Lego Club - First Thursday of the month at 3:30
Card Party - Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00

Meeting & Events Calendar

September 3 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
September 3 - Public Property Committee 6:00 PM
September 14 - Finance Committee 5:30 PM
September 14 - Common Council 6:00 PM
September 16 - Library Board 4:30 PM
September 16 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
September 24 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM
October 1 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
October 1 - Public Property Committee 6:00 PM
October 12 - Finance Committee 5:30 PM
October 12 - Common Council 6:00 PM
October 21 - Library Board 4:30 PM
October 21 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
October 22 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM

General Election is November 3, 2026

Polls open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

In Person Absentee Voting: October 20-October 30

Absentee Ballots available in mid-September.
Request ballot by mail at myvote.wi.gov



July Council Meeting Recap.

At the July City Council meeting the council approved an amendment to the Harbor Assistance Grant program to add additional bumpers for the pilings at the Tug Ludington. This was funded with excess grant money. These bumpers will help alleviate damage to the Tug.

The council also reviewed the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report that evaluates the performance, operational stability and financial management of our wastewater system. A Notice of Noncompliance was also received from the Department of Natural Resources for the wastewater treatment facility. The City is correcting the issues and will complete them within the next quarter.

The Council approved a motion to go out to bid for the Beardsley/Kilbourn Street Repaving and Storm Project. Bids will go out in spring 2027 and would require council approval before the project can move forward. Holy Rosary Church has committed to pave the parking lots at the church and school that are adjacent to the Beardsley/Kilbourn Street project.

Staff discussed a plan to extend sewer and water at the end of Dodge Street on Baumeister Drive to aid in any future development along Baumeister Drive and to service two homes on Baumeister Drive. The council approved this extension. The extension will be covered under the contingency funding used for the remainder of the Dodge Street project.

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The Council received a report from Baker Tilly, the City's contracted audit firm, on the annual city audit. The auditor reported that the city continues to improve its positive fund balance as it has for the past seven years. In addition, the auditor noted that the city has used 47% of its debt capacity and 12.7% of annual expenditures are used to pay off debt. This is average for a municipality in a Wisconsin. The Council accepted the audit reports and placed them on file. The audit report is available at City Hall if you would like to review it further.

The Mayor read the ordinance for work NOT requiring a building permit. If repairs to the interior are under \$750 a building permit is not required. If repairs to the exterior are \$500 or less a building is also not required.

The Mayor also read a letter commending Marina Manager Augie Kinjerski for his actions to assist boaters during a severe thunderstorm.

The Council approved the purchase of truck from the Kewaunee School District. The city had budgeted for a replacement truck and equipment replacement in 2026. Purchasing this used truck with 22,800 miles will come in under budget.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY 2026 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17 FROM 10:30-1:30

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Ammunition
- Ag Chemicals & Pesticides
- Automotive Fluids
- Eyeglasses
- Enamel/Lead/Oil Based Paint
- Fire Extinguishers & Flares
- Fluorescent Tubes - \$2.00 each
- Hearing Aids
- Household Chemicals
- Ink Cartridge
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- Medications (Pills & Capsules) including Opioids
- Medical Needles & Syringes (Household)
- Cellphones

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Latex Paint
- Electronics
- Flashlight - Type Batteries
- Lithium-Ion Batteries
- Automotive Type Batteries
- Explosives/Fireworks
- Infectious/Biological Waste
- Radioactive Materials
- Smoke Alarms

REGISTRATION REQUESTED:

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