



Mayor's message



The definition of spring is "the season of the year between winter and summer, lasting from March to June north of the equator." It sure wasn't spring when I wrote this

in April. Maybe we should find that Punxsutawney Phil and tell him he owes us some extra nice weather this summer! Hopefully everybody made it through that long winter in good shape and are enjoying this time of rebirth, rejuvenation and change.

Change is important. In River Falls we are constantly changing the way we do things either in response to external factors – federal and state policy, technology, funding, employment trends, population growth – or in response to community needs and new opportunities that keep our city strong and vibrant.

Change also happens in our own workforce. As a city we have been

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What's next for Kinni Corridor planning?

At its Feb. 27 meeting, the River Falls City Council passed a resolution to relicense the City's two hydro facilities a final time, and set removal target dates of 2026 for the Powell Falls Dam, and 2035-2040 for the Junction Falls Dam. The resolution also set the groundwork for a public-private partnership to carry out these steps in a

fiscally responsible way, without the use of general property taxes. See the project website, kinnicorridor.org, for the final resolution. Next steps in the planning process:

- The Kinni Corridor Project Committee will continue to meet with planning and

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SCVBIC Grand Opening "A Great Day"

The St. Croix Valley Business Innovation Center (SCVBIC) celebrated its grand opening April 12 with an enthusiastic crowd of over 200 guests, project partners, elected officials and representatives, and members of the public.

"This is a great day," said Bruce Barker, president of Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC), one of the speakers at the event.

"We all live busy lives and often one day

tends to blend into the next. But there are certain days that we look forward to and certain days that we will always remember. This is one of those days."

The project, conceived eight years ago, is a collaborative partnership encouraging entrepreneurship and business development in the region. Project founders include River Falls Economic Development Corporation, City of River

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very lucky to recruit and retain the best employees available. Many have been with us a long time and are ready to move on to the next chapter in their lives.

It is never easy to replace great employees, so five or six years ago we added some focus to our succession planning, ensuring that when one of our employees retires or moves on, we are not left with a big hole to fill. It doesn't always create a seamless transition but limits the gaps and tries to minimize impacts on service delivery.

On April 6, we said "so long" to Terry Kusilek, who retired after nearly 33 years with the City, most recently serving as operations superintendent for the Public Works Department (see page 4). As part of succession planning, we are hiring a new maintenance worker and Mike Stifter, operations director, will be sharing the superintendent role with other capable employees.

At a public open house on May 21, Library Director Nancy Miller will celebrate her retirement – also after 33 years (see page 4). We hope to have a new director in place by June.

What will never change in our city is the importance of voluntarism. For the second year, we have recognized an outstanding volunteer individual or group for their contributions. This year the honor went to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Susan Reese (see page 8).

I'm sure Susan will join me in encouraging new volunteers to step up – there is a place for you! Consider volunteering on a City committee or commission. We're always open to people with a passion for River Falls. By the way, it's a great city – so get out there and enjoy it!



Dan Toland, Mayor



River Falls City Council (l-r): Sean Downing, Chris Gagne, Scott Morrisette, Mayor Dan Toland, Diane Odeen, Todd Bjerstedt, Michael Page, and Hal Watson.

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At the City Council meeting on April 10, Mayor Dan Toland (left) thanked Jeff Bjork for his service on the Council as Alderperson At-Large. "Jeff is River Falls through and through and loves everything about the City, especially its history."

During his two-year term, Bjork served on the Historic Preservation Commission, Design Review Committee, and EMS Advisory Board.

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.

Past and current Council agendas and minutes can be found at www.rfcity.org.



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Falls, UW-River Falls, and CVTC.

The SCVBIC offers resources to small and growing business owners and entrepreneurs including business coaching and advising; offices and co-working spaces for rent; workshops and seminars; event hosting; plus mail service, Wi-Fi, food kiosk, and 24-hour building access.

Funding for the Center was provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, along with local/regional educational and business partners including, to date, CVTC, River Falls Municipal Utilities, WESTconsin Credit Union, Three Square Market, St. Croix Economic Development

Corporation, Royal Credit Union, Bremer Bank, and Loffler Companies.

SCVBIC is “a testament to what can be accomplished when leaders from across the spectrum – business, academia and government – come together in support of business and American innovation,” said Dennis Alvord, U.S. Department of Commerce deputy assistant secretary for regional affairs at the April 12 event.

For more information about the St. Croix Valley Business Innovation Center, contact Danielle Campeau, 715/425-3066 or danielle.campeau@uwrf.edu, or visit stcroixinnovation.org.

Meet the judge

Daniel Gorman was recently sworn in as the new Municipal Court Judge, replacing Judge June Cicero after 34 years of service.



Originally from Elkhorn, WI, Gorman is a 2006 graduate of UW-River Falls. He attended William Mitchell College of Law, graduating in 2011. He was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar that same year.

He lives in River Falls and currently works as a “Right of Way” agent in Mendota Heights.

As municipal judge, Gorman said he looks forward to “continuing the integrity of the court system and assisting people in their desire for a safe and equitable community.”

New court day/times

Court has been moved from Wednesdays during the day to Thursday evenings. Adult court will begin at 5:45 p.m. and Juvenile Court will begin at 4 p.m. on a schedule determined by Gorman. Dates will be included in court citations.

The Court office at City Hall is open 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. as usual for residents to pay fines, ask questions, and attend to other court business.

City wins national award

The City of River Falls Public Works Department recently received the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award. The award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, and to promote best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts. The award will be presented at the 2018 APWA North American Snow Conference, May 6-9, in Indianapolis, Indiana.





Greg Lotze (left), a 40-year member of the River Falls Police Department, received the Police Officer of the Year Award from Chief Gordon Young at the March 27 City Council meeting.

"Greg is looked up to by his peers for his leadership, giving advice when asked, and leading by example," said Young. "He has strong connections to the community and volunteers his time and talents without fanfare. . . . He is well deserving of this honor."



Mike Fecht (r), pictured here with Lisa (l), Mike, and Eunice Moody, received the River Falls Firefighter of the Year Award on Jan. 20. He has been a firefighter for 37 years, 10 of those with the River Falls Fire Department. He has also served as a first responder for River Falls EMS for 13 years, and is employed full-time at the Metropolitan Airports Commission Fire Department.

"Mike is a team player and has a great knowledge base to share because of his full-time experience," said Fire Chief Scott Nelson. "He also has a deep respect for the fire service, and a passion for helping others."

Thirty-three years of service



Terry Kusilek (r) was recognized by Mayor Dan Toland on March 27 for 33 years of service to the City's Public Works Department. Kusilek has served in several leadership capacities in the department, most recently as operations superintendent.

"While his body of work for the City of River Falls is noteworthy, Terry is probably best regarded for his leadership in our snow maintenance program," said Operations Director Mike Stifter. "His work over the past 15 years has resulted in numerous awards and recognition and now culminates in a national award from the American Public Works Association, presented May 8 in Indianapolis."

In retirement, Terry looks forward to continuing to assist his wife, Sandy, with her well-regarded dog kennel and boarding business, spending more time farming, and spoiling his two granddaughters.



After serving the City of River Falls Library for 33 years, Library Director **Nancy Miller** is set to retire on May 25.

Kim Kiiskinen, research librarian, remembers the vital role Miller played in planning for the "new" library, which moved from Elm Street to Union Street in 1997, significantly expanding space.

"I've just always felt that this should be a community building and center that brings people together," Miller said.

Miller said her greatest joy as director happened in 2015 when the library was selected as Wisconsin's public library of the year. "That one of my proudest moments. Even now," she said, "I tear up."

Upon retirement, Miller plans to continue her work with the River Falls Community Theater as well as pursue her talent for costume design. She also looks forward to "spoiling my grandson."



Bill Lubich (center) with (l-r) firefighters Justin Wilson, Bill Cernohous, Carl Gaulke and Garrett Gill.

Bill "Bodi" Lubich was honored Feb. 2 at the Fire Department's 62nd annual Oyster Feed. He retired from the Department after 29 years of service.

"Bill was a dedicated and integral part of RFFD," said Fire Chief Scott Nelson. "He would never say 'no' when asked to help out with any fire department activity, especially prevention education. . . . We will all miss Bodi and wish him well."

Glen Park update

On April 10, the City Council awarded a bid to Ross and Associates of River Falls for construction of the Glen Park Pavilion. This new \$1.6M structure will provide park restroom facilities, an event center for up to 150 people, and a community safe room capable of sheltering 250 people from the strongest tornados. Designed to respect the heritage of Glen Park with heavy timber columns and beams, the pavilion will have three overhead glass doors connecting interior and exterior event spaces that can be used together or separately.

Construction on the pavilion is expected to begin in September 2018. The City Council also authorized the final design of remaining Glen Park Renovation Project components including: new access and parking configurations that significantly reduce vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian conflicts; a splash pad next to the Glen Park Pool; and an area for creative play equipment (to be installed as funding allows). Construction of these components will begin in 2019; the entire project will be completed by fall 2019. For more information, contact Reid Wronski at rwronski@rfcity.org or 715/426-3409.



Housing study shows tight market

A recently-completed housing study confirms anecdotal evidence that River Falls is experiencing a tight housing market.

Last fall, the City contracted with Maxfield Research and Consulting to complete a comprehensive housing needs analysis concerning the following areas of study: demographics, employment, housing characteristics, for sale market analysis, rental market analysis, senior and special needs housing analysis, and housing affordability.

“The City will use the study’s data and recommendations to improve the housing stock in the City by working closely with developers to ensure the availability of a variety of housing products,” said Amy Peterson, the City’s development services director.

The report shows a housing demand of 1,518 units, including both for sale and rental between now and 2030. Additionally, it shows a need of 571 senior housing units between now and 2022. The study breaks

these categories down even further showing anticipated need for housing subsidies, as well as specific levels of care support needed in senior housing units. Other key facts from the study:

- 51percent of all households in River Falls were rentals in 2016. This is substantially higher than the surrounding area at about 30 percent.
- River Falls is an exporter of workers, as a higher number of residents leave the City for work than nonresidents commute into the City for work. The 3,555 workers commuting to River Falls provide an opportunity to house workers here – if the right number and mix of housing products are provided.
- The supply of rental housing in River Falls is below the level considered adequate to meet the demand. The recommended vacancy rate is 5%, which allows for normal turnover. At the time of the survey, the City’s rental vacancy rate was 1.2%.

Questions? Contact Peterson at 715/426-3425 or apeterson@rfcity.org.

Wayfinding sign designs approved

The City Council approved the community signage and wayfinding master plan at its April 10 meeting. Sign installation will occur over a number of years, but residents can expect to see directional signs installed later this year.

The City is working with project partners to help with implementation, including the Business Improvement District, River Falls Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, UW–River Falls, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and the River Falls School District.



all about town



Free summer sounds

Tuesdays, June-Aug., 7 p.m.

Chill on the Hill

Melvin Wall Amphitheatre

UW-River Falls

Check uwrf.edu for schedule.

Fridays and Saturdays

June-Sept. 1, 7-9 p.m.

Music in the Park

Veterans Park, 1 North Main Street

Visit riverfallscab.org for info.

Where to look for what to do...



City of River Falls:

www.rfcity.org

City Parks and Recreation:

www.rfcity.org/recreation

Chamber/community events:

tourism.rfchamber.com/events

Community Arts Base:

riverfallscab.org

Library: riverfallspubliclibrary.org

School District Continuing

Education: rflearns.org

University of Wisconsin-River

Falls: go.uwrf.edu/cal

May 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

UW-River Falls Spring Commencement

Falcon Center



May 14, June 11, July 9,

Aug. 13, Sept. 10

3:30-6 p.m.

Maker Mondays

Creative, hands-on fun in our pop-up makerspace!

RFPL, Lower Level

Through May 18

All School Art Show

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

May 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Out-of-School Day Event for K-5

RFPL, Lower Level

May 21-June 8

Opening reception: May 21, 4-6 p.m.

Jeju, the Treasure Island

"Year of South Korea" exhibit

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

May 23, June 27, July 25,

August 22, September 26

6-8 p.m.

Coloring for Adults

RFPL, Main Level

June 12 and 14

Library programs

for children 0-5 years

Class sizes are limited; registration begins May 25. Check website for info.

RFPL, Children's Program Room

June 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Antiques Appraiser Mark Moran

Call to reserve a spot: 715/426-3496

\$10 per item

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

June 19-July 22

2018 Community Art Show

Non-juried show; ages 15 and up

Enter up to three pieces in any medium

Drop-off is June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

June 21, 2-4 p.m.

Build Your Own Linux Computer

Girls, ages 13-18; first-come, first-served

Call Kim to register: 715-425-0905,

ext. 664. Registration begins May 29

RFPL, Lower Level

June 28, 7 p.m.

Wisconsin 132nd Army National

Guard Band

Free public concert

Abbott Concert Hall, UW-River Falls



July 13-15

River Falls Days

Heritage Park/Downtown

July 14, 10 a.m.- noon

Kiddie Parade & Petting Zoo

Registration begins at 10 a.m.; parade at 10:30 a.m.

RFPL

(RFPL=River Falls Public Library)

July 24, 7- 9:45 p.m.

Outdoor Movie Night and Tailgating

Outdoor screening of "Cheeseheads: The Documentary" (2015) with filmmaker and writer, John Mitchell. Treats provided; bring your own lawn chair

RFPL



Aug. 3-Sept. 12

Awkward Family Photos Exhibit

Kleinpell Gallery, RFPL, Lower Level

Aug. 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Event

City Hall, 222 Lewis Street

Sponsored by RFMU

Sept. 8

23rd Annual Art on the Kinni

Sponsored by Community Arts Board

Sept. 15

Kirby Symes Memorial 5K/1 Mile

Bacon Bash Dash

9 a.m.(5K); 10:30 a.m. (1 mile)

RFPL



Sept. 15-16

Bacon Bash

Heritage Park/Downtown

RFPL: Summer hot spot!

Visit riverfallspubliclibrary.org for more information about summer programs, author visits, and book groups.

Programs for kids

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., RFPL Lower Level

June 13: Everett Smithson Band – bluegrass band for kids

June 20: Bruce the Bug Guy

June 27: Peter Johnson, scientist

July 11: Pint-sized Polkas

July 18: Libraries Rock! Make musical instruments and noise makers

July 25: Jack & Kitty – musical group for kids

Aug. 1: Colossal Fossils

Program for teens (grades 7-12)

Wednesdays at 4 p.m., RFPL Lower Level

June 13: Movie: "Moana"

June 20: Create a "bullet" journal

June 27: Come paint a masterpiece!

July 11: Paint rocks; spread kindness

July 18: Fun with slime

July 25: Movie: "The Greatest Showman"

Aug. 1: Waffle Wednesday

Author visits

In partnership with Chapter 2 Books in Hudson, the Library will host these bestselling authors in the Library's lower level:

Jason Mott May 17, 7 p.m.

Karen Robards June 18, 7 p.m.

Susan Wiggs June 26, 7 p.m.

Karma Brown July 16, 7 p.m.

Linwood Barclay July 28, 1 p.m.

William Kent Krueger Sept. 4, 7 p.m.

Summer book groups

Adults

See website for locations and first session books.

Second Tuesday group

May 8-Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Books and Beans group

May 15-Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Young Adult Lit. for Adults

May 16-Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

History group

May 22-____, 6:30 p.m.

Book Club in a Bar

June 12, July 10, Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Youth

Library Board Room, main level

See website for first session books

High School May 8-Sept. 11, 4 p.m.

Middle School May -Sept. 4, 4 p.m.

Grades 4 and 5 May 15-____, 4 p.m.

Pint-sized birders

The Library has bird watching kits available for checkout from the children's library. Included in the kit are a backpack, binoculars, field guides, a checklist of common birds, and a journal for kids to make notes. Bird watching is a great hobby for kids (or anyone). It costs nothing, can last a lifetime, and you don't have to go any farther than your own backyard!

Volunteer Reese

Susan Reese was named 2018 River Falls Volunteer of the Year in conjunction with National Volunteer Week. As chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, she is currently helping to shape the major future renovations at Glen Park. During her tenure, she has led the City's efforts to apply for – and receive – the America in Bloom Champion award presented in 2009, and helped produce the "River Falls in Bloom" commemorative book. She helped develop the City's Glen and Hoffman Park master plans and Downtown Design standards.



She is an active member of the St. Croix Valley Master Gardener Association, and has planted and maintained gardens along White Pathway. Reese is also a valuable member of the Plan Commission and Kinni Corridor Committee.

"Susan exhibits a passion and love for this City that is surpassed by none," said fellow Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member Patricia La Rue. "Whether she is recounting her efforts on the River Falls in Bloom committee, helping construct a million-dollar Glen Park Pavilion, or admonishing me for feeding the ducks on Lake George, Susan says it with a smile. And what can you do but smile back and follow her lead."



Photo courtesy Gabriel Lancaster

Swinging Bridge gets state designation

In February, the Wisconsin Historical Society placed the Glen Park Suspension Footbridge (Swinging Bridge) on the State Register of Historic Places. The City expects a national designation to follow.

The bridge holds statewide significance as a "well-designed, graceful, and rare example of a cable suspension bridge in Wisconsin," read a Society press release. Constructed in 1925 by the Minneapolis Bridge Company, the bridge has been a major draw for visitors and residents alike.

Now considered an official historic location, Amy Peterson, the City's director of development services, hopes visitors will seek to learn more about the bridge and other local historic sites.

"I hope that awareness can be raised about the historic structures in our community," she said. "Whether bridges or buildings or residences, we've got a number of worthy historic structures here, and we don't always get a chance to highlight them."

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office administers both the state and national registers.

Other locations within the City on the state and national historic registers include North and South Hall, UW-River Falls; Glen Park pool; and the Roscius S. and Lydia R. Freeman House at 220 North Third Street.



River Falls emergency responders participated in a drill April 20 to "free" a farmer trapped between a tractor and farm implement at the UW-River Falls Lab Farm. The River Falls Emergency Medical Services Department is working with Marshfield Clinic's National Farm Medicine Center to develop a program to promote and teach farm safety around the region.

Force of Gravity

The Kinnickinnic Sewage Lift Station, which serves the northern portions of River Falls, is nearing its life expectancy. Long-standing plans have been for the lift station to be replaced by a more reliable and efficient gravity sewer.

A preferred route for this gravity interceptor was approved by the Utility Advisory Board in November 2016 and easements necessary to construct and maintain this new sewer were identified. Once easements are secured, final design and construction can begin.

Recently, City Engineer Reid Wronski answered questions related to the project.

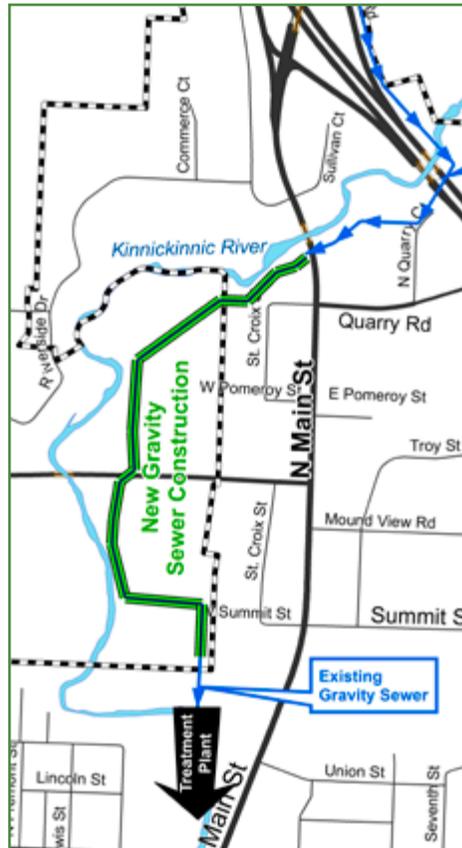
What is an interceptor sewer?

An interceptor sewer is to sewage as a major highway is to city commuting. Sewage is collected from homes and businesses through a network of smaller local sewer pipes that carry the sewage to larger collection pipes, the largest of which are our interceptor sewers that lead to the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

The most efficient and reliable way to convey sewage is to let it flow downhill through a network of carefully designed sewers. Sometimes, that may not be feasible and "lift stations," like the one currently in use, lift sewage up to a higher elevation where it can be delivered to a network of gravity flow pipes and continue its way to the WWTP.

How long has the City been planning the North Interceptor Project. What did the planning entail?

Planning for this sewer line goes back more than 20 years. The Kinnickinnic Lift Station was considered "temporary" when it was installed in 1992 with plans to ultimately construct a gravity interceptor sewer following the Kinnickinnic River. Planning entailed predicting when the lift station would reach the end of its useful life and



making sure we were able to implement a gravity interceptor sewer plan before then. That entailed route selection, easement or land acquisition, surveying, permitting and design.

For more information about the project, contact Wronski at rwrnski@rfcity.org or 715/426-3409.

How many feet of new gravity flow pipe will be installed to complete the project?

Approximately 4,100 feet.

What percentage of the City is served by the North Sewer Area Interceptor?

This sewer serves 27 percent of the City's existing development area and is planned to serve 42 percent in the future, including all three of the City's industrial/corporate parks and much of its commercial property.

What does this project mean for citizens?

Reliable, cost effective sewage infrastructure that supports the needs of current and future City residents, business, and industry.



Kinni update...from page 1

design consultants to create a final corridor plan. The plan will likely be completed by the end of 2018 and will include an implementation timeline to be used going forward.

- Hydro facility relicensing has been initiated. Preliminary documents will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by late August. This process will be led by River Falls Municipal Utilities with assistance from a consultant and guidance from the City's Utility Advisory Board.
- The project committee will continue to engage the community in visioning the future of the corridor. Opportunities for input and feedback will be provided at regular intervals over the next nine months. Community members are encouraged to check the project website, kinnicorridor.org, for information about engagement activities.
- Concurrently, project leaders have begun to research the formation of a public-private partnership (PPP or P3) with stakeholder groups who will be charged with implementing, and raising funds to support, the completed plan. The outline of a P3 will be developed over the next several months, with the first official meeting scheduled in 2019.

For bird's sake

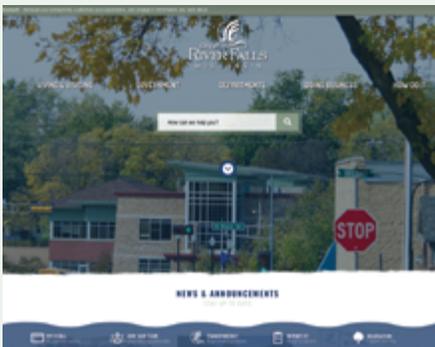


City ordinance does not allow household pets, including cats, to “run at large.” In addition to ensuring the safety

of your cat, keeping it indoors protects our City’s bird population and our designation as a Bird City. Since we are located near the Mississippi River, one of North America’s primary migratory flyways, it is important that we are kind to our bird population.

Did you know that cats kill over 2.4 billion birds per year in the United States, second only to habitat loss?

~ American Bird Conservancy



Website facelift

The City of River Falls website recently got a face-lift. (See www.rfcity.org.)

“Our mission was to include more user-friendly features and easier-to-find information,” said project leader Kristi McKahan. “Plus, we included more photographs and graphic elements to attract visitors and make surfing our site more enjoyable.”

McKahan welcomes feedback about the refurbished site. Contact her at kmckahan@rfcity.org or 715/426-3403.

Spring cleanup for healthy neighborhoods

As we swing into spring, please be a good neighbor by:

- **Parking only in designated areas.** Parking on your lawn can release sediment and contaminated soil into nearby streams and lakes. In addition, muddy yards lower property values and diminish neighborhood aesthetics.
- **Clearing your property of unwanted items,** including furniture left on the

curb. Consider donating to one of the resale organizations in the area, or calling Advanced Disposal at 866/983-6542 for a large item pick-up (special fees may apply).

- **Keeping your outdoor space tidy,** including stacking wood neatly – off the ground and away from the home – to keep critters at bay.



A new SPIN on bike sharing

by Mike Noreen, Conservation and Efficiency Coordinator

As the Blue Bike program grows into its third year, you’ll see some changes. The free, blue bikes will still be available at stations at Hoffman Park and outside Our Neighbors’ Place, but we’ve added a new SPIN to bike sharing in River Falls.

In 2018 we’re bringing in a bike share program called SPIN that you’ll also find in San Francisco, Seattle, and Dallas. SPIN is a dockless bike-sharing program where you download an app to find, unlock, and rent a bike. You don’t have to return it to

any particular place – just ride it to your destination. You must be 18 or over to ride; fees are \$1/hour or less if you’re a UW-River Falls student.

The complementary bike share programs have something for everyone. SPIN offers new bikes at a cost that are easy to find through the online app, and the Blue Bike program allows anyone of any age to hop on and ride for free.

For more info, contact Noreen at mnoreen@rfcity.org or 715/426-3467.

RFC-TV viewership survey



The City of River Falls is currently studying its public access cable program, RFC-TV, which is made available to Comcast customers in the River Falls area on Channel 16. The survey is available online via a link at www.rfcity.org/rfctv or in paper copy at City Hall or the Library. The survey deadline is May 15, 2018. If you have questions or comments, please contact City Communications Manager Mary Zimmermann at 715/426-3405 or mzimmermann@rfcity.org.

NOTE: City programming that was formerly available on Channel 18 is now showing on Channel 16 (including broadcasts of City meetings). WEAU-13 News from Eau Claire will continue to broadcast on Channel 18 as usual.

Goodbye to an old friend

Considered the final phase of the Falcon Center for Health, Education and Wellness project, R.A. Karges Center deconstruction has begun and will continue throughout the summer. Karges Center, the former home of the UWRF Health and Human Performance (HHP) Department and Falcon Athletics, has served UWRF and the community well for 58 years. While the Falcon Center is greatly appreciated as a long-awaited improvement to the campus, the spirit of Karges Center will live on. In fact, the Karges name has been preserved in the new facility, having been applied to the auxiliary gym, a multi-purpose space that serves students in all areas: academic, recreation and athletics.

Excuse our mess!

Interior dismantling work in Karges began in March, while exterior deconstruction is expected to begin in mid-May and run through August 2018. Similarly, as part

of the same project, the Emogene Nelson Center located at the west end of Cascade Ave. near Main St. is also slated for removal in summer 2019, to be replaced by a state-funded addition to the contiguous May Hall.

What about the bronze Falcon?

Based on input from current faculty, staff and students, the bronze falcon sculpture on the north wall facing Cascade Avenue will soon be moved to a new home near the main entrance to the Falcon Center, thus maintaining its legacy association with our athletics and HHP venues.

What will be done with the space where Karges once stood?

The Karges Center site will become green space, emphasizing both the university's commitment to sustainability as well as contributing to the pleasant environment of one of the UW's most beautiful campuses.



R.A. Karges Center



It takes a Handshake

The UW-River Falls Career Services office has transformed its popular Hire-a-Falcon online job board platform to the popular Handshake system used nationwide. As the official partner of more than 475 colleges and universities, Handshake allows employers of every size to connect with local talent within the university's student and alumni community. If you are an employer interested in building a professional relationship with UWRF students or graduates, click the Employers link on uwrf.edu/CareerServices to learn more.

Get a jump on the ACT this summer

UW-River Falls will offer test preparation classes in June and July for high school students planning to take the ACT. Students may attend one of two, four-day sessions beginning June 4 at the UW-River Falls Hudson Center, or July 9 on the UW-River Falls campus.

"Students will receive an in-depth review of the exam materials, insight into strategies for succeeding on standardized tests, and a comprehensive study plan," said Randy Zimmermann, director of UWRF Outreach and Continuing Education.

For more info, visit go.uwrf.edu/testprep or call 715/425-3256.

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715/425-0906

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Culver's founder, Craig Culver, talked with participants following the 5th Annual Corporate Leaders Breakfast on Jan. 18. The event is sponsored by River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU).

"Craig Culver's story of hardship, hard work, and ultimate success was an inspiration to RFMU customers and other corporate and community leaders who attended the breakfast," said RFMU Director Kevin Westhuis. "We were honored to host Mr. Culver – and look forward to the possibility of a Culver's in River Falls someday!"