

# Across Our Community

Spring 2018

**DISTRICT REPORT CARD**

**98th Percentile in the State**

Overall Score

87.1

★★★★★

Significantly Exceeds Expectations

8 Schools

4,905 Students

624 Staff

A COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER FROM THE CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

## Mayor's Message

It's been a bitter cold winter and I hope that at the time this newsletter reaches you, signs of spring will be present. No matter the weather, many development projects are happening in Muskego, both private and public. While these projects keep city staff very busy, it is a sign the economy is favorable.

It's great to live or do business in Muskego with all the accolades we proudly tout. The most recent recognition has Muskego in the Top 10 of Safest Cities in Wisconsin by HomeSnacks statistical measures. The Muskego Police Department is comprised of 37 police officers and 11 civilian employees. The Detective Bureau, K9 Unit, a Community Resource Officer along with three School Resource Officers also assist in educating our citizens in crime detection and prevention. They work in partnership with the community to make Muskego a great place to work and live while continuing to strive to maintain the trust the community has in them. And, the goals set by the City Council maintain public safety at the top of the list. With all of this, it's not surprising that Muskego would receive this accolade.

I continue to work with State legislators regarding laws and regulations that have an impact on taxpayers or lead to inefficiencies.

- I'm pleased to say that State legislators have approved a new agriculture drainage district bill that requires drainage districts to get the approval of the municipal governing body when annexing properties into the taxing authority. Approximately two thirds of Muskego properties are within the drainage district. The City Council will now have the ability to vote on this matter and include the public by getting their feedback.
- State legislators will be voting on a bill for in-person absentee voters to have the ability to feed their ballot into the machine in lieu of the inefficient envelope process. If approved, in-person absentee voters will also have the opportunity to correct their ballot should it be rejected for error.
- With much disappointment, State legislators continue to push off voting on the Dark Store legislation. Without the approval of this bill, residential and small business properties may see an increase in property taxes.

Respectfully,

Kathy Chiaverotti, Mayor

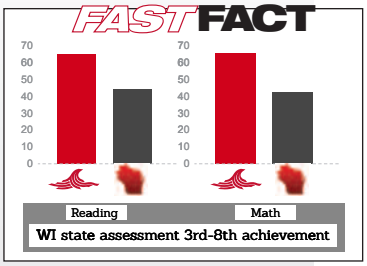
## Muskego Aldermen

*(Contact info at cityofmuskego.org)*

**District 1** – Robert Wolfe
**District 2** – Bob Hammel
**District 3** – Neil Borgman
**District 4** – Thomas Kapusta
**District 5** – John Engelhardt
**District 6** – Kevin Kubacki
**District 7** – Eileen Madden

## Superintendent's Message

Strategic planning is paramount to the success of Muskego-Norway Schools. Our district has been committed to continuous improvement since the school board adopted the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence in 2008. Since that time we have seen improvements that span all departments within our system, including increased student achievement and growth data, strong budget processes and energy saving approaches, effective safety practices and technology supports, and reduced worker compensation claims and student suspensions. Continuing our tradition of strong planning, MNS is currently engaged in the critical work of developing our next multi-year strategic plan (2018-2023). Thank you to the community members, parents, students, staff, and administration who have taken time thus far to provide insightful feedback through focus groups, surveys, and our Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. Throughout the early spring we will continue to gather input from various committee groups, the school board, and building-level listen and learn meetings. Our current mission of *"Every student learning, growing … succeeding"* and our vision *"To be the District of Choice in Southeastern WI for students, staff, and our community"* frame the draft strategic plan along with three main focus areas:



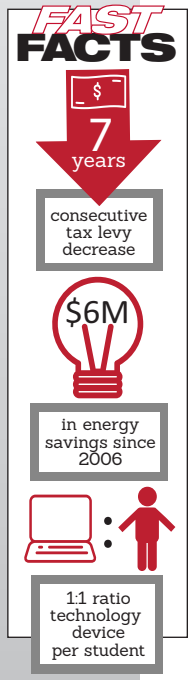

- Exemplary Student Learning and Engagement, with the expectation that all students are:
  - Academically Prepared
  - Highly Engaged
  - College, Career, and Community Ready
- Highly Effective Personnel and Expert Teaching
- Sound Stewardship of Resources and Strong Community Support

These three focus areas align well with our values of providing: 1) A high achieving student learning environment; 2) An environment that attracts, develops, and retains highly effective personnel; 3) A district worthy of community support; 4) System-wide continuous improvement; and 5) Long-term financial stability.

Our community deserves excellence! We continue to be committed to continuous improvement in all our efforts and are proud of recent accomplishments and recognitions.

With Gratitude,

Kelly Thompson, Ph.D.




Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Top Workplace

Muskego Elementary Blue Ribbon Award

Forward Award Mastery Level

Pioneer Athletic's Field of Excellence

US News Best High Schools



Landmark Credit Union



CGS Premier

## Development News – Spring 2018

Development has continued to flourish in Muskego. At the Parkland Towne Center, development of the first of the apartment buildings is open and is nearing full occupancy. Plans have been submitted to start construction on the second apartment building soon. Relating to some of the commercial businesses within this development, Landmark Credit Union is getting ready to open their doors shortly. Also, the first commercial multi-tenant building within this development is nearing completion and will house IM=X Pilates, Luxe Nail & Spa, and Outside Inn with Bacon.

Other areas of the City are also seeing commercial growth and redevelopment. Recent business openings include Starz Dance Academy, Tess Corners Automotive, Rainbow Childcare, and CGS Premier. There are also some businesses in Muskego that are planning alterations and/or additions that include McDonald's, Aldi, Bass Bay Brewhouse, International Sales & Engineering, and 4 Front Engineering.

Lastly, there are a few senior living and assisted living projects under construction and in the planning stages in the City. These include Heritage Muskego, Caring Alternatives, and The Gardens in Muskego.

For the latest updates on these and other City of Muskego Development, please visit the City of Muskego website at www.cityofmuskego.org.

## Spring Cleaning Your Yard?

While the City does not have a spring leaf collection program, there are two sites where yard debris may be dropped off:

**Advanced Disposal Service**
W143 S6400 College Court
Most Saturdays 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
262-679-0860

**Advanced Disposal ES Emerald Park Landfill**
W124 S10629 South 124th Street
(South of Hwy 36 on Hwy 45)
Fridays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • Saturdays 8:00 am – Noon
414-529-1360

# From the Desk of the Chief

## ORDINANCES

Greetings,

As I look out my window at a recent snowfall, I am reminded that spring is right around the corner. With spring, often comes the grueling task of cleaning the yard after a long winter season. This often raises questions about burning debris and yard waste. Here is our city ordinance regulating burning:

**ORDINANCE 9.14 — Open Fires restricted:**

The burning of dry brush, dry leaves, dry plant clippings, dry limbs, dry branches, dry logs or "bon" fires containing similar materials is allowed subject to the following regulations:

(1) Wind velocity shall not be more than 15 miles per hour as recorded by the U.S. Weather Bureau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(2) Wind direction at time of fire shall be away from buildings, or other combustible materials and structures and shall not carry smoke or soot into any adjoining buildings, onto laundry hanging outdoors, or be the source of annoyance by reason of smoke, fumes, or odors to persons or property.

(3) The perimeter of an area of a grass or brush fire must be at least 50 feet from any building, utility pole, overhead wires, or any other combustible material.

(4) Sufficient firefighting implements and personnel shall be available at the scene while burning is in progress to control the fire.

**[The burning of garbage, lumber, or other construction materials is not allowed.]**

I also want to remind everyone that May is "Green up Muskego" month. That means members of the police department will be checking all properties in the city to see if they are in compliance with our ordinance related to storage of motor vehicles. Our city ordinance reads:

**ORDINANCE 10.05 — Storage of Motor Vehicles:**

No person shall store, park or leave unattended, any disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicle, except in an enclosure which houses such property from public view.

A vehicle is considered operable if it is currently registered to operate on the highway and is capable of safely doing so. If you have a vehicle that fails to comply with this ordinance you can expect a visit from one of our officers in May.

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

As part of our community outreach and education initiative, the Muskego Police Department will again offer up a variety of programs this spring and summer for citizens to participate in. The following are some programs we will be offering this year:

- **Citizen's academy** – This program provides an in depth opportunity to experience police work and all that is involved. Attendees will experience hands on training which will include, driving a squad car, a day at the shooting range and much more. This program is one night a week (Tuesdays) from 7 pm - 10 pm, and runs for ten weeks. The next scheduled academy will be this upcoming fall with the dates yet to be determined.

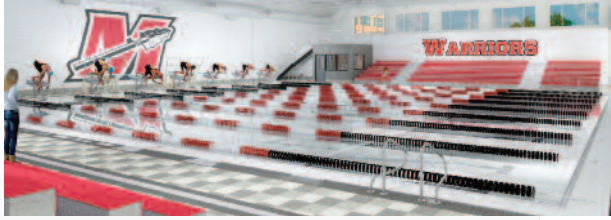
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Mill Valley Elementary received its phase 1 addition over the summer and fall. The school is currently in phase 2 that started over winter break.



Muskego Lakes Middle School during construction last fall.




Rendering of the Muskego High School Natatorium that is set for completion before the 2018 Girls Swim season, August 2018.

## ■ ■ Updates ■ ■

### Building Projects

**Muskego Lakes Middle School** will be completely enclosed this month, and finish work has begun on the interior. Final cleaning will begin in April for several areas. Substantial completion is estimated for the beginning of July.

**Mill Valley Elementary** closed out Phase I of the renovation in the fall, with Phase II work beginning in December. Phase I included new administrative offices, gymnasium, music room, kindergarten and 4th-grade classrooms, and flexible learning spaces. Phase II focuses on a new library, kitchen, and cafeteria.

**Muskego High School** has multiple facilities that have seen change with several still in progress, such as the swimming pool and stadium bleachers. The west-side of the football stadium bleachers are set to increase seating and be converted to the "Home" side. An expanded press box and artificial turf are to be completed before the start of the next school year; the same goes for the renovation of the swimming pool. The natatorium will expand the spectator and athlete seating, as well as provide an 8-lane pool, allowing MHS to host additional competitive swim meets.

**Bay Lane Elementary** will not start the renovation process until the summer of 2018. The building is being converted to fully accommodate elementary-age students, transforming the previous middle-school classrooms.

**Want more information on what's happening?**
Check the Building Projects page on the district website – http://www.muskegonorway.org/about/buildingprojects.cfm

### Fiber Network

The Muskego-Norway Schools fiber network project is currently underway. Construction started on routes to Bay Lane, Lake Denoon, Lakeview, and the new Muskego Lakes Middle School. The network will deliver greater data speeds to all schools and saves the district over $500,000 in the next ten years helping to ensure that Muskego-Norway Schools is "future ready" for staff and students.

Multimedia Communications and Engineering (MC&E) is managing the installation of underground fiber optics through your neighborhood within the Public Right of Way. The underground construction will be performed using directional boring equipment thereby limiting the amount of excavation and restoration necessary. Following the construction, clean up crews will repair and restore all excavations to their previous condition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 877-870-6869 or 920-393-3492 ext 3.

All of the existing utilities have been identified with paint and flags. Workers depend on these marks to safely avoid contact with other utilities, which could result in property damage, loss of essential services, and serious bodily harm. Please do not disturb these markings or remove any flags.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Mill Valley Brick Fundraiser

The original Mill Valley School, a wood frame building, was built in 1856, on one half acre of donated land. During the early 1900's, many improvements were made to the school, but it wasn't until 1925 when a special meeting was called to raise $5,000 to build a new school constructed of brick. With the expansion of Mill Valley in 2017, part of the original brick building was razed.

You are now able to own a piece of Mill Valley Elementary history! A limited number of bricks were salvaged from the demolition and MV PTO is selling these bricks for $20 each (limit 3 per family). Requests will be filled in the order in which they are received. Please use this link to order: http://bit.ly/2EonL1V

### Safety in Our Schools

Our sympathies go out to the victims and community of Parkland, Florida who are mourning their horrific loss from last month's school shooting. When a tragic event like this happens, it brings to the forefront of our minds a need to ensure our students are protected from similar dangers. Muskego-Norway School District has safety plans and practices in place to prepare our school community for a crisis. Safety efforts and practices include:

- MNS leads Waukesha County and all rural school districts in southeast Wisconsin when it comes to staffing police in our schools. MNS has three Muskego Police School Resource Officers with responsibilities in each of our schools.
- We have a district committee that meets regularly with the Muskego Police Department and researches the most up-to-date procedures in protecting our students and staff from dangers in a crisis, as well as disseminating to staff at all buildings our safety procedures and protocols. In addition, each school has an "Emergency Response Team."
- Annually, MNS School Board reviews and approves building safety plans.
- During school hours, we keep all external doors locked, and have supervised main entrances at all of our buildings.
- Visitors need permission to enter school buildings using an official ID.
- Annually, MNS conducts all state mandatory drills, including two "lockdown" drills.
- Background checks are required for any volunteer and staff member to enter into our schools and work with students.

If students have difficulty managing crisis situations, we have student services staff at each school who are available during school hours. We know that schools are safer when students, staff, families, and the community work together to reduce violence and address potential safety issues. Thank you for doing your part to bring forward to the district or law enforcement any concerning behaviors or online and social media activity that could be deemed a school safety issue. We are grateful for your partnership in working together to keep our children safe.

### Muskego High School – College Classes

Earning college credit while still in high school prepares students for higher level coursework and saves families money. Approximately 82% of last year's seniors (Class of 2017) exited high school with college credit on their transcripts. This is a result of students taking courses such as Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (UW-Oshkosh) and/or Transcripted Credit (WCTC), which are offered at MHS, as well as those students who left campus for a class at a two or four-year college.

- CAPP courses, which are transcripted through UW-Oshkosh and/or WCTC, will be increasing next year. They are taught by MHS teachers who are college adjunct professors. The 2017-18 course offerings include: Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Spanish 5, French 5, and Military History. For the 2018-19 school year, the program will grow to include Spanish 6 and a Business course.
- Muskego High School is developing 1+3 programs through partnerships with state universities. This program allows students to complete the equivalent of their first year of college at MHS. As an initial step, we have partnered with UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater. Completing 12-18 credits (by taking CAPP, Advanced Placement, and or WCTC Transcripted Credits classes at Muskego High School) within a 1+3 articulated plan allows students to complete most college degrees within three years. To date, plans have been created for Software Engineering/Computer Science (UW-O), Education (UW-O), Engineering Technology (UW-O), Information Systems (UW-O), and Business Administration (UW-W).

## From the Desk of the Chief

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- **Hunter safety** – March 28 & 29, 2018 from 5 pm to 9 pm (Wednesday and Thursday) and tentatively September 19 & 20, 2018, from 5 pm to 9 pm (Wednesday and Thursday).
- **Boater safety** – April 3 – 6, 2018 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm (Tuesday through Friday) and June 5 – 8, 2018 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm (Tuesday through Friday).
- **Safety City** – Is a two week, program starting on Monday June 18. This preschool (ages 4-7) program creates a child-size city where children use big wheels to learn about road and pedestrian safety. Fire protection, poison prevention, animal safety, and stranger awareness are some of the topics stressed by a qualified teacher, Officer Friendly, guest instructors, and teen volunteers. The program also teaches kids ages 4-6 about bicycle safety, proper use of 911, and many other skills to aid with their safety in the community.
- **National Night Out** – August 2, 2018. A great family event designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals, letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. This night we celebrate community while providing tips for crime prevention and safety. There is also plenty of food and entertainment for all ages.

  If you have any questions about any of these programs, please contact Community Resource Officer Mike Rakers at mrakers@cityofmuskego.org. Registration for hunter and boater safety is through the Muskego Recreation Department.

As the warm weather approaches, outdoor activity increases. Please be mindful of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists on the roadways. Pay attention while driving, watch your speed, and avoid distractions while driving. Most motor vehicle accidents are caused by distracted driving and excessive speed. By driving the speed limit and paying attention, you are far more likely to get to your destination safely.

Are you going through tough times or do you know someone that is right now? The Muskego Police Department now has a program called "Helping Hands". From time to time we all need help from a friend. For those in need of relationship counseling, financial counseling, grief counseling, help with addiction issues, or basic everyday physical needs, we have resource information available to you. Local charities, churches, and Waukesha County Human Services have resources available to help with these issues. The Muskego Police Department has business cards and flyers available to direct citizens to assistance when it is needed. If you would like the information, please call the police department at (262) 679-4130 or stop in.

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook for upcoming events and other news about the police department. In addition to Facebook, we are also on "Nextdoor". Nextdoor is a free app available on the internet. By joining Nextdoor, you can find out what is going on in your neighborhood, as well as the city. Please contact Officer Rakers at mrakers@cityofmuskego.org if you wish to get more information about Nextdoor.

We at the Muskego Police Department wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. As always, we consider it a privilege to serve this community.

Chief Richard Rens
Muskego Police Department

**Serving our community...**





Officer Cortese reading to students at Muskego Elementary School

SRO Nowicki at Shop with a Cop




We have openings for both, if you are at least 18 years of age, are in good health, have a clean driving record, and can pass a background check.

**Would you like to become a Firefighter AND/OR an EMT with the Tess Corners Fire Dept.?**

Stop in on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at Station 1 on Tess Corners Drive.

Ask for a tour and have your questions answered. An application will be given to you to complete and return.

Once you are approved, we will send you to school for certification. Please call (414) 422-9733 to leave your name and phone number and you will receive a call from the Membership Committee to set a time to meet.

Jeff Verburgt
Chairman of the Board

## Bay Lane Middle School

At Bay Lane, we are excited about the curriculum pilot in our 5th-8th grade literacy classes. Fifth grade teachers are piloting ReadyGen with their students, while sixth through eighth grade teachers are piloting MyPerspectives. Both curricula offer next-generation learning designed to promote competencies needed for college and career readiness, featuring thematic units inviting students to explore essential questions through multimedia texts. The pilot curriculum offers a balance of embedded formative, summative, and performance-based assessments to inform instruction and monitor student learning. As a result, students set and monitor academic goals.



Feedback from Bay Lane students and parents has been positive. Students are rising to the challenge of increased rigor as they use strategies to access a wide range of texts. Feedback from Bay Lane teachers has also been consistent. "*The new ReadyGen Literacy Program for fifth grade has provided more rigor in grammar, vocabulary, and higher level thinking for students as they engage in text. I especially enjoy watching students use text to identify evidence to support a claim. Exciting things are happening with this new program!*" shared Jenn Warr, 5th grade literacy teacher. Allie Tome, a 7th grade literacy teacher offered, "*The continuity between what students are supposed to be learning in 7th grade, the resources, and the units is comprehensive. The Pearson curriculum is more rigorous and allows students to practice their writing skills more often in a meaningful way.*"

## Lakeview Elementary

Kindergarten teachers have been working hard since last year ensuring that our students have a strong foundation in phonological awareness. This work has included aligning vertically with our 4K and first grade teachers. This year, they have taken this another step by starting phonological awareness flexible groups. The three teachers used data gathered after administering the Kindergarten Phonological and Phonemic Awareness assessment to all students to group them by strategy need. Each teacher meets with a group daily, and students move across classrooms to ensure that they are in a group working on the skills appropriate to their needs. This work is above and beyond the work being done in reader's and writer's workshop. Students were reassessed in early December to form new groups based on student skills needed; the frequency of group meetings is also based on student need. In addition to the large benchmark assessments, formative assessments called "exit tickets" are used to keep tabs on individual student growth. Any students who have mastered phonemic and phonics skills will be moved on and placed into Words Their Way groups. After the most recent Winter STAR benchmarking test, 95% of Lakeview kindergartners already met the end-of-year benchmark. Thank you, kindergarten, for supporting our littlest learners during this most crucial time!







Lakeview staff work with Kindergarten students in their groups to improve phonological and phonemic awareness.

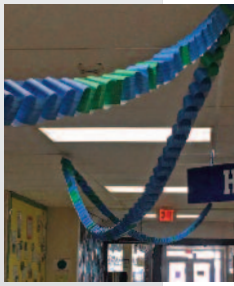
## Country Meadows Elementary

Over the summer, members of the Culture and Climate team at Country Meadows explored effective ways to positively impact the school culture. The team was in search of a way to support the social emotional learning of students, a focus on respect, and a way to allow students to act as leaders. As a result, the team proposed a whole school initiative and partnered with the 21 Day Kindness Challenge, Inc. During the challenge, students and staff set a goal to complete 5,000 acts of kindness between February 1st and March 2nd.

An exciting component was the opportunity for student leadership and to engage families. Members of the Country Meadows Fourth Grade Advisory Team led many aspects of the project, from the organization of materials to planning and running the all-school assemblies. Resources have been provided to families and Country Meadows in collecting pictures of students doing acts of kindness at home and around the community. The pictures will be shared during the celebration assembly in March.

When a student is observed doing an act of kindness by a staff member or peer, a kindness slip is completed and turned into the office. Pictured here are students turning in their slips to the office. A chain is then made by fourth grade students using the completed kindness slips and displayed in the hall (see pictures on right). The team is optimistic about reaching the goal and positively impacting the culture at Country Meadows and the community!





7TH ANNUAL **MNS ART SHOW** **5th -12th Grade • MHS Performing Arts Center**

Student & Family Reception
March 15th — 4:30-6:30 pm

Public Viewing
March 19th-22nd — 2:30-6:30 pm
March 24th — 12:30-4:00 pm

## Calling All Volunteers

This year, Muskego-Norway Schools formed a Community Volunteer Program Development Committee. The committee consists of district staff members and community members who are looking to build a robust volunteer program across the school district. The mission of the committee is *"Strive to create mutually beneficial volunteer opportunities that enrich student and community relationships."* The committee is now in the position to begin building a volunteer database. Whether you are a registered volunteer within the district or if you have an interest in volunteering within the Muskego-Norway School District, please complete the volunteer registration form at http://bit.ly/2oosQfA. Anyone who may have trouble completing the form online should contact Lu McBain for assistance at (262) 971-1800 x2117 or melissa.mcbain@muskegonorway.org. Anyone who completes the survey will be put on a contact list and updated as the committee finalizes the volunteer program for the 2018-19 school year.

**FAST FACTS**

**96%** 4 yr. graduation rate

**85%** Continuing education post graduation

**Web:** muskegonorway.org
**Twitter:** @MuskegoNorwaySc
**Facebook:** Muskego-Norway Schools
**YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8TzhZ9jumjN3bUYw9lyZQ

**Every Student Learning, Growing … Succeeding**

# CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

### Who Needs Netflix or Redbox When You Have a Library Card?

The Muskego Public Library prides itself on having a fantastic media collection so you can enjoy the hottest new releases or revisit some classics. We've recently expanded our anime DVDs into their own section. Check out our ever-growing selection of movies and television shows or drop a comment in our suggestion box if you have a title you want us to add.




Be sure to join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm for our weekly movie matinee. Each month features a documentary, classic film, recent release, and an Oscar winner. Bring your own snacks and enjoy the show!

### Where Are All the Kids' Books?!? (Children's Area Renovation Project)

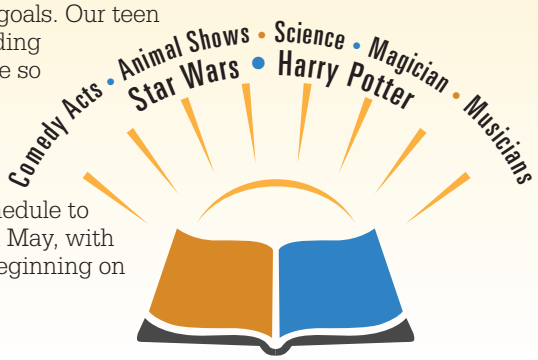


Don't panic – all the children's books, DVDs, CDs, and kits are still here, ready to be checked out! They've been temporarily relocated to make space for our big renovation project! The children's area is undergoing a dramatic update, with new carpeting and furniture, colorful creative lighting, an updated entryway, a brand-new MakerSpace, a flexible storytime programming room, and a welcoming floorplan with a new youth play space that encourages families to stick around, read together, and build community. With the project slated to be complete on May 31, we're in the midst of planning a big Grand Opening for the space to welcome everyone back just in time for summer reading!

### June 4 - August 11

### Libraries Rock with the Summer Reading Program

For those about to read, we salute you! This summer, children, teens, and adults are encouraged to boogie on down to the library for a rockin' reading program. We've got amazing performers every Tuesday afternoon, including comedy act KidsPlay, live animal shows Hoos Woods Raptor Center and Zoozort, and two STEAM-filled spectaculars from Mad Science Milwaukee, plus performances by magician Nickey Fynn and musicians Fox & Branch and Duke Otherwise. We'll also host our 3rd annual Star Wars-themed tea party with costumed characters and Harry Potter birthday party for families that can't get enough of the wizarding world. In addition to weekly coupon prizes, we'll have tons of giveaways that reward readers who go the extra mile to rock their reading goals. Our teen and adult reading programs have so many prizes; there are lots of chances to win. Watch for the full schedule to be released in May, with registration beginning on June 4!





Sandhill Park playground

## Parks & Recreation Department

The Summer Activity Guide is scheduled to be mailed out to the public around April 17. For complete listing please see our online guide at cityofmuskego.org or call 262-679-4108 for more information/to register.

For your convenience you now have the ability to easily set-up your own family account and register for programs online. Information on how to set-up can be found in the program guide as well as online.

Summer program highlights include: youth and adult tennis lessons and leagues, youth sports programs, playground activities, adult fitness, pickle ball leagues, and so much more!

**Park improvements this spring/summer to include:**

- Disc-Golf Course at Denoon grand opening
- Sandhill Park playground surfacing completed
- Parking pay stations installed at Idle Isle
- Pickleball courts improvements at Lions Park

**Annual Park Operations Timetable**

- Restrooms open May 1 with closure on September 30 for Idle Isle, Lions, Kurth, Bluhm (south side) and Veterans Memorial Park
- Restrooms at Park Arthur open year round


Idle Isle parking pay station



## Electronics and Appliance Recycling Events!

The City of Muskego is hosting collection events for all area residents and businesses for the 2018 season. There will be a $25 fee for TVs and a $10 fee for computer monitors, while all other accepted items will be accepted for no charge. For a complete list of all free items accepted items, visit www.cityofmuskego.org/rr.

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 9am to noon**

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 • 9am to noon**

Muskego City Hall Parking Lot W182 S8200 Racine Ave. (enter from Racine Avenue driveway)

## MHS Athletic & Activities Success Highlights

Need some good news? There are great things happening at Muskego High School. Just follow the work of MHS Student Council, a group of 120 hard-working students committed to improving their school and community. Before the school year ends, Student Council (StuCo) has mapped out its goals for the following year, inspired by a theme. This year's theme is "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World."




Boys Soccer, Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Boys Volleyball, Football, Girls Tennis, Girls Swim

The school year began with one of the community's most coveted traditions, Homecoming Week, which StuCo planned down to the last detail. "*We try our hardest to make sure that all grades feel included in our tradition of dress-up days, class games, and our Homecoming dance,*" says Kayla Parker, a junior and StuCo publicity director.

Homecoming Week

Pink Possible

In honor of breast cancer awareness, StuCo hosted Pink Possible in early October. The students worked with a local salon to offer students pink hair extensions, with all proceeds going to breast cancer research.

Spooktacular

At the end of October, StuCo put on Spooktacular, its annual Halloween event for children and one of the organization's favorites. "*Spooktacular is my favorite event because I love interacting with all of the families and kids in the community,*" says StuCo Vice President Kayla Braun, a senior.

Families are treated to a day of trick-or-treating, games, crafts, a haunted house, and lunch. StuCo pays for everything, but asks for donations to a charity. This year, almost $900 was raised for UNICEF's hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico, according to senior Abigail Warwick, StuCo treasurer.

The holiday season was highlighted by the annual food drive for the Muskego Food Pantry and the "adoption" of a family through the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County. After being matched with a family, StuCo bought gifts for four boys, wrapped and delivered them in time for Christmas. "*I really loved it,*" says StuCo Secretary, junior Frankie Sperka. "*It was amazing to see how Christmas can mean so much to little kids. It was a heartwarming experience.*"

The school year also includes a blood drive, Warrior Family Week, charity week, and the Senior Citizens Prom at the Regency in Muskego. StuCo members are also on the frontlines planning for the Winter Dance and the Prom in the spring.

When they leave MHS, StuCo members will take priceless skills with them. "*Student Council gave me the opportunity to build real-life leadership skills,*" StuCo President Sydney Jares says. "It taught me how to delegate, how to make tough decisions, and how to better communicate with different people."

***For more info*** *regarding MHS Student Council, contact Kelli Clark, head advisor, kelli.clark@muskegonorway.org.*

## Cross Country

- Classic 8 Champion - Girls
- Sectional Champions - Boys & Girls
- Numerous All-Conference/All-State Selections
- Girls Runner Up at State
- Boys 15th Place at State
- Girls Classic 8 Sportsmanship Award

The girls cross country team had an outstanding year on both the junior varsity and varsity level, sweeping both races at the Classic 8 conference championship. On an individual level, the Warriors also took the top 3 places at both levels. The success continued at the WIAA Sectional race held at UW-Parkside where the Warriors claimed their 2nd consecutive WIAA Sectional title and claimed all 7 runners in the top 13 overall. At the WIAA state meet, the Warriors placed 2 runners in the top 4 overall and claimed the 2017 WIAA State Runner Up trophy.

The Warriors earned several post season awards for their efforts this year, including 2017 Classic 8 sportsmanship award for cross country, two 1st team All State runners (Kate Sperka and Kate Jochims), one 2nd team All State runner (Brittany Helm), and one All State "honorable mention" runner (McKayla Felton). Kate Sperka was named Wisconsin cross country coaches association district 7 runner of the year and coaches Raney and Michaud were named Wisconsin cross country coaches association district coaches of the year. The team would like to thank everyone for all their support this past season and look forward to improving in 2018!



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## The 1WARRIOR Initiative

As we embark on a new chapter in Muskego High School Co-curriculars, our programming seeks to build unity throughout our student populations. Regardless of the group or team a student is affiliated with, we aim to build a bigger awareness, outside of one's self or team, and realize at the end of the day WE represent and are invested in the same institution of MHS, which is the flagship school of the best community in Waukesha county, Muskego!

## Run for Education Announcement

The Wisconsin Run for Education is a series of 5K runs (and fun runs for the little ones!) that support two school districts in Southern Wisconsin - Muskego-Norway Schools and Kettle Moraine. These runs have been organized to encourage health and wellness and bring our community, staff, students, parents, and businesses together!

Register today for one or both of the races!
Proceeds from each race will go to each specific district.

**Muskego-Norway Schools 5K — Sunday, April 29, 2018**
**9:00 am Children's Fun Run • 9:30 am 5K Walk/Run**

The run/walk will begin at Muskego High School and route through the community returning back to the high school. The route will be clear for runners, walkers, and those pushing strollers. The Children's Fun Run will take place on the high school track.

**Use the following link to register for the run!**
https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Muskego/MuskegoNorwaySchoolDistrictRunforEducation

Registration: $30.00 • Late Registration: $35.00
Children's Fun Run: $10.00


ART: vecteezy.com

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## 2018 ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

**Spring Election – April 3rd**

State Supreme Court Justice, County Circuit Court Judge, Supervisor Districts 23 & 24, Muskego Aldermanic Districts #1, #3 & #5, School Board and Statewide Referendum.

**Partisan Primary – August 14th**

Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Representative to the Assembly, County Sheriff and County Clerk of Circuit Court.

**Fall General – November 6th**

Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Representative to the Assembly, County Sheriff and County Clerk of Circuit Court.

**Election Resource:**

*MyVote* Wisconsin Website – At myvote.wi.gov you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot, request an absentee ballot (military and permanent overseas voters only), and check provisional ballot status.




## TAX PAYMENTS (Real Estate Taxes Only):

**SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE – April 30th**

**THIRD INSTALLMENT DUE – July 31st**

*Note: For any installment not paid by due date, the installment option is lost and the entire unpaid balance becomes delinquent which is subject to interest and penalty of 1.5% per month from February 1st or portion thereof.*

### DOG LICENSES

City required license for dogs five (5) months of age or older along with proof of rabies vaccination certificate

License application and fee due – April 1st

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit the City Website @ www.cityofmuskego.org

Finance & Administration Department

Or

Contact the City Hall main line at 262-679-4100

## Meet the School Board Candidates — Vote April 3

QUESTION: What assets can you bring to the district and school board?



**Tracy Blair** — *Pediatric Advance Practice Nurse (APN) - Clinical Educator*
ANSWER: Being a very involved mother of six, I have participated in many different roles within the school district. I am currently on the Strategic Planning Committee which I am able to understand and participate in the district's vision, mission, and values. I am also a pediatric nurse, so listening and advocating are two assets I can bring to the district and school board. Since I enjoy coaching, teamwork, challenges, and success are skills that I emulate. I appreciate any feedback that you would like to give me, please visit my webpage for contact information. https://sites.google.com/site/voteblair4schoolboard/ Let's do this together!



**Terri Boyer** — *Licensed Family Child Care Owner and Provider at Terri's Club House.*
ANSWER: As a team player and excellent communicator, I will effectively work together with board members, administrators, teachers, and community members to set district wide goals and policies that will continue to improve student success and achievement while maintaining a fiscally sound budget. I bring strong leadership skills evidenced by over a decade of community and district involvement in leadership roles. I am committed to do the homework required to participate in productive school board meetings. It is important to me to continue to push this district in a direction where parents want their kids to go to school, teachers want to teach, and people want to live.



**Kert Herenda** — *27 years as an Environmental Contracting, Consulting and Training, Executive Vice President of KPH Environmental Corp.*
ANSWER: My plan is to put students first and make a difference for our children's education by focusing on preparing them for college or a career right after graduation. I will push to continue to recruit the best teachers and staff. I am a good listener and I have the foresight on making good decisions while working with all parties. I am fiscally responsible and I have a clear understanding of your tax dollar, as I have demonstrated when I served as a City of Muskego alderman from 2009 to 2013. I am asking for your vote on April 3rd 2018.



**Karla Klein** — *Financial Consultant in IT*
ANSWER: I will bring my passion to be engaged in continuing to improve our schools and keep the focus on the students. I have been engaged with the schools and the district since my oldest started in Muskego. I bring 22 years of business experience with 10 of those years managing a 100+ million dollar budget. I will be fiscally responsible with our money. I look at how I would like to improve the schools from parent and community member view-point, plus I am open to suggestions, facts and persuasive arguments about changes and improvements that I have not considered.



**Eric Schroeder** — *Assistant Police Chief*
ANSWER: Experience. During my last seven years on the Muskego Norway School Board, its board members and I have decreased the tax levy every year. While lowering your taxes the district and school board has begun paying down the school's referendum loan, improved existing schools infrastructure and built a new school, fairly compensated our highly effective staff, increase the educational success of our students at every level in every school building, improved our high school's football complex and began building a new community pool at the high school to replace the 50+ year old only community pool in our city and school district.