



TWO RIVERS

WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House
1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council Rep Adam Wachowski, Council Rep Scott Stechmesser, Erin Lamal, Jason Scharping, Daniel Cortte, Tom Lawler ABSENT: Robert Reed, Travis Kadow, Jennifer Watry

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jason Scharping, Seconded by Erin Lamal.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each) - None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review ordinance allowing P&R to sell fermented malt beverages within city facilities and parks – Motion made in support of City Council adopting the ordinance made by Jason Scharping, Seconded by Tom Lawler. Motion carried by voice vote. Voting: All yea.

B. Mariners Trail fence replacement project – Motion made in support of project and securing grant funding without taxpayer contribution made by Erin Lamal, Seconded by Jason Scharping. Motion carried by voice vote. Voting: All yea.

C. Two Rivers Community Band changes in P&R role and City funding - A meeting with Community Band members is scheduled for February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Koska Room to discuss changes and future vision. The Band Director is exploring the creation of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for the band. City staff are also researching grant opportunities and donations to establish an investment fund through the Lakeshore Community Foundation.

The Community Band, which began over 100 years ago as the Hamilton employee band, has recently operated with city employees serving as paid performers. For 2026, City funding has been reduced from \$8,700 to \$3,000. A full concert schedule is still planned for 2026, including the band's traditional performances.

D. Central Park East native planting project - Due to budget cuts, staff are exploring the replacement of annual flowers with perennial native plantings. The change would provide cost savings and environmental benefits. The project will be volunteer-driven.

E. Senior Center Patio - Staff are exploring the development of raised garden beds on the Senior Center patio to create a more engaging use of the space. Donations and volunteers are being sought to help implement the project.

F. Neshotah Beach Kites Over Lake Michigan Sculpture - The Kites Over Lake Michigan volunteer committee is partnering with Shoreline Credit Union & Fox Communities Credit Union to design and install a sculpture at Neshotah Beach. City staff are exploring the creation of a City committee to provide feedback on the project.

G. Tree Nursery Gravel Bed Project (High School Partnership) - Staff plan to pilot a gravel bed tree nursery in partnership with the high school. Currently, 2-inch diameter trees are purchased for parks and cemeteries due to their high survival rate, at a cost of \$200–\$250 per tree. Smaller bare root trees are significantly less expensive (\$5–\$20 each) but have lower survival rates and require additional care. The high school shop class will volunteer to construct a gravel bed this spring to improve survival rates, reduce costs, and support increased tree plantings.

H. Update on Cemetery Perpetual Flower Program - Staff provided an update on efforts to identify sustainable and impactful alternatives for the cemetery's perpetual flower program, including native and perennial plant options. Staff met with the Lakeshore Community Foundation on February 11, 2026, to explore donations and grants to establish an investment fund. Additional efforts include exploring volunteer-led experimentation with perennial native plants, meeting with the Arboretum and Nature Center to discuss a potential native plant nursery partnership, and investigating the purchase of a greenhouse to support tree and plant propagation.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Senior Center Library Updates - Staff shared plans to enhance the Senior Center Library as a digital café, game space, and reading nook. A \$5,000 donation has been received to support the improvements. In addition, a \$15,000 grant application was submitted to AARP to upgrade Wi-Fi and technology throughout the Community House, with an emphasis on serving seniors.

Paddlers Park Improvement Updates - The grant agreement has been signed for Paddlers Park improvements. The project includes a new boat launch, updated signage, and pathway enhancements. Funding will be shared 50/50 between 2025 City capital funds and a Wisconsin Coastal Management grant.

Riverside Park Improvement Updates - Parkitecture is developing engineering plans for bidding, and a land survey will be completed in February. Phase 1 construction is planned to begin in late summer or fall. Community engagement for the skatepark will begin soon, including school visits to gather youth feedback. Fundraising for Phase 2 of the skatepark is expected to start this summer.

Neshotah Beach Improvement Updates - City Council will vote on capital borrowing for the project on 2/26/26. If approved, P&R will take the project to bid to obtain firm cost estimates. Community feedback survey results will be compiled and shared in late March. The City Council will review final estimates and community feedback on 4/7/26 to decide whether the project will proceed.

Program & Event Updates - Arbor Day, Zombie Zoom, Softball & Baseball, Flag Football, Yoga, Golf Lessons. Golf Simulator Rentals are doing very well with 55 rentals in January.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS - None

8. NEXT MEETING - March 11, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dan Cortte, Seconded by Jason Scharping.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Hooper - Parks & Recreation Office Manager

CITY OF TWO RIVERS

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 6-1 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, regulating Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors, Chapter 1-2 of the Municipal Code regulating Fees, and Chapter 7-1-13 of the Municipal Code regulating Parks, based on the recommendation of the City Manager:

The Council of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection 6-1-3 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 6-1-3. – License Required.

No person, firm or corporation, except as provided in Sec. 7-1-13 of this Code, shall, within the city, vend, sell, deal or traffic in or have in his possession with intent to vend, sell, deal or traffic in or, for the purpose of evading any law or ordinance, give away any intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages in any quantity whatever, or cause the same to be done, without having procured a license as provided in this chapter, nor without complying with all the provisions of this chapter, and all statutes and regulations applicable thereto, except as provided by Wis. Stats. §§ 125.06, 125.25, 125.26, 125.27, 125.28 and 125.51.

SECTION 2. Subsection 6-1-5 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, is hereby established as follows:

Sec. 6-1-5(D). – Renewal Deadline.

All applications for the renewal of an existing alcohol beverage license shall be filed with the city clerk's office no later than May 1st of each year.

Sec. 6-1-5(E) - Late Fees.

The city clerk shall assess and collect a late fee as set forth in the current schedule of fees from applicants who fail to submit renewal applications by May 1 of each year. All late fees received or collected shall be paid into the local treasury as revenue of the city.

SECTION 3. Subsection 1-2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, is hereby amended to add the following charge:

6-1-5	License Renewal Late Fee	\$10.00
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SECTION 4. Subsection 7-1-13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, is hereby established as follows:

Sec. 7-1-13. – Sale of Malt Beverages by City Personnel.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 125.06(6), fermented malt beverages, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 125.02(6) (including beer and seltzer beverages not containing distilled spirits), may be sold by City officers or employees within city facilities and parks under such terms and conditions as authorized by the Chief of Police and Director of Parks and Recreation, or their designees. No municipal retail license shall be required for such sales when conducted by the City.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Scott Stechmesser
President, City Council

Kyle Kordell
City Manager

Attest:

Amanda Baryenbruch, City Clerk



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Advisory Recreation Board Meeting 2/11/26

Mike Mathis, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ordinance

- Allows P&R to sell fermented malt beverages.
- Bartenders must be 18+ and have training.
- City liability insurance covers these activities.
- Opportunity to fundraise for our activities and continue to reduce property tax reliance.
- The immediate use of the license will be for Bands on the Beach this summer.
 - The license does provide flexibility to for us to serve at our own events at other city properties/facilities.

Mariners Trail Fence Project

- Staff are seeking a vote of support for moving forward with the project to be included in our grant application.
- ~5,100 ft. of split rail fence needs replaced
- Old split rail pieces will be placed at Zander Park Nature Playground as a fort building materials for kids

Estimated Expenses		Potential Funding Sources	
Materials	\$ 87,500	WI DNR Rec Trails Grant	\$ 100,000
Contractor Installation	\$ 25,000	Friends of Mariners Trail	\$ 12,500
In-Kind City Staff Time	\$ 12,500	P&R In-Kind Staff Time	\$ 12,500
Total = \$ 125,000		Total = \$ 125,000	



Two Rivers Community Band

- On February 24th at 6:30 pm we are meeting in the Koska Room with Community Band members to discuss changes and a future vision.
- The Band Director is exploring creation of 501c3 for the band.
- City staff are exploring grants and donations to start an investment fund through Lakeshore Community Foundation.
- The Community Band is over 100 years old and started as the Hamilton employee band. The band in recent years has operated with members being city employees who are paid for performances.
- There will be a full concert schedule in 2026 with the typical band performances.
- City funding went from \$8,700 to \$3,000 for 2026.

Central Park East - Landscaping

- Exploring replacement of annual flowers with perennial natives
- Saves money and is good for the environment
- Volunteer driven effort



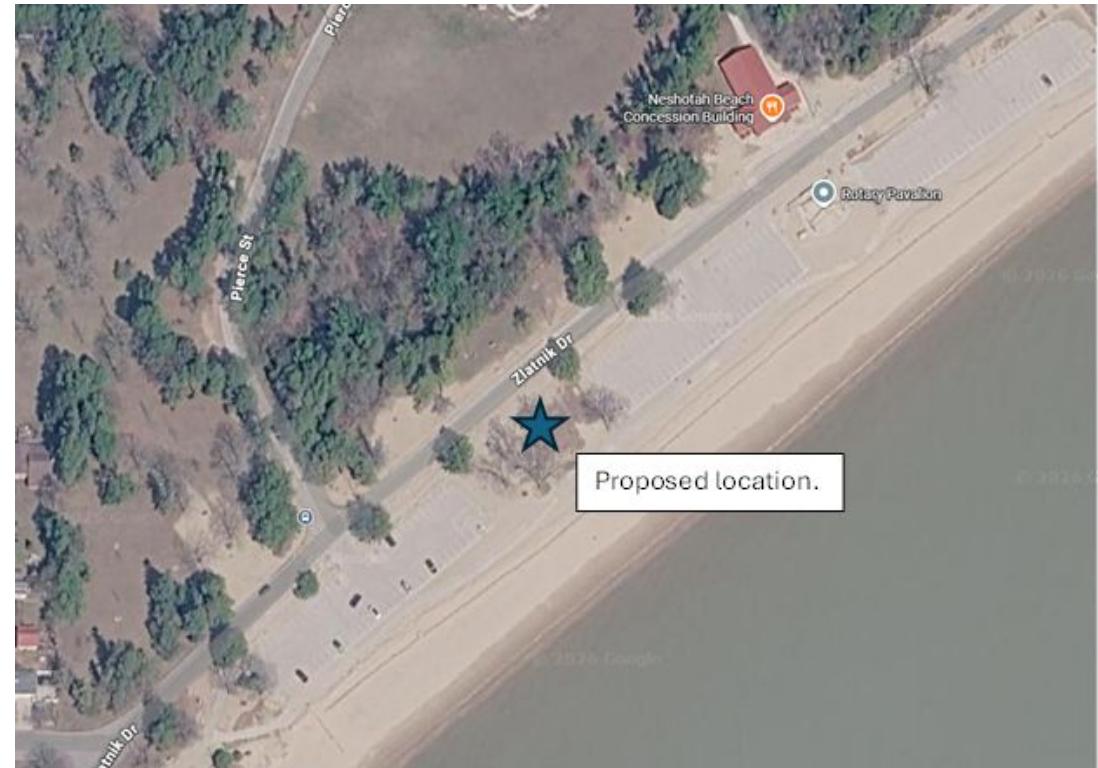
Senior Center Patio - Gardening

- Staff are interested in creating an engaging space that draws people to be a part of the Senior Center.
- We are searching for donations and volunteers to execute the project.



Kites Over Lake Michigan – Sculpture

- The Kites Over Lake Michigan volunteer committee is partnering with Lakeshore Community Credit Union and Fox Communities Credit Union to design and install a signature sculpture that will serve as a permanent landmark commemorating the annual Kites Over Lake Michigan event.
- City staff are exploring creation of city committee to provide feedback on the project.



Tree Nursery Project

- We typically purchase 2" diameter trees for parks and cemeteries because they have a high survival rate but the cost \$200 - \$250 each.
- Small bare root trees are very inexpensive (\$5 to \$20 per tree). However, survival rate is lower and they need more care.
- High School shop class volunteering to build gravel bed this spring.
- Experimenting with a gravel bed nursery to improve survival rate, reduce costs, and plant more trees in parks.
- Potential for high school student business projects and fundraisers to sell trees to private landowners.



Update on Cemetery Perpetual Flowers

- How can we make beautification of our cemetery sustainable and impactful?
- Met with Lakeshore Community Foundation on 2/11/26
- Exploring donations and grants to start an investment fund
- Exploring volunteer led experimentation with perennial native plants
- Meeting with Arboretum and Nature Center to explore native plant nursery partnership
- Investigating purchase of a greenhouse to support trees and plant starting



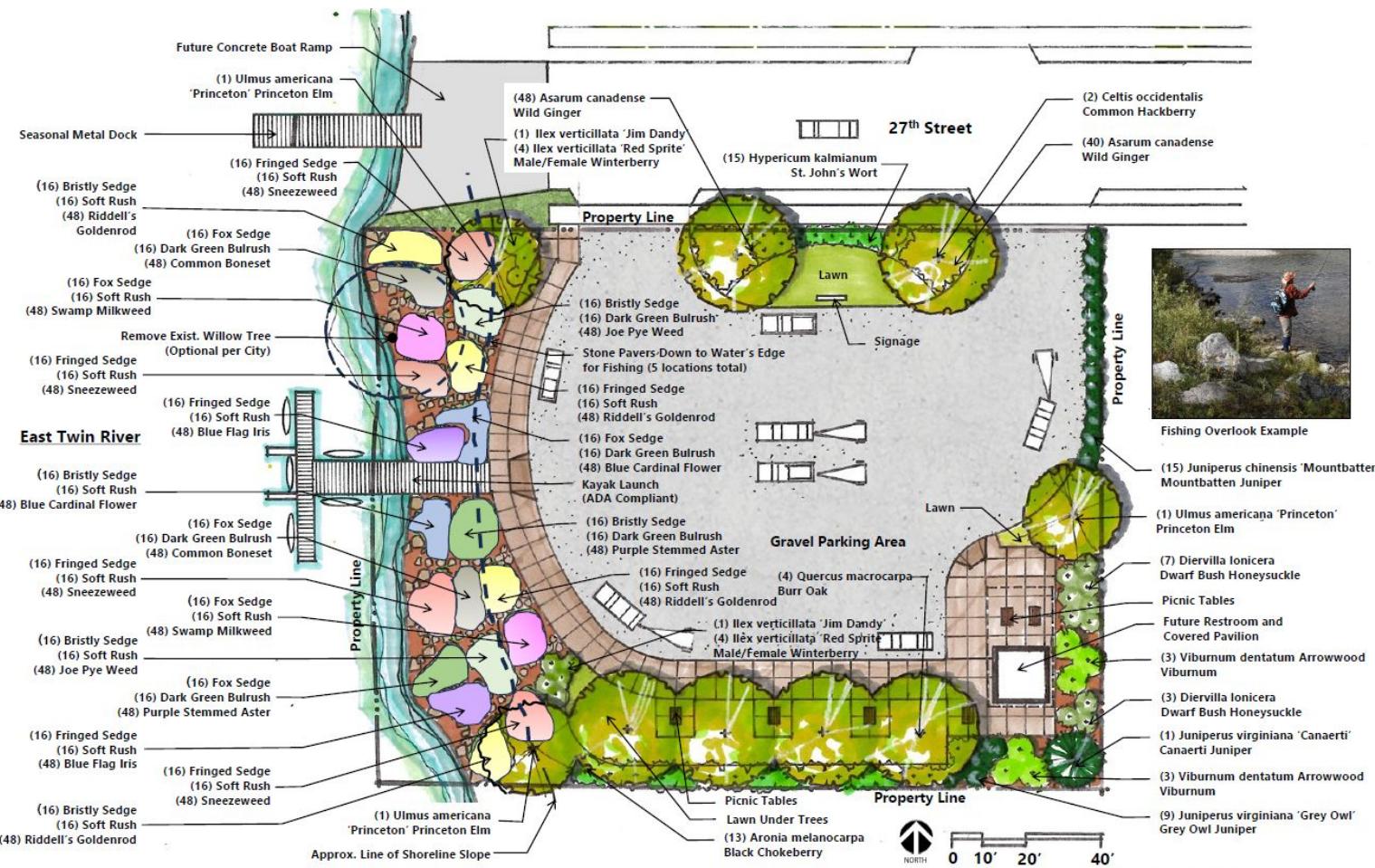
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Paddlers Park Improvement Updates

- Grant agreement signed for Paddlers Park improvements.
- New boat launch, signage, and pathway.
- 50/50 between 2025 city capital funding and WI Coastal Manager



PADDLER'S PARK SITE PLAN AND PLANTING DIAGRAM | TWO RIVERS, WI

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Riverside Park Improvement Updates

- Parkitecture working on engineering plans to be used for bidding.
- Land survey being completed in February.
- Ideally breaking ground in late summer/fall on phase 1.
- Skatepark community feedback starting soon with visits to schools for youth feedback.
- Fundraising efforts for the phase 2 skatepark will start in summer.



Neshotah Beach Improvement Updates

- City Council vote to approve capital borrowing on Monday (2/26/26).
- If borrowing approved by council, P&R will take the project to bid to get firm cost estimates.
- Community feedback survey results will be compiled and shared in late March.
- On April 7th, City Council will review final estimates and community feedback and determine if the project will move forward.

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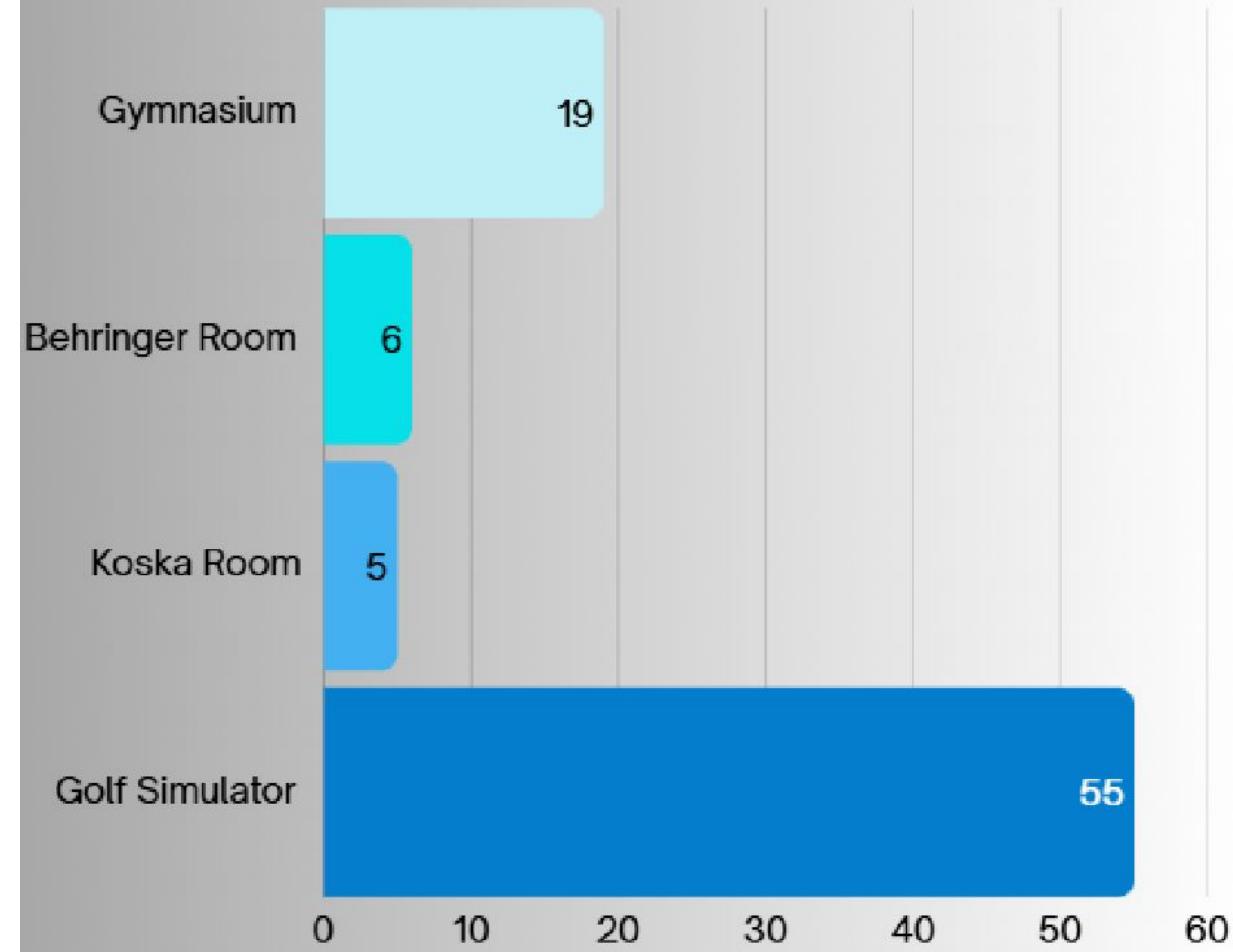
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DOWNTOWN TWO RIVERS

920-793-5592



January 2026

Community House Rentals





Arbor Day CELEBRATION

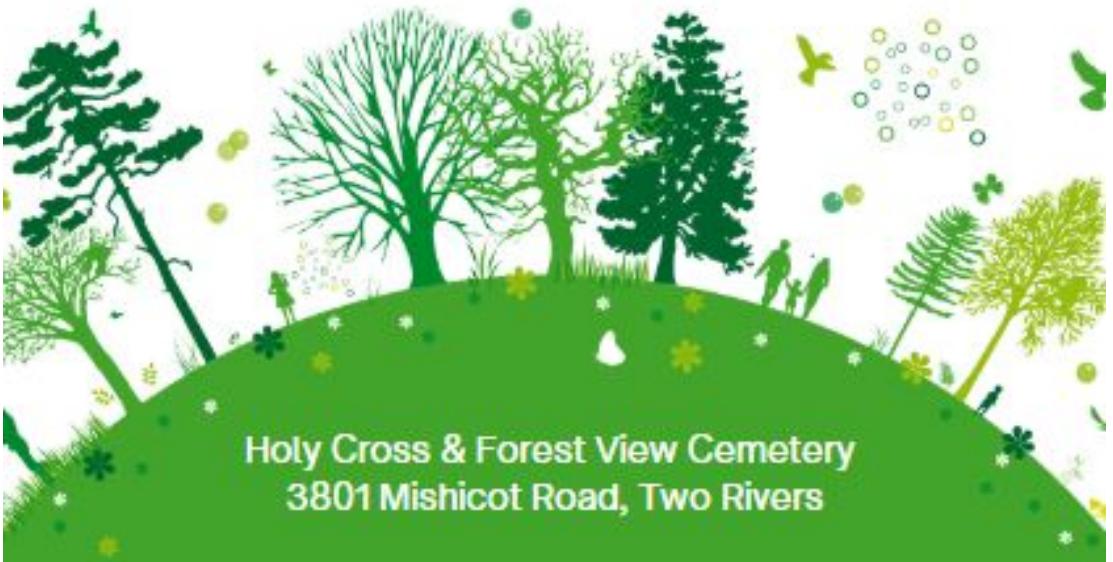
Saturday, April 25, 2026

10am - Noon

Holy Cross & Forest View Cemetery

Join us for a **FREE**, family-friendly event featuring tree plantings!

Don't forget your gloves & helping hands!



**Holy Cross & Forest View Cemetery
3801 Mishicot Road, Two Rivers**

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Open to kids in grades 2-4, our recreation youth league focuses on teamwork, skill-building, and having fun on the field. All players receive a game T-shirt, practices and games are held the same night. Teams will be formed through a coaches draft.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!



**MAGEE GREEN SPACE
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
APR 6 - MAY 4
5PM - 6:30PM
COST: \$50**



Scan the QR code or register at trrecconnect.com

**Maximum participants: 72
Registration deadline: March 6**

Contact (920) 793-5594 or kenshi@two-rivers.org for additional information.

GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Two Rivers Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with MYBA, is offering a fantastic softball experience for girls in grades 1-6! Practices start in late April/early May, with games beginning in late May, held in Two Rivers or Manitowoc.

We are in need of coaches to lead our teams, contact information below.

PONYTAIL LEAGUE

Grades: 1 - 2 (25-26 School Year)

Fee: \$55

Machine pitch, no walks.

Games: Tuesday nights, possibly another depending on total teams.

SINGLE A LEAGUE

Grades: 3 - 4 (25-26 School Year)

Fee: \$70

Live and coach pitching.

Games: Tuesday & Thursday nights

DOUBLE A LEAGUE

Grades: 5 - 6 (25-26 School Year)

Fee: \$80

Live and coach pitching.

Games: Mondays & Wednesday Nights



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2026

Contact Kenny Shillcox at kenshi@two-rivers.org or 920-793-5594 for questions.



BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE

Players will enjoy this league as Two Rivers Parks & Recreation teams up with MCYS (Manitowoc County Youth Sports). Teams will play home games at Vietnam Veterans Park and away games against other county teams. Practices start late April/early May, with games beginning at the end of May.

We are in need of volunteer coaches to lead our teams!

PEANUTS LEAGUE

Ages: 7-8 | Fee: \$55

Games: Wednesdays

Players must not turn 9 before June 1, 2026.

PEE WEE LEAGUE

Ages: 9-11 | Fee: \$70

Games: Mondays

Players must not turn 12 before June 1, 2026.

PONY LEAGUE

Ages: 12-14 | Fee: \$80

Games: Tuesdays

Players must not turn 15 before June 1, 2026.



Registration deadline March 31, 2026

Contact (920)793-5594 or kenshi@two-rivers.org for additional information.



Slow Flow Yoga Class

Join Cathy Hendricks for this 6-week Yoga Series. This hour long class will target both beginner and experienced yogi alike. We will hold poses longer, taking several rounds of breath in each pose instead of moving to each breath.

Please bring a yoga mat to class.

Two Rivers Community House | Behringer Room

Monday Nights | Feb 23 - Apr 13

No class Mar 16 or Mar 23

5:30PM - 6:30PM

Investment- \$50

Max participants- 30



Scan the QR Code

or

Register at trrecconnect.com

Register by Feb 22

Contact (920)793-5594 or kenshi@two-rivers.org for additional information.

GOLF LESSONS

Swing Into Success at any age!



Two Rivers Parks and Recreation is proud to offer golf lessons for kids, teens, and adults of all skill levels. Whether you're picking up a club for the first time or looking to sharpen your game, our lessons are designed to be fun, supportive, and effective.

Instruction is led by Aydan Linderud, an experienced golfer with over 10 years of playing experience and professional training as a Golf Professional Intern at Black Wolf Run Golf Course. Aydan is dedicated to helping every golfer build confidence, improve skills, and enjoy the game.

PRICES:

Adults (18 and older)

\$30 for 30 minutes
\$50 per hour
\$135 for 3 hour package

Juniors (17 and under)

\$25 for 30 minutes
\$45 per hour
\$120 for 3 hour package

OUR GOLF LESSONS INCLUDE:

- Instruction tailored to all ages and abilities
- Personalized feedback to meet individual goals
- Swing analysis using cutting-edge technology
- Practice on our state-of-the-art golf simulator
- A positive and encouraging learning environment

READY TO GET STARTED?

Call for more information or
to book your lessons.

Two Rivers Parks & Recreation
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