



1900 W. GRAND CHUTE BOULEVARD ~ GRAND CHUTE, WISCONSIN 54913

TOWN HALL HOURS
 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M to F
 24-hour Police phone and
 payment dropbox in entrance

- TOWN HALL IS CLOSED:**
- ◆ May 30, 2016
 - ◆ July 4, 2016
 - ◆ September 5, 2016

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TOWN CENTER PARK

Over the past several months, the Park Commission and staff have been working together on the planning of a new park. The park will be located on the property owned by Grand Chute directly to the north of the Town Hall building. Due to the amount of space available and the opportunity to provide this new amenity to the community, the Town recognized the need to be strategic and thorough during the planning and development process. East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) has been assisting the Town as we move through this process.

Since January, ECWRPC has been working with the Park Commission and staff to collect public input to determine the types of facilities residents would like to see on the 20+ acre property. A survey has been developed and so far nearly 100 surveys have been collected from residents. A public workshop was held in late April to collect additional public input and get feedback on preliminary site designs.

If you would like the opportunity to provide input on the new park, please visit the Town's website. A link to the survey can be found on the home page under the "News" tab. After all of the public input has been collected and analyzed, McMahon Associates Inc. will assist in the development of a final site plan. Construction of new facilities is anticipated to begin in late 2016 or early 2017.



WHEEL TAX – COULD THIS WORK HERE?

Every time the Grand Chute Town Board discusses road improvements, residents that are faced with the prospect of paying a special assessment request that the Town Board consider a wheel tax much like Appleton adopted. If everyone drives on the roads, why doesn't everyone help pay to fix the roads?

Well this could work, but it would not work well in the Town of Grand Chute for a few reasons. The first reason is that the Town has been using special assessments to pay for road improvement projects for 20+ years. The majority of residents and businesses have already paid for the road improvements abutting their properties through special assessments. These property owners were told that once you pay for the roads, you won't have to pay for them again for 20-25 years. This is the average life span of a roadway. So how do you impose a wheel tax now that would be used to primarily benefit a minority of property owners in the Town? The truthful answer is you can't.

Also, a wheel tax in Grand Chute would only generate approximately \$150,000 per year. Special assessments cover approximately \$1,400,000+ per year in road projects.

We cannot let our local infrastructure deteriorate due to inadequate funding.

Well, how do some of the other area communities pay for the road projects if they are not using special assessments? The answer—look at your tax bill. Grand Chute has one of the lowest mil rates of any community in the Fox Valley. If we raised our mil rate to eliminate special assessments, residents would be paying for this cost every single year from now until forever. There would be no transparency in reviewing the costs for individual projects and residents would be left out of the process of providing input on proposed local projects. I can't imagine any resident would want to pay a wheel tax as well as see an increase in property taxes, especially the majority of property owners who have already paid a special assessment.

The residents in this community decided 20+ years ago to utilize special assessments and although no one likes to ever have to pay an assessment (myself included), it has worked well in this community for a long time.

James March, Administrator

ELECTION UPDATES

August Partisan Primary

The Partisan Primary will be held on August 9, 2016, for congressional offices, legislative and state offices, and county offices. All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Important dates regarding this election are as follows:

- 1) July 20 is the last day to register by mail to vote in this election.
- 2) July 21 - August 5 voters may register in the Clerk's Office.
- 3) July 25 - August 5 electors may vote absentee in the Clerk's Office.

Note: Whether registering by mail or in person, you are required to provide a document showing proof of residency. Refer to www.grandchute.net for examples of proof of residency documents or on page two of the Voter Registration Application.

Polling Location Reminder for Wards 8, 9, 10, 11

The former Fire Station #2 on Highview Drive is no longer a polling location. Residents in Wards 8, 9, 10, vote at Appleton Alliance Church, 2693 W. Grand Chute Boulevard, and residents in Ward 11 vote at Globe University, 5045 W. Grande Market Drive.

My Vote Wisconsin Website

I encourage you to visit the Government Accountability Board's website called My Vote Wisconsin (myvote.wi.gov). This site provides electors the opportunity to register online, to view their personal voting information including registration status (are you active or inactive); polling place location, municipal clerk information, voting history, absentee or provisional ballot status; and allows you to view a sample ballot for an upcoming election (sample ballots can be viewed 20 days prior to an upcoming election).

It is important to note if you have moved, recently changed your name, or are a new resident of Wisconsin, you will need to register or re-register. You may do so online at myvote.wi.gov, in the Clerk's office, or at your polling location on Election Day. Remember you must provide proof of residency that has your new address or new name included on the document.

-Karen Weinschrott, Town Clerk



REAL ESTATE TAXES SECOND INSTALLMENT

The second installment payment for real estate taxes is due July 31st. Second installment payments are collected by:

Outagamie County Treasurer
410 South Walnut Street
Appleton, WI 54911
Summer Hours: Monday -
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Note: Personal Property tax payments (does not include Real Estate Taxes) need to be paid to the Town of Grand Chute Treasurer at 1900 West Grand Chute Boulevard, Grand Chute, WI 54913-9613.

DOG LICENSES

The State of Wisconsin requires that all dogs receive rabies vaccinations by a veterinarian and are licensed by their local municipality. The licensing year is January 1 - December 31, and each licensing year we are required to see the rabies certificate.

The Town of Grand Chute requires licenses for dogs over 5 months of age, and new residents must license their dog within 30 days. The license fee is \$11.00 unless spayed or neutered, then the fee is \$6.00. Licenses acquired after March 31 (except for new animals) will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee. If the dog becomes of licensable age or is acquired after July 1st, the fee is half regular price. There is no fee for licensing dogs used to assist the blind, deaf, or mobility impaired. A license will be provided upon application.

You can obtain a dog license:

In Office:

Bring payment, current rabies vaccination certificate, and proof of sterilization (spayed or neutered) to the administration window.

By Mail:

Complete the dog license application and send with the rabies vaccination certificate, proof of sterilization (spayed or neutered), check or money order made out to the Town of Grand Chute along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we will return the license and documentation to you.

For more information, visit:

[www.grandchute.net/departments/
finance/general/dog-licensing/](http://www.grandchute.net/departments/finance/general/dog-licensing/)

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

Has your child ever been interested in what police officers do? The Grand Chute Police Department has a great opportunity to provide a hands-on experience. The police are hosting a Youth Academy on June 27th and 28th from 4pm-6pm at the Grand Chute Police Department. Children ages 6-12 years old are eligible to attend. This is a FREE event, but pre-registration is required. Registration forms will be available at the Grand Chute Police Department or any Appleton Area School District Elementary School in early May. This year's Youth Police Academy will feature a K9 demonstration and hands-on evidence training. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: MAY 15-21, 2016



Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week were founded on October 1, 1962, when Congress asked President John F. Kennedy to sign a bill designating May 15th to honor peace officers. In 1994, President Bill Clinton added to the bill that the flag of the United States will be flown at half-staff on this day. This is to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve.

Each year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located in Washington, DC, hosts between 25,000 and 40,000 law enforcement officers and their families for the events throughout National Police Week. The Memorial features two curving, 304 foot-long, blue-gray marble walls. Carved on these walls

are the names of over 20,000 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1791. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing with new names of fallen officers added to the monument each spring in conjunction with National Police Week.

Today, in the United States, more than 900,000 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. Sadly, over the last decade, an average of 146 officers a year have been killed while fulfilling this mission. This Peace Officers Memorial Day, we ask you to remember those fallen heroes we have lost, and take a moment to thank those who continue to serve and protect.

ORDINANCES REMINDER

The Grand Chute Police Department would like to share ordinance issues frequently addressed during the summer months. Please do your part to ensure a safe summer can be enjoyed by everyone. **Loitering by minors (415-15):** It is unlawful for any minor (less than 18 years of age) to loiter in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, public buildings, premises licensed for the sale of alcohol beverages, vacant lots, vacant buildings, playgrounds or school grounds in the Town of Grand Chute, either on foot or in or upon any conveyance being driven or parked thereon, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the following day, Sunday through Thursday, and between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, unless the minor is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or adult person having legal custody or control.



Loitering defined - Remain idle in essen-

tially one location and includes the concept of spending time idly, to be dilatory, to linger aimlessly, to stay, to delay, to stand around, and shall also include the colloquial expression "hanging around."

Loud and unnecessary noise:

During the summer, it is expected to see the public having gatherings/parties at their residences. It is also common for residents to have their windows open to let the fresh air in. Loud and unnecessary noise issues are often reported to the police, as a result.



There are no specific times in which noise has to be kept at a reasonable level. Rather, during *all hours* of the day and night, noise should not be excessive where it disrupts your neighbors.

The ordinance states "no person shall make or cause to be made any loud, disturbing or unnecessary sounds or noises such as may tend to annoy or disturb another in or about any public street, alley or park or any private residence." Please be considerate of others in the area, includ-

ing nightshift laborers, infants, children, and the elderly.

Rummage Sales/advertisements: During the spring and summer months it is common to see rummage sales throughout



the town. The police department would like to remind the public the posting of rummage sale or other signs along town right-of-way is prohibited. The right-of-way includes; intersection corners, medians, terraces between roadway and sidewalk and areas between the town roadway and "ditch line." It is also illegal to attach signs to traffic signs and/or signals. Always get permission to post signs on private property. Illegally posted signs will be removed or the person(s) who posted them will be asked to remove them.

To view all the ordinances, please visit the Grand Chute website at www.grandchute.net, click on the Government tab, then "Municipal Code" or follow this link: <http://ecode360.com/GR2781?needHash=true>.

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING SEEKING NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION STATUS -- 501(C)(3)

Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response (VCR) Team is composed of community volunteers who provide intervention and support to victims of crimes and those in crisis. The Victim Crisis Response Team was created in 1997 at the Appleton Police Department and has grown exponential since then. Currently, the VCR Team serves Grand Chute, Appleton, Fox Valley Metro, Freedom, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Menasha, Neenah, Seymour, Shiocton, and Town of Menasha Police Departments as well as Outagamie and Winnebago County Sheriff's Departments. The program currently has over 45 volunteers. The VCR program addresses the three major NEEDS when responding to victims. Specifically, victims need to feel safe, express emotion, and know what comes next. With these needs in mind, the goals of the VCR program are to:

- Enhance the quality of justice by addressing the emotional, social, and informational needs of victims and witnesses;
- Assist Law Enforcement in providing on-scene emotional support for victims and witnesses as well as provide services to work towards obtaining the most effective processing for all involved; and

-Meet the needs of all by responding with immediate assistance and providing community referrals.

Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team volunteers respond to a variety of incidents including domestic violence, suicide, homicide, robbery, abuse, death notifications, accidents and many more. The VCR program has been an asset to Grand Chute Police Department and the surrounding communities on numerous incidents.

Currently, the program is funded by a grant and the Grand Chute Police Department is the host agency for the program. To address the growing needs of the program and the significant growth and costs associated with running the program effectively, the program director is working diligently to establish 501(c)(3) status (Non-Profit Charitable Organization). This process is expected to be completed sometime this summer. When considering where to make charitable donations, please consider the Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team. For more information, see the Victim Services section on the Grand Chute Police Department website, www.grandchute.net.

WELCOME THE NEWEST GRAND CHUTE POLICE OFFICERS

You may notice a few new faces in Grand Chute Police Department uniforms. We are pleased to welcome three new police officers to our team.

The first of our new officers is Jacob Johnson. Jacob was born in South Carolina and has lived in several places. He holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Rasmussen College. After high school, Jacob entered the Air Force, and upon his separation from the military, he landed in the Fox Cities, where he served for a year as a community service officer for the Appleton Police Department. For the past two years, Jacob has been a police officer in Maumelle, Arkansas, before returning to the Fox Valley to join our team.

Our second new officer is Caleb Menke. Caleb was born in Dayton, Ohio, but grew up in northern Wisconsin. He holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and graduated from the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Recruit Academy and received his state law enforcement certification from Nicolet Technical College. While in school, Caleb was the secretary of the Criminal Justice Club and served internships with the Minocqua Police Department, the Rhinelander Police Department, and the Vilas County Sheriff's Department.

Our third new officer is James Shepherd. James was born in Mauston, Wisconsin, but grew up in the small community of Wilton. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. While in school, James completed three internships, which included working with a local crisis center, working in the Dunn County court system, and working with the Wisconsin DOC-Division of Community Corrections. He completed his recruit training and obtained state law enforcement certification from the Madison Area Technical College. James is also a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

When you see these officers, please welcome them to the community.



ROAD CLOSED LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY & ROAD CLOSED SIGNS

It is road construction time of the year, which means temporary signage restricting or detouring traffic are everywhere.



ROAD CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC or LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY means you need to take a different route and should only cross the barrier if you have no other option to reach your destination within the restricted area. For example, if the driveway to your home, worksite, a friend or relative's home can only be accessed on the restricted roadway you are LOCAL TRAFFIC and NOT THRU TRAFFIC. If your destination is outside the restricted area, you are not local traffic and you must take another route and not go "THRU."



ROAD CLOSED means just that; you CANNOT enter or cross the barrier; if you try you may not get through, you may damage road work, get stuck and/or be subject to a citation. Road construction crews would not typically put up a ROAD CLOSED sign if access was needed. Even emergency vehicles generally have to re-route around a closed road.

Entering a road closed area can put construction workers at risk and be dangerous for you and your vehicle. Officers will be monitoring construction zones for drivers violating road closed signs. Failing to obey a road closed sign is \$136.60 citation and 3 points on your driver's license.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 2, 2016, neighborhoods throughout Grand Chute are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "33rd Annual National Night Out" crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Grand Chute Police Department, will involve over 16,500 communities from all 50 states. In all, over 38.1 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime." National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., on August 2, residents throughout Grand Chute are invited to attend National Night Out at Lions Park, 3155 Longwood Lane. The event will include; static display of emergency vehicles, Theda Star, police and fire demonstrations, Scheel's bike safety inspection, Home Depot workshop for kids, CSI booth, McGruff the Crime Dog appearance, dunk tank and bounce house, children's games and prizes, adult giveaways, crafts and refreshments.

This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. We invite the public to join us in "Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party."



APPLETON YARD WASTE SITES

WHITMAN YARD SITE

701 S. Whitman Avenue (located next to the Valley Transit repair facility)
April 1 - November 21: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday 9 a.m.-6:45 p.m.

- CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and on City of Appleton observed holidays.
- Accepts grass clippings, brush, yard waste.
- Attendants are available for questions.

GLENDALE YARD SITE

2625 E. Glendale Avenue (located east of the Public Works Operations Division)
April 1 - November 21: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday 9 a.m.-6:45 p.m.

- CLOSED Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and on City of Appleton observed holidays.
- The Glendale Yard Site is available to all Grand Chute residents for grass clippings, brush and yard waste. Please be prepared to show proof of residency to the attendant.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT REFUSE & RECYCLE

2016 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Residents are encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials during our hazardous waste collections held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste. Appointments are required by calling 920-832-5277 or on-line at www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org

Program runs May - October, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4	Saturday, May 21
Wednesday, June 1	Saturday, June 18
Wednesday, July 13	Saturday, July 16
Wednesday, August 10	Saturday, August 27
Wednesday, September 21	Saturday, September 24
Wednesday, October 19	Saturday, October 22

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled collection dates and times, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County permanent facility for free.

Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility
2561 S. Broadway Drive
Ashwaubenon WI
Thursday: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(920) 492-4950

TENNIS LESSONS

THURSDAYS, JUNE 9-JULY 28, 2016
@ Carter Woods Park

Instructor: Tom LaFountain, USTPA

1-2 p.m.: Elementary (Grades 3-5)
2-3 p.m.: Middle School (Grades 6-8)
3-4 p.m.: High School (Grades 9-12)
4-5 p.m.: Family (Parent & Child)
5-6 p.m.: Adults

COST: \$75/PERSON

Register at the Grand Chute Town Hall or at www.grandchute.net/departments/parks-and-recreation

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE:

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

PICKLE BALL

The Town of Grand Chute has two tennis courts set up for pickle ball. They are located at Arrowhead Park and Patriot Park. Get out and learn this fun new sport!

SUMMER ATTRACTION DISCOUNT TICKETS ON SALE

Parks & Recreation will once again be selling summer attraction discount tickets. They are available at the Grand Chute Town Hall located at 1900 W. Grand Chute Blvd.

Great America Six Flags	\$46.25
Milwaukee Zoo-Adult	\$10.50
Milwaukee Zoo-Child	\$ 8.50
Noah's Ark	\$26.94
Mt. Olympus	\$10.00

PARK SHELTER RENTAL

The Town of Grand Chute has five park shelters available for rent from May to October. Each shelter has a full kitchen, covered area, and bathrooms. Please visit the Town website at <http://www.grandchute.net/departments/parks-recreation/parks>.



2016 FREE OVERFLOW WEEKS

April 18 through April 22
 August 22 through August 26
 October 17 through October 21

The Town of Grand Chute will be offering free overflow refuse collection on the above weeks during 2016. Advanced Disposal will have a separate truck in your service area picking up the overflow. If items do not get picked up on your service day, it may be the demand was high in your area and it will be picked up the following day. Remember, no electronics, hazardous materials, liquid materials, paint, tires, batteries and white goods, such as appliances, can be placed out during this time. If you have questions regarding this special collection, please call the office at 920-832-1581.

2016 FREE TIRE COLLECTION

September 19-23

Residential properties are allowed to place up to four (4) tires at the end of their driveway by 7 a.m. during this week. Tires must be 18" or less, rims are acceptable. You must call (920) 832-1581 or email us at publicworks@grandchute.net by September 18th to be placed on the list. We need your address, phone number, and the number of tires.

ADVENTURE CAMP 2016

Come and enjoy a day of games, crafts and fun.

Arrowhead Park Summer Park Program

Wednesday AM Session 9:00-12:00 Ages 4-8

Arrowhead Park Summer Park Program

Wednesday PM Session 12:00-4:00 Ages 9-12

Patriot Park Summer Park Program

Thursdays PM Session-1:00-4:00 Ages 4-12

Lions Park Summer Park Program

Tuesday AM Session-9:00-12:00 Ages 4-8

Lions Park Summer Park Program

Tuesday PM Session-1:00-4:00 Ages 9-12

Prairie Hill Summer Park Program

Thursdays AM Session-9:00-12:00 Ages 4-12

Visit the Town's website at Activity Session www.grandchute.net/departments/parks-recreation/recreation/summer-adventure-camp for more information and to sign up for a session. The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child.

GRAND CHUTE'S DRINKING WATER

There has been a lot of discussion lately about the drinking water problems in Flint, Michigan. The water system in Flint is quite old with many of the homes being serviced by lines made of lead. When Flint switched water supplies from Lake Huron to the Flint River, the chemistry of the water also changed making it much more corrosive. The corrosiveness of the Flint River water caused lead to leach out of the service pipes and be consumed by the customers.

All of Grand Chute's water is purchased from the City of Appleton's Water Treatment Plant. Appleton has been drawing water from the Fox River or Lake Winnebago and treating it for distribution since 1914. Water from Appleton's current Water Treatment Plant meets or exceeds all government standards for potable water.

Grand Chute Sanitary District No. 1 manages 1.75 million gallons of water storage and a 120 mile distribution system for the 8,200+ customers within the Town. Due to the relatively young age (1975) of the Grand Chute system, none of the water services are made of lead. In addition to the filtration, treatment and testing is required at Appleton's Water Treatment Plant, Grand Chute's Sanitary District No. 1 is required to test for coliform and E-coli bacteria on a monthly basis (25 tests each month) and disinfection byproducts on a quarterly basis to ensure that we are providing the highest quality drinking water. Our water is also sampled for lead and copper content according to the WDNR requirements and have never exceeded the contaminant limits. Our Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is sent to all customers every June and lists the contaminant testing results for the prior year. This report is also available on our web site www.grandchute.net/i/pu/ccr_report.pdf.

2016 BRUSH CHIPPING SERVICE

The Town will offer brush chipping only in the months of May, June, September, and October. The chipping volume of 480 cf will remain the same and the scheduled pick up day, which is always a Tuesday, will remain the same based on your refuse collection. (See below for the dates.)

Residents are encouraged to use the Appleton Yard Waste Sites (*see article page 7*).

Monday refuse collection = 1st Tuesday of the Month

Tues or Wed refuse collection = 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Thursday refuse collection = 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Friday refuse collection = 4th Tuesday of the Month

**KID'S DAY AT PLAMANN PARK—JUNE 11TH, 2016**

Sponsored by Appleton Public Montessori School and Outagamie County Parks System, this event is for KIDS and their family! The day will start with a Kids 5K trail run at 8:30 a.m. or FREE one-mile Family Walk through beautiful Plamann Park. Kid-centered activities will follow from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. throughout the park. Enjoy a picnic lunch between activities at one of the food booths – or bring your own! It's sure to be a fun day for the entire family! Some event activities include NFL Play 60, Punt, Pass, & Kick, Timber Rattlers, Karate, Yoga, FREE Swimming at Plamann Lake, Grand Chute Baseball Tournament, Nature Hikes, Disc Golf, Trout Museum Art Activities, and Mosquito Hill Crafts as well as Grand Chute Police and Fire Department. Outagamie County Recycling and Solid Waste, Highway Department, Public Health Division and Sheriff's K-9 unit will also have fun kid-centered activities. <http://www.plamannkidsday.org/>

CHAMBER SPRING 2016



The Fox West Chamber continues to grow and offer new opportunities to get involved in our business communities.

Chocolate Fest will be held on Saturday, June 4. Many popular activities will return as part of the event - 5K run and 3 x 3 basketball; for those who enjoy bike rides, try the Tour De Chocolate; Bike Safety; Bake Off; Artisan & Vendor Villages; bingo; the family fun area, kids entertainment; Grand Union on the main stage from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. followed by fireworks. Volunteers will be needed for many areas. Sponsorships are still available.

Families are invited to join the Chamber for **Family Night at the T-Rats** on Thursday, June 23. Cost is \$22 per person—ages 11 and older; \$18 per person for kids age 3 to 10. Kids 2 and under are free. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Picnic is served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Game is at 7:05 p.m.

For more information on these events and other upcoming events, please contact the Chamber by email to marketing@foxwestchamber.com or call (920) 931-2925.

2015 BUILDING REPORT

Grand Chute experienced a very strong construction season in 2015. Total construction for the year was valued at \$84.7 million, eclipsing the previous post-recession high of \$66.0 million in 2013. New housing starts totaled 73 units, up from 64 units the previous year. Commercial construction was valued at \$53.2 million, with 22 new buildings and 95 additions/remodels. The largest commercial projects included Werner Electric Supply Company, Costco Wholesale, Tech Village Student Housing, and Bank First National.

All indications are that 2016 will also bring many new development projects to our

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community. The number of new housing starts is already ahead of last year's pace, and several new commercial projects are in the final planning stages.

Grand Chute continues to be an attractive community to live in and it is the commercial and retail center of the Fox Cities. By providing greater employment opportunities and expanding our tax base, we are able to provide excellent municipal services while maintaining a low property tax rate.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS ACCREDITATION



In the coming months, the Grand Chute Fire Department will embark on an 18-month journey to become one of approximately 200 Internationally Accredited Fire Service Agencies through the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

During this time, the organization works within the "accreditation model" to develop a strategic plan, conduct an organizational self-assessment, perform a community risk analysis, and create standards of coverage documents to address the unique characteristics of the community we serve. The information gathered from each step of this process is applied towards improvement measures aimed at increasing operational efficiency and effectiveness, while continuously striving to exceed the expectations of those we serve. If you would like to know more about fire department accreditation and the process involved, please feel free to contact Division Chief Kasriel at (920) 832-6050, or via email at matthew.kasriel@grandchute.net.

WATER SAFETY

As the temperatures start creeping up, many of us will seek refuge from the heat in the form of a quick dip in the water. Your Grand Chute Firefighters want to remind you that the local **WATER RETENTION PONDS ARE NOT FOR SWIMMING!** Many of these ponds are over 15 feet deep, and are lined with jagged hazardous rocks.

However, if you do decide to enjoy a family swim in a pool or suitable body of water, we offer the following safety tips:

- Teach children water safety and swimming skills as early as possible.
- Always brief babysitters on water safety, emphasizing the need for constant supervision.
- Appoint a "designated watcher" to monitor children during social gatherings at or near pools.
- Equip doors and windows that exit to a pool area with alarms.
- Install a poolside phone, preferably a cordless model, with emergency numbers programmed into speed-dial.
- Post CPR instructions and learn the procedures.
- Keep rescue equipment poolside. Don't wait for the paramedics to arrive because you will lose valuable life-saving seconds. Four to six minutes without oxygen can cause permanent brain damage or death.
- Keep a first aid kit poolside.
- Install four-sided isolation fencing, at least five feet high, equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates, that completely surrounds the pool and prevents direct access from the house and yard.
- Maintain constant visual contact with children in a pool or pool area. If a child is missing, check the pool first; seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Don't use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. Never allow a young child in a pool without an adult.
- Don't leave objects such as toys that might attract a child in the pool and pool area.
- Never prop the gate open to a pool area.
- Don't rely on swimming lessons, life preservers, or other equipment to make a child "water safe."
- Never assume someone else is watching a child in a pool area.
- Don't leave chairs or other items of furniture where a child could use them to climb into a fenced pool area.
- Don't think you'll hear a child who's in trouble in the water; child drowning is a silent death, with no splashing to alert anyone that the child is in trouble.



RECREATIONAL FIRES



As we welcome warmer temperatures and sunny days, the aroma of backyard barbeques will fill the air and gatherings around outdoor fireplaces will bring us comfort on mild summer nights.

Accordingly, those wishing to enjoy recreational fires must complete an application and obtain a permit from one of the two fire stations in Grand Chute. This pain-free process takes about five minutes, does not cost anything, and most importantly gives us the opportunity to discuss the regulations and safety precautions. While not all inclusive, here are a few items to adhere to when enjoying recreational fires:

- Refrain from burning when the winds exceed ten miles per hour
- Do not leave fires unattended, ensure a competent adult is supervising

- Keep a fire extinguisher, hose, or other water source nearby for extinguishment
- Ensure 15 feet of clearance is maintained between your fire and any buildings or combustibles
- Contain fires in a three foot diameter or three by three foot area
- Do not allow flames to exceed two feet in height
- Burn only clean dry wood - no leaves, yard waste, or brush

As a reminder, we ask that you be mindful of weather changes and wind direction affecting smoke movement which could impact your neighbors. We thank you for your cooperation as you safely enjoy this seasonal treat!

A copy of our Recreational Burning Pamphlet is available on our website at:

http://www.grandchute.net/i/pu/recreational_burning_pamphlet.pdf



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2250 W. Grand Chute Boulevard
Grand Chute, Wisconsin, 54913-7700
phone: 920-832-6050

Fire Department Station #2

3900 W. Spencer Street
Grand Chute, Wisconsin, 54914-5701
phone: 920-832-4768

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 30	Town Hall Closed
JUNE 11	Kid's Day (page 8)
JULY 4	Town Hall Closed
AUGUST 2	National Night Out (page 6)
AUGUST 9	Election (Partisan Primary)

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATES

TOWN BOARD	1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
SANITARY DISTRICTS	1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
PLAN COMMISSION	1st, 3rd Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	2nd Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
POLICE / FIRE COMMISSION	quarterly
PARK COMMISSION	2nd Mondays at 5 p.m.