



## Mayor's message



Happy (almost) Spring!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy and thinking "spring." For, as the old adage goes, "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow!"

And, spring is a great time for a refresh.

That's what we did with the City Newsletter, now called "CitySource."

Nearly 350 of you responded to our fall readership survey. And we listened. You said you wanted bigger pictures and more "white space," a more readable font, and better organization. There were things you liked that we didn't change, like news about City services and happenings that help you feel connected.

Inside this issue, check out some highlights from 2016, our "Year of Wow!," when we made great strides in business, corporate, and neighborhood development, as well as completed

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## Kinni Corridor Project

Nearly 350 people gathered at the River Falls Public Library on Dec. 8 for the Kinni Corridor Project Community Kick-off event. Attendees participated in interactive activities, including two mapping stations. They received information about river and corridor issues and recorded their favorite Kinni River stories in the "My Kinni Story" video booth.

"We were so pleased with the turnout," said Buddy Lucero, project manager and community development director, "not only with the number of participants but also with their willingness to share ideas, ask questions, and have fruitful discussions."

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## Fifty years of "promise and hope"

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson set a national goal to "make sure that every family in America lives in a home of dignity and a neighborhood of pride, a community of opportunity and a city of promise and hope." This conviction gave birth to the Housing and Urban Development Act, which allowed the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages to nonprofits to construct homes for low-income families.

In 1966, the River Falls Housing Authority

(RFHA) was established when then River Falls Mayor Maynard E. (Spike) Hoffman appointed the first commissioners to its board. Fifty years later, the RFHA is providing homes for approximately 280 older, disabled, and low-income individuals in 200 rental units around the City.

The River Falls City Council designated October 2016 as "River Falls Housing Authority Month," recognizing that the RFHA "has enhanced the quality of life for thousands of citizens in River Falls."

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important infrastructure projects. At the very end of the year, we launched the Kinni Corridor Project. I am excited about this project, which will consider not only the future of the Kinni, but the total river corridor – both in and outside the City limits. I look forward to working with you to decide how we want the river corridor to look and feel, and how we want the growth and development of our City to enhance and embrace the river.

In this season of new possibilities, please consider making a volunteer commitment to City government. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following City boards and commissions:

- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Plan Commission
- River Falls Housing Authority
- Utility Advisory Board

Serving on a board or commission is a great way to learn how the City operates, get involved in important projects, make policy recommendations, and meet people who have similar interests. Please call or email if you're interested in serving, or if you have general questions, concerns, comments – or even compliments! I am here for you.

As always, it's your City; get out there and enjoy it.

Go Pack Go!



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(l-r): Chris Gagne, David Cronk, Scott Morrisette, Mayor Dan Toland, Diane Odeen, Hal Watson, Todd Bjerstedt, and Jeff Bjork

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## Council meetings

River Falls City Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall (Council Chambers, lower level), 222 Lewis Street, River Falls. The public is invited to attend. Time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for residents to address the Council.

## Spring Election April 4, 2017

### March 15

Last day to register to vote by mail

### March 30

Last day to get absentee ballots mailed to you

### March 31

Last day to vote in person (at City Hall)

### April 4

Absentee ballots must be in the Clerk's Office at City Hall by 8 p.m.

For complete information about spring elections and voter registration, visit:

[www.rfcity.org/elections](http://www.rfcity.org/elections)

## Upcoming City Council meetings

- March 14, 28
- April 11, 25
- May 9, 23
- June 13, 27

## A Year of Wow! 2016 in review

2016 was indeed a year of “Wow!” for the City of River Falls when a third corporate park opened, welcoming two new property owners who have invested \$25 million in the community; three flagship enterprises added a total of 220,000 square-feet to existing commercial space; major infrastructure projects were completed; and two new ventures enhanced outdoor activities in River Falls.

### Economic and neighborhood development

In May, national vending and micro-market innovators, Turnkey Corrections/Three Square Market, was the first to take up residency in Sterling Ponds Corporate Park. In October, WinField Solutions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Land O’ Lakes, Inc., broke ground for a state-of-the-art research and development facility. The company is also constructing an agricultural support building in Mann Valley, which will be completed this spring. For the past 27 years, the company has been renting land from UW-River Falls and working with students to conduct crop research.

In 2016, the City also experienced major renovations and expansions. First National Bank of River Falls added 6,366 square feet to its existing building, underwent a

complete remodel, and created space for a new community room. UW-River Falls added 200,000 square feet to the Falcon Center making room for several new recreational spaces, new classrooms, and a laboratory. Allina Health River Falls Clinic is adding 13,495 square feet of new clinic space. They are expecting to complete the project this fall.

There has been a rebirth in residential development as well. The number of new, single-family homes has tripled since 2011. New construction has begun in Spring Creek Estates and will soon begin in the Knollwood subdivision. Currently, there are 83 buildable lots in these and other neighborhoods, with total property values of \$8.6 million.



### Infrastructure improvements

Supporting this growth, the City undertook and completed three major infrastructure projects in 2016.

Road construction on Chapman Drive from Casey to Huppert Streets was finished this past summer, transforming what was a 20-foot rural road into an urban, arterial roadway. New features include a 10-foot-wide walking path, curbs and gutters, and the addition of 75 trees and 29 streetlights.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant was upgraded (see page 4), and the Sycamore Water Tower received a new paint job – inside and out – including a UW-River Falls logo underwritten by the University.

### Getting around

Several projects designed to improve and enhance the quality of life in River Falls were completed in 2016 including the Blue Bike Program launched on Earth Day in April. The program makes bikes available for residents and tourists – at



River Falls Mayor Dan Toland (right) shakes hands with Turnkey Corrections/Three Square Market Chief Financial Officer, Tim Westby (middle), and Chief Executive Officer, Todd Westby, at the company’s May groundbreaking in Sterling Ponds Corporate Park.

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## Getting around...from page 3

no charge. Five bike racks with permanent fix-it stations are located throughout the City. Approximately 25 blue bikes are in circulation at any one time.

The River Falls Rotary and Garden clubs funded four information and map kiosks along the Kinnickinnic Trail System. In addition, the Rotary Club donated funds for seven message boards and 15 new trail signs, which run from Heritage Park to south of Rocky Branch Elementary School. QR codes printed on trail signs allow smartphone users to follow trail maps online.



Rotary Club members and City staff install the first kiosk in Heritage Park. (l-r) Andrea Fults and Rick Heuertz, Rotary Club; Jon Kusilek and Scott Jensen, City Public Works Department; Cheryl Maplethorpe, Rotary Club; Nathan Croes, City Forester; and Scott Morrissette, Rotary Club and City Councilor.

See the video version of  
"A Year of Wow!" at  
[youtube.com/user/cityofriverfalls](https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofriverfalls)

## Down the drain – to where?

When wastewater goes down the drains in homes and businesses, it travels through a series of pipes on its way to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. When it arrives, it is run through a screening process whereby larger pieces of debris are removed from the liquid.

"Believe it or not," said Utility Director Kevin Westhuis, "99.8 percent of what comes into our wastewater plant from the community is in liquid form."

In the secondary stage, or oxidation process, the right conditions are created to promote bacteria that are beneficial to treatment. The bacteria removes nutrients that would otherwise cause pollution in the river and promote algae blooms. The bacteria combine with the particles in the water and form a floc (larger particles) otherwise known as mixed liquor.

The mixed liquor is allowed to settle and the solids, called sludge, are removed from the bottom of the tank known as the final clarifier. The sludge is trucked to the City's regional treatment facility in Ellsworth, where it is used as fertilizer.

The clear water off the top of the final clarifier is chlorinated for disinfection. In the final treatment stage, sulfur dioxide is



Lab technician Paul Ahlborn measures out water samples for phosphorus testing.

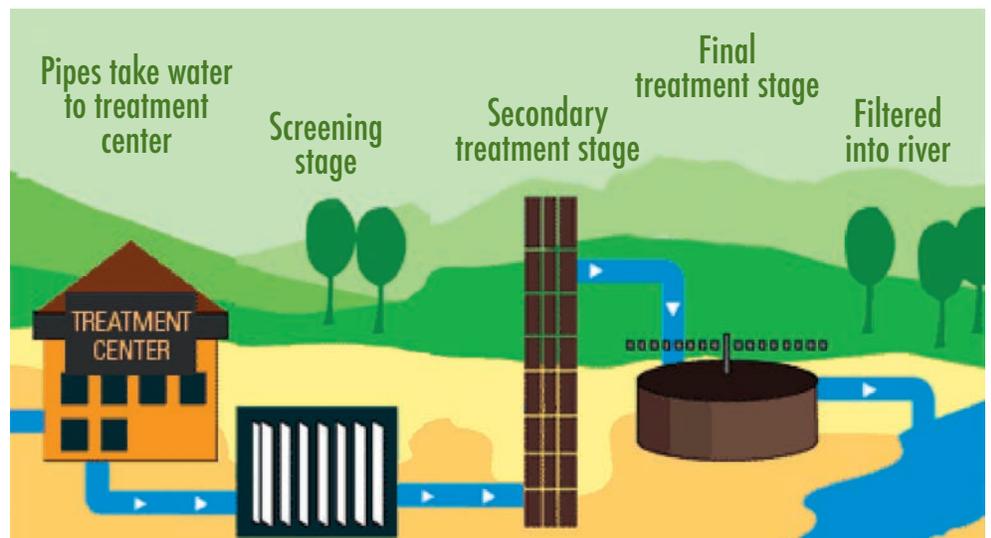


New biosolids processing building completed in 2016.

added to remove any chlorine residual and the water is then discharged into the river.

The water leaving the plant is continually sampled and tested to ensure that it meets the highly regulated standards set by the Department of Natural Resources.

"In most aspects," said Westhuis, "the treated water is cleaner than the river water itself!"



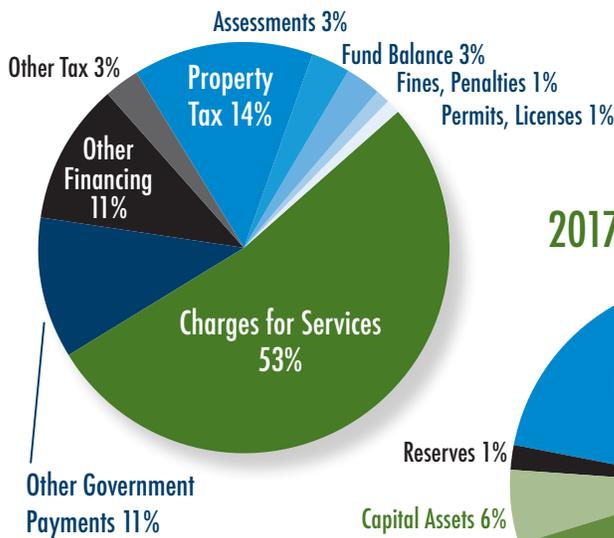
## 2017-2018 City budget

In November, the City Council approved the City's biennial budget for the calendar years 2017 and 2018. The Council held workshops to discuss the budget in detail, ask questions, and refine and prioritize spending. As a result, the total

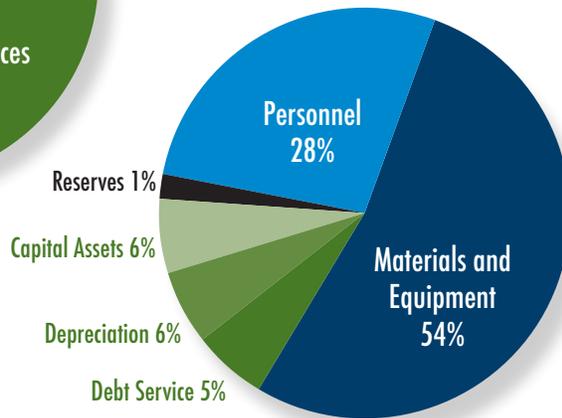
approved budget for 2017 and 2018 is \$82,985,116.

The City receives funding from many different sources, the majority of which comes from user fees for electric, water, sewer, and ambulance charges to customers. Other major sources include shared revenues, transportation aids from the State of Wisconsin, and property taxes.

### 2017-2018 Revenues



### 2017-2018 Expenditures



### Where do your property taxes go?



## Big shoes to fill

Long-time City Clerk Lu Ann Hecht retired on Dec. 16, 2016.

"Lu is one of the most calm, conscientious, and wittiest people I know," said Julie Bergstrom, assistant City administrator. "We really miss her."

Hecht took her job as City historian, official record-keeper, and answer-holder very seriously.



Lu Ann Hecht and husband, Tom, take off down the road in their '57 Chevy.

"She was our go-to person for any information about the City, both past and present," said Bergstrom. "If she didn't know it, she knew where to find it!"

Hecht began her career at the City in September 1987 when she was hired as a part-time account clerk earning \$4 per hour. She was promoted to Deputy Clerk in 1989 and to City Clerk in 2008.

"Working at the City has been a big part of my life," said Hecht. "I will miss the interactions with the public, and the great friendships I have formed over the years."

Hecht is enjoying spending time with her five children and seven grandkids and looking forward to spring planting. On the weekends, you will find her and husband, Tom, racing their 2008 Undercover Dragster, and occasionally touring along the St. Croix River in their '57 Chevy.

New City Clerk Amy White will start in March and begin filling the very big shoes left by Lu Ann Hecht.



*Investigator Ryan Miller organized the first "Coffee with a Cop" event in July 2013.*

## Coffee with a Cop

In an effort to make the Police Department more visible and engaged in the community, Investigator Ryan Miller launched Coffee with a Cop in 2013. Held six times per year at different locations throughout the City, residents get a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know City police officers.

"This event is good for the officers," said Deputy Police Chief Jon Aubart, "because they get to see the positive side of the community. It also helps the community see the officers in a different light."

The Department has received positive feedback about this event from citizens over the past four years and, because of his organizing work, Miller was awarded the Outstanding Police Officer Award in 2014 from River Falls American Legion Post 121.

"Coffee with a Cop builds bridges," said Aubart. "It helps people become less intimidated to talk to officers and encourages ongoing communication."

The next Coffee with a Cop event is on March 27 at 8 a.m. at Perkins, 1109 North Main Street in River Falls. Check out the RFPD's Facebook page for future event dates. Businesses interested in hosting a gathering should contact Miller at [rmiller@rfcity.org](mailto:rmiller@rfcity.org) or 715/426-3516.

## River Falls PD: Connecting in the Community

### Building trust

Since River Falls Police Chief Gordon Young came on board in January 2016, he has put an emphasis on community engagement. In October, he created a community policing specialist position and selected Officer Paul Jensen to fill it.

"While community policing has long been practiced in River Falls," said Chief Young, "this new position focusses those efforts and signifies the department's commitment to establishing trust and encouraging open communication between officers and the people we serve."

As the liaison between the Police Department and the community, Officer Jensen reaches out to local businesses and community organizations; visits with

members of the community; gives station tours and presentations; and develops new ways to involve the public in law enforcement.

He also works with the community to identify and resolve important issues including alcohol abuse, underage drinking, and parking complaints. And, he serves as the Department's community events liaison, coordinating reserve staff to assist as needed with larger events.

"These activities allow me to interact with the community, help build good relationships, and open up lines of communication with the public," said Officer Jensen.



*(l-r) Officers Logan Dohmeier, Travis Rudesill, Scott Bangert, and Paul Jensen gave members of Troop #56159 a tour of the Police Department in November, after which officers received "Law Enforcement Survival Kits" and a poem of gratitude.*

## Innovative partnerships at UW-River Falls

### Meeting workforce needs

With a projected workforce shortage and growing employer needs for an increasingly educated talent pipeline, campus innovation programs are one way UW-River Falls seeks to address workforce concerns in Western Wisconsin and actively engage in local economic development. Recent UWRF activities include: Innovation Challenge, which promotes student-led research, business model development, and entrepreneurship; Innovation Luncheons; a Makerspace on campus; a Certificate in Innovation program; and leadership involvement with the St. Croix Valley Business Incubator.



*Michael Mader, a 2016 UW-River Falls marketing graduate, took first place in the Wisconsin Big Idea Tournament with his idea for Hippy Feet, a buy-one, give-one pair of socks social enterprise to help benefit local homeless shelters.*

### Internship website recharged

The UW-River Falls Career Services office has made it easier for students and employers to find one another through a newly revamped internships website. Easy-to-use with a portal for students looking for internships and one for employers looking for interns, the website ([www.uwrf.edu/CareerServices/Internships](http://www.uwrf.edu/CareerServices/Internships)) is designed to connect even more students with opportunities across the city, region, and state. For information or potential partnership opportunities, call UW-River Falls Career Services at 715/425-3572.



*Peg Grosn (left) and Liz Kreibich at the Center on Bingo day.*

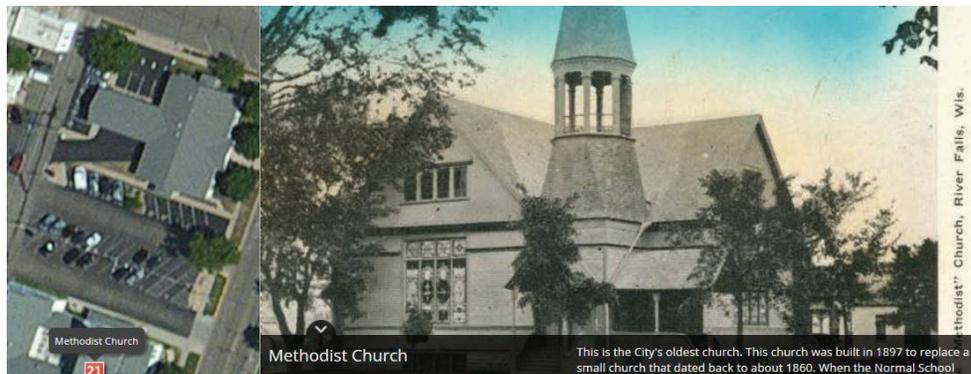
## Seniors, this place is for you!

You're invited to the River Falls Senior Center on the last Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 1 p.m., to meet other seniors, discuss current events with a featured speaker, and play Bingo. The Center is in the Wellhaven Senior Living building, 119 Union Street, River Falls.

You are also invited to play Euchre on Wednesdays and '500' and Bridge on Fridays; all games begin at 1 p.m. Exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

Parties and field trips are scheduled throughout the year and some health services, including blood pressure checks and a foot care clinic, are provided on site. The Center also hosts an annual picnic in July and Christmas Party in December. Lunch is served Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon for a \$4 donation. To find out more, call 715/425-9932 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Follow the Center on Facebook for more up-to-date information.



*To celebrate the City's history and historic treasures, two new digital story maps were created to take residents and visitors on an adventure through River Falls' time and space. One provides a comprehensive history in words and pictures while the other takes one on a mobile-friendly historic walking tour through town. Visit [www.rfcity.org/storymaps](http://www.rfcity.org/storymaps) for more.*

# all about town

March 5-April 9

## Annual Quilt Show

"A Stitch in Time"

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

March 16, 6 p.m.

## Adult Spelling Bee

RFPL, Lower Level

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Free childcare

March 17, 1-8 p.m.

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

[rfchamber.com](http://rfchamber.com)



March 18, 7-10 p.m.

## Barn Dance

Family dance: 7-8 p.m.

Grown-up dance: 8-9:30 p.m.

\$5 adults/\$2.50 for 12 and under

RF Academy, 439 W. Maple St.

[riverfallscab.org](http://riverfallscab.org)

March 20-April 24; Mondays at 7 p.m.

## Foreign Film Series

RFPL, Lower Level

March 22, April 26, May 24, 6-8 p.m.

## Coloring for Adults

RFPL, Main Level

March 24, 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

## American Cancer Society

### Relay For Life

River Falls High School

[relayforlife.org/riverfallswi](http://relayforlife.org/riverfallswi)

March 27, 8 a.m.

## Coffee with a Cop

Perkins, 1109 N. Main St., River Falls

715-425-0909, [rmiller@rfcity.org](mailto:rmiller@rfcity.org)

March 30

## 6th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest

Entries due March 29; judging March 30

Peep-les' Choice Voting March 30-April 5

RFPL, Main Level

April 4, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Spring Elections

[www.riverfalls.org/elections](http://www.riverfalls.org/elections)

April 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Kinni Project Tech Talk

"Economic and Neighborhood Development"

RFPL, Lower Level

[kinnicorridor.org](http://kinnicorridor.org)



April 7-9

## River Falls Roots & Bluegrass

### Music Festival

Various locations

[riverfallsbluegrass.com](http://riverfallsbluegrass.com)

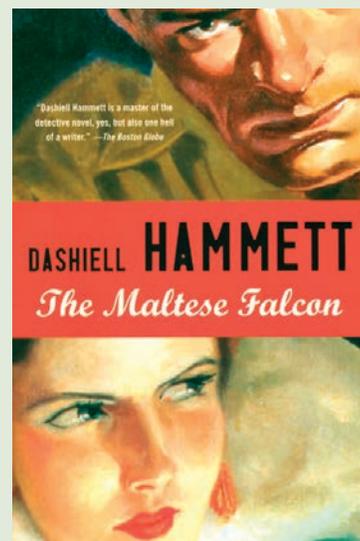
April 10, May 8

## Maker Mondays

Children/youth (3:30-5:30 p.m.)

Families/adults (6-7 p.m.)

RFPL, Lower Level



## The Big Read

During the month of April, community members are encouraged to read *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, as part of The Big Read in the St. Croix Valley. Community partners will host a month of book discussions, art events, and performances.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts. See [riverfallspubliclibrary.org](http://riverfallspubliclibrary.org) for details.

April 16-May 21

## Pieces of Me:

### The All-School Art Show

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Electronics and lightbulb recycling

Free to RFMU customers

Public Works Garage, 950 Benson St.

April 22, 7-10 p.m.

## Barn Dance

Family dance: 7-8 p.m.

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\$5 adults/\$2.50 for 12 and under

RF Academy, 439 W. Maple St.

[riverfallscab.org](http://riverfallscab.org)

(RFPL=River Falls Public Library)

April 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Kinni River Cleanup

Glen Park, 355 W. Park St., River Falls  
[kinniriver.org](http://kinniriver.org)

April 29, 6-11 p.m.

## CAB Spring Arts Gala

River Falls Golf Club  
With Brian Wicklund and the Barley Jacks  
[riverfallscab.org](http://riverfallscab.org)

May 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## 7th Annual "Wings of Spring" Bird Festival

City Hall, 222 Lewis Street  
[scvbirdclub.com](http://scvbirdclub.com)

May 8-13

## Spring Clean-Up for City residents

Mon.-Fri., 4-8 p.m.  
Sat., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Public Works Garage, 950 Benson St.  
See [www.rfcity.org/cleanup](http://www.rfcity.org/cleanup) for eligibility info.

May 13, 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## Spring Commencement

UW-River Falls  
Robert P. Knowles Center  
[uwrf.edu](http://uwrf.edu)

May 13, 3 p.m.

## St. Paul Saints vs. St. Croix Valley All Stars

First National Bank of River Falls Field  
Hoffman Park, River Falls  
\$10/ticket; proceeds support RF baseball  
Events all day; see [riverfallsbaseball.org](http://riverfallsbaseball.org)

May 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

## Kinni Project Tech Talk

"Hydro Facilities and Relicensing"  
RFPL, Lower Level  
[kinnicorridor.org](http://kinnicorridor.org)



June 10, 10 a.m.

## Antiques Appraiser Mark Moran

RFPL, Main Level  
Preregister by June 5; \$10/item  
[colez@riverfallspubliclibrary.org](mailto:colez@riverfallspubliclibrary.org)

June-August

Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m.

## Music in the Park

Veterans Park, River Falls  
[riverfallscab.org](http://riverfallscab.org)

June-August, Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

## Chill on the Hill Concert Series

Melvin Wall Amphitheatre  
UW-River Falls  
[uwrf.edu](http://uwrf.edu)

## Emergency warning siren dates

The City of River Falls will conduct audible testing of the outdoor warning siren system on Thursday, April 20, in conjunction with the National Weather Service's Severe Weather Awareness Week. If actual severe or threatening weather exists on this date, the test will be postponed until Friday, April 21.

Listed below is the audible test schedule for 2017. If severe or threatening weather exists on any of these scheduled Mondays, the test will be conducted the next day, Tuesday, at the same time. Questions? Call the River Falls Police Department at 715/425-0909.

- Monday, March 27, at 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20, at 1:45 p.m.
- Monday, May 22, at 1 p.m.
- Monday, June 26, at 1 p.m.
- Monday, July 24, at 1 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28, at 1 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATES! July 13-16 River Falls Days

### Where to look for what to do...

**Community events:** [tourism.rfchamber.com/events/calendar](http://tourism.rfchamber.com/events/calendar)

**Library:** [riverfallspubliclibrary.org](http://riverfallspubliclibrary.org)

**City Parks and Recreation:** [www.rfcity.org/recreation](http://www.rfcity.org/recreation)

**University of Wisconsin-River Falls:** [go.uwrf.edu/cal](http://go.uwrf.edu/cal)

**Community Arts Base:** [riverfallscab.org](http://riverfallscab.org)

**School District Continuing Education:** [rflearns.org](http://rflearns.org)

**City of River Falls:** [www.rfcity.org](http://www.rfcity.org)



## Kinni Corridor Project... from page 1

The event served as the public launch for a comprehensive, two-year planning process to consider the existing and future relationship of the community with the Kinnickinnic River and adjoining urban and undeveloped areas.

The City received 1,365 completed surveys about the project, including over 1,500 comments. Corridor Committee members will use the information to help guide the planning process. Community engagement activities of all types, including "Tech Talks" covering identified issue areas, will continue through 2019.

The first Tech Talk, "River Corridor Planning 101," was held on Jan. 26. Nearly 160 people attended the session led by urban waterfront designer, Ed Freer. Visit [kinnicorridor.org](http://kinnicorridor.org) for more information about the project, to leave a comment, or to sign up for regular e-communications.

## Looking for a convenient way to pay your utility bill?

Consider an automatic monthly deduction through our Pre-authorized Payment Program (PAP).

Your payment is automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account on the 25th of each month. Enrollment is easy; just fill out the PAP form found at [rfmu.org/pap](http://rfmu.org/pap) and bring it to City Hall.

Once you have signed up, you'll automatically be billed monthly.

Don't ever worry about missing a payment again!

## A world of possibilities

### Beyond books

Your library card is all you need to access and borrow more than a million items, including books, movies, music, and more in a variety of formats through the MORE online system. You also have access to free online resources, including comprehensive home and car repair information; one of the largest collections of genealogy material in the country; and e-books, digital magazines, music, and more.

### Ask an expert

Library staff is available to help you find the information, materials, or connections you need. We love to help! Contact River Falls Public Library staff at 715/425-0905 or leave a message at [riverfallspubliclibrary.org](http://riverfallspubliclibrary.org) under the "Contact" tab.

### Connections in learning

The library hosts events for life-long learners with or without a library card. From author visits to preschool story time to afterschool programming for youth and Book Club in a Bar (for adults), free library programming connects you with your community and opens a world of possibilities.

### Community meeting spaces

The library has three meeting rooms available for use by community organizations and for community events. The library has presentation equipment available for use in the meeting rooms. Call 715/425-0905 to schedule.



Acrylic painting by artist Jim Guhl entitled "The Price of Corn in Estherville."

### Ever-changing gallery

The Kleinpell Gallery, in the library's lower level, features constantly-changing demonstrations, displays, and hands-on exhibits that incorporate local and world history and culture, art by regional and national artists, and student work. Stop in or check out the library's website for a complete calendar of events or to sign up for our newsletter.

### High tech and hotspots

Use your MORE library card to log onto one of 17 PCs or two Macs in our computer room. Additionally, the library has one computer with adaptive technology in the main area of the library and special computer stations for teen and youth patrons. Printing, photocopying, scanning, and faxing are available for a small fee, and free Wi-Fi access is available throughout the library. The library also provides equipment like Kindle e-Ink Readers, Wi-Fi hotspots, or Chromebooks that may be borrowed for use in or out of the library.

## Get ready for summer fun!

### City Parks and Recreation

[www.rfcity.org/recreation](http://www.rfcity.org/recreation)

715/425-0924; [cdanke@rfcity.org](mailto:cdanke@rfcity.org).

The Summer Activity Guide is available online, and in print at the River Falls Public Library and City Hall.

### Summer Library Programs

[riverfallspubliclibrary.org](http://riverfallspubliclibrary.org)

715/425-0905

Summer 2017's theme is "Build a Better World." Watch for info online and in backpacks in May/June.

### School District Community Education

[rfelearns.org](http://rfelearns.org)

715/425-1830 ext. 3801; [monique.squire@rfsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:monique.squire@rfsd.k12.wi.us)

The summer catalog will be mailed to school district residents the first week in April with a registration open date of April 7.

Reserve space now for Glen and Hoffman Parks' enclosed and open shelters. All shelters have picnic tables, electric plug-ins, sink, and counter tops. Visit [www.rfcity.org/parks](http://www.rfcity.org/parks) or call 715/425-0924.



## City composting

The City compost facility, 901 West Locust Street, is open to City residents seven days a week during daylight hours.

The site is self-monitored. Please observe the following:

- Allowable material is limited to yard waste and brush.
- Be sure to remove material from plastic and other non-compostable bags; a dumpster is provided for these.
- Use of this site is for City residents only.
- Compost and woodchips are available for residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information contact Terry Kusilek, Operations Superintendent, at 715/426-3481 or [tkusilek@rfcity.org](mailto:tkusilek@rfcity.org).

## A barrel o' rain

Keep your lawn and garden watered this spring with rainwater from your roof. Thirty gallon, pre-assembled blue or white painted plastic rain barrels are available for purchase from the City.

The barrels are regularly priced at \$35 for blue and \$50 for white, but River Falls Municipal Utilities and the Storm Water Utility offer an instant 50% rebate each, with a total purchase price of \$17.50 and \$25 respectively. The rebate applies to one barrel per address per year.

For more information on the program, visit [www.rfcity.org/barrel](http://www.rfcity.org/barrel) or contact Crystal Raleigh at [craleigh@rfcity.org](mailto:craleigh@rfcity.org) or 715/426-3412.



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### Frequently called numbers

#### General information

715/425-0900

#### Utility Department

715/425-0906

#### Police Department

715/425-0909

#### Public Library

715/425-0905

#### Municipal Court

715/426-3429

#### Garbage/Recycling

715/425-0900

#### Parks and Recreation

715/425-0924

715/426-3422 (hotline)



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER



(l-r) Sisters Clair and Libby Larson from River Falls and their cousin Sade Kasay from Roberts (WI) enjoyed the River Falls Municipal Utilities annual customer appreciation event on July 21, 2016. Over 700 residents and friends participated in the event, which included free food, games, music, truck tours, City info. – and more!