



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 09, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Brian Gallagher, Travis Kadow, Erin Lamal, Robert Reed Jr., Jason Scharping, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski-Council Rep, Scott Stechmesser-Council Rep

PRESENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Jason Scharping
Travis Kadow
Daniel Cortte
Dorothy Tinkham Delo

ABSENT

Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Brian Gallagher

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jason Scharping, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each)

Two Residents that live near Neshotah beach on Garfield Street stated their concerns with the New Pathway that is set to start from Garfield Street and cut across with a multi-purpose path to give visitors a path from parking areas to beach/park/concession stand. Their concerns were with the starting point of the path as well as bikers/e-bikes using the path.

Two Residents stated there is an issue with the Jet Ski launch area at Neshotah Beach. Concerns with safety and congestion in that area. Suggested improved signage and rubber beach mat for vehicles to improve access.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Food Trucks at Beach

The Board engaged in a discussion and agreed that the Two Rivers Parks & Recreation Department should develop a comprehensive plan to present to the ARB for approval. During the conversation, there was an exchange of ideas on topics such as fee structures, designated parking areas, permits, and potential parking locations at the beach.

B. Jet Ski Launching at Beach

The Board discussed the challenges at the Jet Ski Launch at Neshotah Beach and explored potential solutions. Low-cost options included improved signage and painting the parking lot. Higher-cost alternatives were also considered, such as installing a rubber mat—an estimate for which will be obtained—and the potential use of buoys, which would require further research. Additionally, the possibility of introducing a "Jet Ski Fee," similar to the one at Vet's Park boat launch, was discussed as a means to help offset costs.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Golf simulator tour for ARB

Board members toured the new Truegolf Apogee Golf Simulator and Multi-Sport Simulator located in the old racquetball court of the Community House.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Program & Event Updates

Events

The Paddle Palooza event saw a great turnout of approximately 100 participants. The morning launch featured 50 kayakers, while the Sunset Paddle had 18 kayaks. Ten educational vendors were on hand, and children had the opportunity to try fishing for free. It was a highly successful first event, and we look forward to making it an annual tradition that encourages more people to enjoy and explore our rivers.

Next upcoming big event is our 2nd annual Cool City Christmas on December 14. Many activities including Santa & his reindeer, ice skating, face painting, craft & vendor fair, holiday craft making, candy cane hunt, s'mores & warming fire, digital photo booth, carolers, TRPD K9 unit, food trucks, and much more. New this year we will also be having a Christmas Tree decorating contest with 30 live trees donated from Sprang for Central Park East before the parade.

2024 Ice Skate Rental schedule released with 2 dates in November, all of December, and future dates to be determined.

"Gone Fishing" on August 10 was a free event with 125 kids registered for fishing, food, & awards. Thank you to Julie Schroeder for making this event a success.

We wrapped up the outdoor concert season, hosted the Slugfest softball tournament, and 25 vendors participated in the Farmers Market.

Programs

Flag football had record year with over 120 kids participating ages K-4th grade, youth soccer has 29 kids participating, and men's horseshoes league completed its 44th year with 14 teams, a new volleyball clinic, and yoga classes are becoming more and more popular with instructor Cathy Hendricks.

The upcoming programs for fall/winter are youth basketball, youth wrestling, co-ed volleyball, indoor soccer, swimming lessons, yoga, open gym dates scheduled for winter breaks, trick or treat, & softball clinics. Lots going on this fall/winter!

B. Parks & Facility Updates

Senior Center

The Senior Center will be hosting a Health & Information Fair on October 17 in the Community House gym, followed by a free Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 25. Both events are highly anticipated and attract strong participation from the public and volunteers. Additionally, Friends of the Senior Center are sponsoring free rides to and from polling places for the November 5 election.

Parks

Zander Park – A new water line has been installed to provide fresh water to the dog park area.

Picnic Hill – The disc golf course is being updated with park enhancements, including tree and trail clean-up, new signage, and the installation of new concrete tee pads. We plan to pour the concrete in November.

Paddlers Park – Thanks to support from the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership, we now have a comprehensive plan (outlined in the attached presentation) that includes the planting of 9 larger trees and native vegetation this fall. LNRP and Two Rivers Parks & Recreation will also be pursuing future funding for additional improvements.

Vietnam Park – New scoreboards have been installed.

C. Planning & Grants Updates

Planning

Mike Mathis provided important clarifications regarding the upcoming updates to Neshotah Park following the recent City Council meeting. For more detailed information, please refer to the attached presentation.

The Two Rivers Parks & Recreation Department is conducting a comprehensive audit of roles and responsibilities to update job descriptions, many of which have not been revised in years. We will also continue our leadership and goal-setting meetings to drive progress and ensure continuous improvement.

Grants

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities application has been submitted. The assistance program helps communities grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets.

2025 WI DNR Urban Forestry application has been submitted. This is a matching grant that would include school outreach, education, planting, dead tree removals, and a youth apprentice & seasonal labor support.

2025 Coastal Management application is currently in progress. This grant will be for Riverside Park riverfront improvements, pathways, restroom, and removal of impermeable surfaces.

2018 "New Beach" Grant - This was an old grant that was never finished. Mike Mathis is working on finishing this up installing a new picnic/shade shelter, trail signage, and picnic and grills in the New Beach green space.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

10. NEXT MEETING

November 13, 2024 at 6pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Kadow, Seconded by DanielCortte.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hooper

Parks & Recreation Office Manager

Advisory Recreation Board Meeting

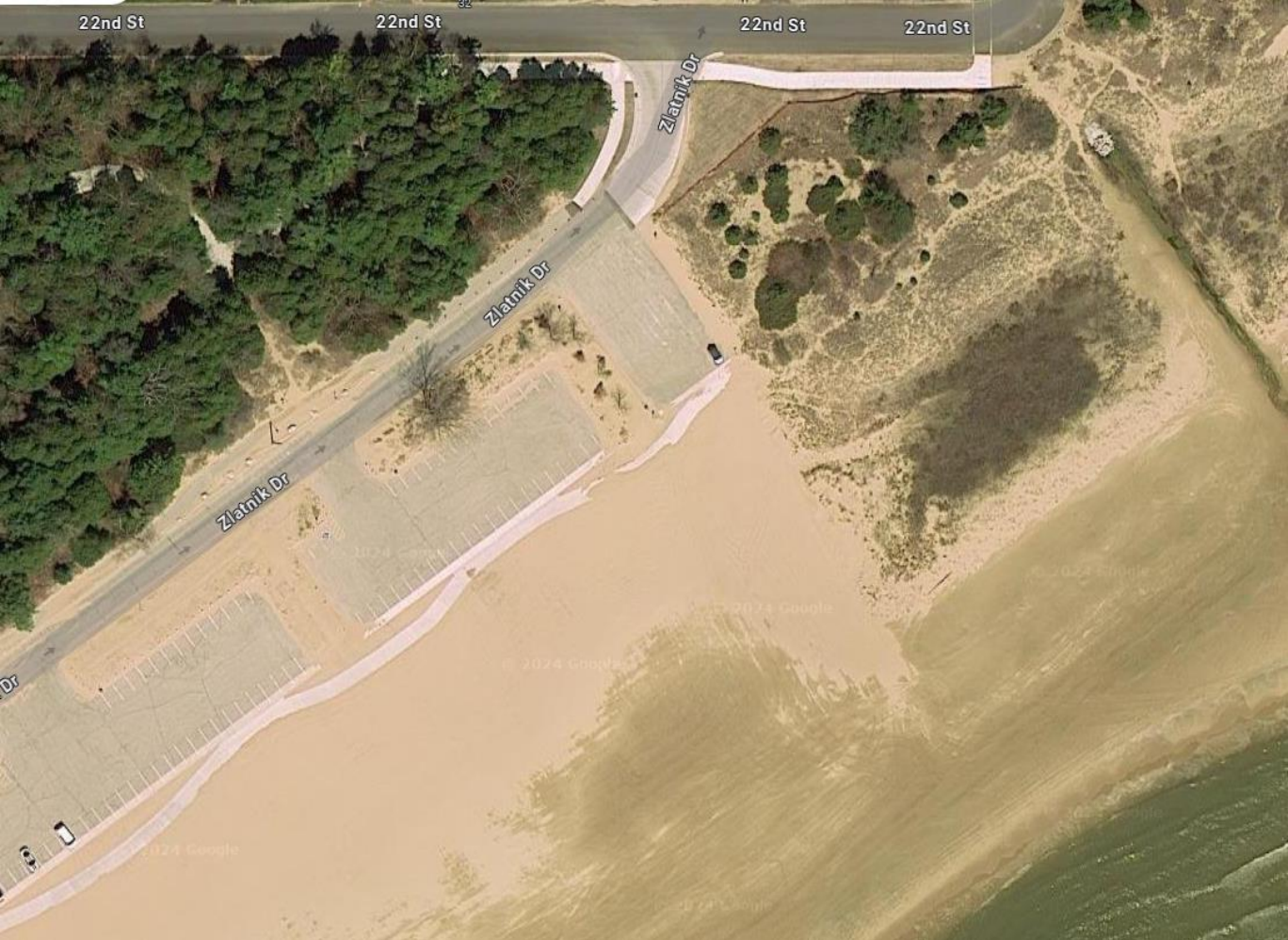
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Food Trucks at Neshotah Beach



Jet Ski Launching at Neshotah Beach





Paddle Palooza





Cool City Christmas



Join us for our 2nd ANNUAL COOL CITY CHRISTMAS



Downtown Two Rivers

**Saturday
December 14
10am- 3:30pm**

- Visit with Santa & his reindeer
- Carriage Rides
- Ice Skating
- Live Music
- Craft Fair
- Downtown Shopping & Dining
- Scavenger & Candy Cane Hunt
- Food Trucks
- S'mores & Warming Fire
- Photo Booth
- Face Painting
- Holiday Craft Making
- And More Family Fun Activities!

For details visit www.exploretworivers.com



Central Park Ice Skate Rental Schedule

December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12 - 5pm	2	3 • Nov. 29 (1pm - 8pm) • Nov. 30 (1pm - 9pm)	4	5	6 5 - 8pm	7 1 - 8pm
8 12 - 5pm	9			12	13 5 - 8pm	14 1 - 8pm
15 12 - 5pm	16	17	18	19	20 5 - 8pm	21 1 - 8pm
22 12 - 5pm	23	24	25	26 1 - 8pm	27 5 - 8pm	28 1 - 8pm
29 12 - 5pm	30	31 1 - 9pm	Skate Rental Information \$5 per pair 1.5 Hour Rental			Central Park Ice Skating Loop 1520 17th Street Two Rivers, WI Public Skating Hours 6am - 11pm



GOLF & MULTI-SPORT SIMULATOR



We're excited to unveil our newly updated facility at the JE Hamilton Community House, transforming the old Racquetball Court into Two Rivers' premier golf simulator and multi-sport experience.

Golf Simulator: New Truegolf Apogee system has 107 different golf courses to play. You can also go on multiple practice ranges including a driving and chipping range. Variety of different fun golf games including, Demolition Driving Ranger, Closest to Pin, Long Drive (multiple games), Horse, 301, and High Score.

Multi-Sport Simulator: Our multi-sport simulator will allow you to play the following games: Hoops, QB (Football), Pitching, Field Goal, Baseball, Hockey, Soccer, Footgolf, Disc Golf, Bowling, and Dodgeball.

HOURS

9am - 8pm
Mondays & Wednesdays
9am - 6pm
Friday thru Sunday

GOLF SIMULATOR RATES

\$25 per hour (Monday & Wednesday)
\$35 per hour (Friday through Sunday)
Up to 4 players

MULTI-SPORT SIMULATOR RATES

\$25 per hour (Monday & Wednesday)
\$35 per hour (Friday through Sunday)
Up to 8 players, golf not included



J.E. Hamilton Community House
1520 17th Street
Two Rivers, WI

To book your session, scan the QR code, call (920) 793-5592, or visit the Community House.

2024 Golf & Multi-Sport Simulator Thank You Sponsors!

from Two Rivers Parks & Recreation



**The Friends of the Two Rivers
Senior Center**

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Foundation, Inc**

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of Two Rivers**

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**Travis Glandt of KUMMER,
LAMBERT, FOX, GLANDT & NELSON, LLP**

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Flag Football







Program and Event Attendance

- (9/13) – Fire on High – West Central Park (300 people)
- (9/27)- Foocoustics- West Central Park- (100 people)
- Dance -28 kids in classes. 1st session started September 16- Dec 17, 2024
- Slugfest Softball Tournament- (9/20-9/22) - Vietnam Veteran's Park—1100 people
- 25 regular farmers/crafters market members this year in East Central Park.
- 29 kids participated in fall soccer.
- Peewee Flag Football (K-1st grade) 38 kids participated. The NFL youth program (2nd - 4th grade) has 83 kids participating.
- 44th year of horseshoes completed with 14 teams (77 players total).
- 11 middle school girls attend a new volleyball clinic.
- 21 participants in fall yoga classes.

Gone Fishing

- Gone Fishing 2024 was fantastic! 125 kids were registered and the weather was perfect. Kids caught bass, bullhead, catfish, bowfin, gobi, bluegill, perch, chub and the fish kept biting. It was fun and the volunteers were kept busy! A big thank you to Julie Schroeder and everyone who helped make this event a success!!



YOUTH (4K - K) BASKETBALL

Join our youth basketball program focused on building strong fundamentals and fostering a love for the game. All skill levels are welcome!

DETAILS:

Monday Nights
February 3 - March 10

Two Rivers
Community House Gym

Registration Deadline:
January 27, 2025

4K - Kindergarten:

5 PM - 5:45 PM

Cost: \$30

register online or scan the QR code:

<https://secure.rec1.com/WI/two-rivers-wi/catalog>



CALL 920-793-5594 OR EMAIL [KENSHI@TWO-RIVERS.ORG](mailto:kenshi@two-rivers.org)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

YOUTH WRESTLING



DETAILS:

PREK - 4TH GRADE
TRHS WRESTLING ROOM
JANUARY 7 - MARCH 13

TUES & THURS 6 PM - 7 PM*

*TIMES MAY VARY

\$30 RESIDENT

\$42.50 NON-RESIDENT

THE TWO RIVERS WRESTLING CLUB OFFERS PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF WRESTLING SKILLS THROUGH DRILLS, INSTRUCTION, AND COMPETITION.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE:

[HTTPS://SECURE.REC1.COM/WI/TWO-RIVERS-WI/CATALOG](https://secure.rec1.com/WI/two-rivers-wi/catalog)

SCAN CODE
TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 30

QUESTIONS? CALL 920-793-5598 OR EMAIL REBHAN@TWO-RIVERS.ORG

Two Rivers

TRICK-OR-TREAT



City-Wide

Trick-or-Treat:

OCTOBER 31, 2024

4:30-7:00PM

Downtown

Trick-or-Treat:

OCTOBER 26, 2024

11AM-2PM



NO SCHOOL? FEELING BORED? DON'T STAY AT HOME—COME HANG OUT AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE GYM! SHOOT SOME HOOPS AND SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS. 🎯



OPEN GYM

THANKSGIVING BREAK: NOVEMBER 27
WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 23, 26, 27, 30
SPRING BREAK: MARCH 17, 19, 21

TIME: 11:00AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION: COMMUNITY HOUSE GYMNASIUM

FEE: FREE!



5TH - 12TH GRADE



Slow Flow Yoga Class

Join Cathy Hendricks for this 6-week Yoga Series. This hour long class will target both beginner and experienced yogis 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.

Location: Behringer Room - Two Rivers Community House

Time: 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Dates: Monday Nights November 4 thru December 9

Cost: \$50.00 - Registration Deadline: November 1



Scan here to register

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

HEALTH & INFORMATION FAIR

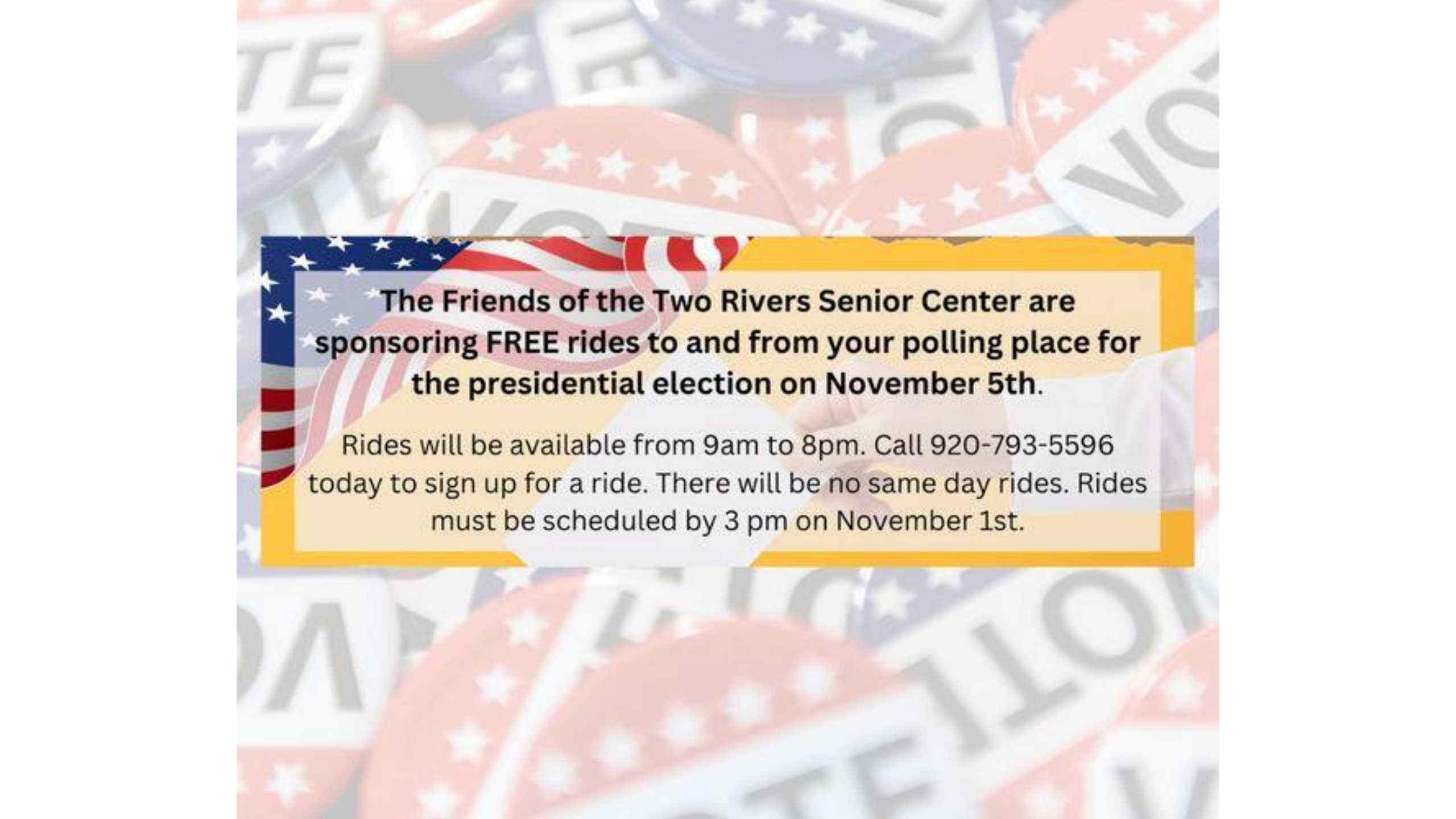
TWO RIVERS SENIOR CENTER

OCTOBER 17TH 8 A.M.- 12 P.M.
J.E. HAMILTON COMMUNITY HOUSE

This FREE community event is meant to provide information to seniors on the health and safety resources available to them in our community.

Stop in and enjoy a continental breakfast, visit vendors for helpful information and goodies, a hearing screening, flu shot, vitals check, and injury screening, enter to win door prizes, and more!



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The Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center are sponsoring FREE rides to and from your polling place for the presidential election on November 5th.

Rides will be available from 9am to 8pm. Call 920-793-5596 today to sign up for a ride. There will be no same day rides. Rides must be scheduled by 3 pm on November 1st.

Angel Fund Campout Idea



Dog Park Updates



Picnic Hill Updates

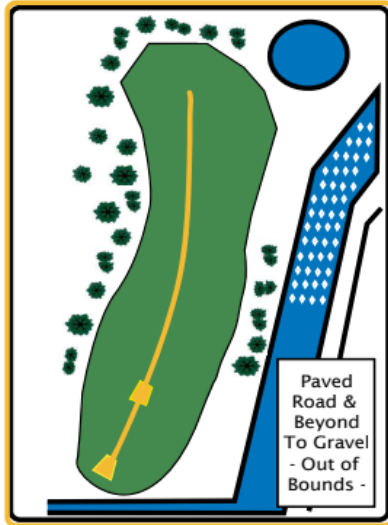
HOLE 1

The Tower

235
FEET
Long Tee

183
FEET
Short Tee

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Paved Road & Beyond To Gravel - Out of Bounds -

Thank you to Course Designer "Duster" Don Hoffman

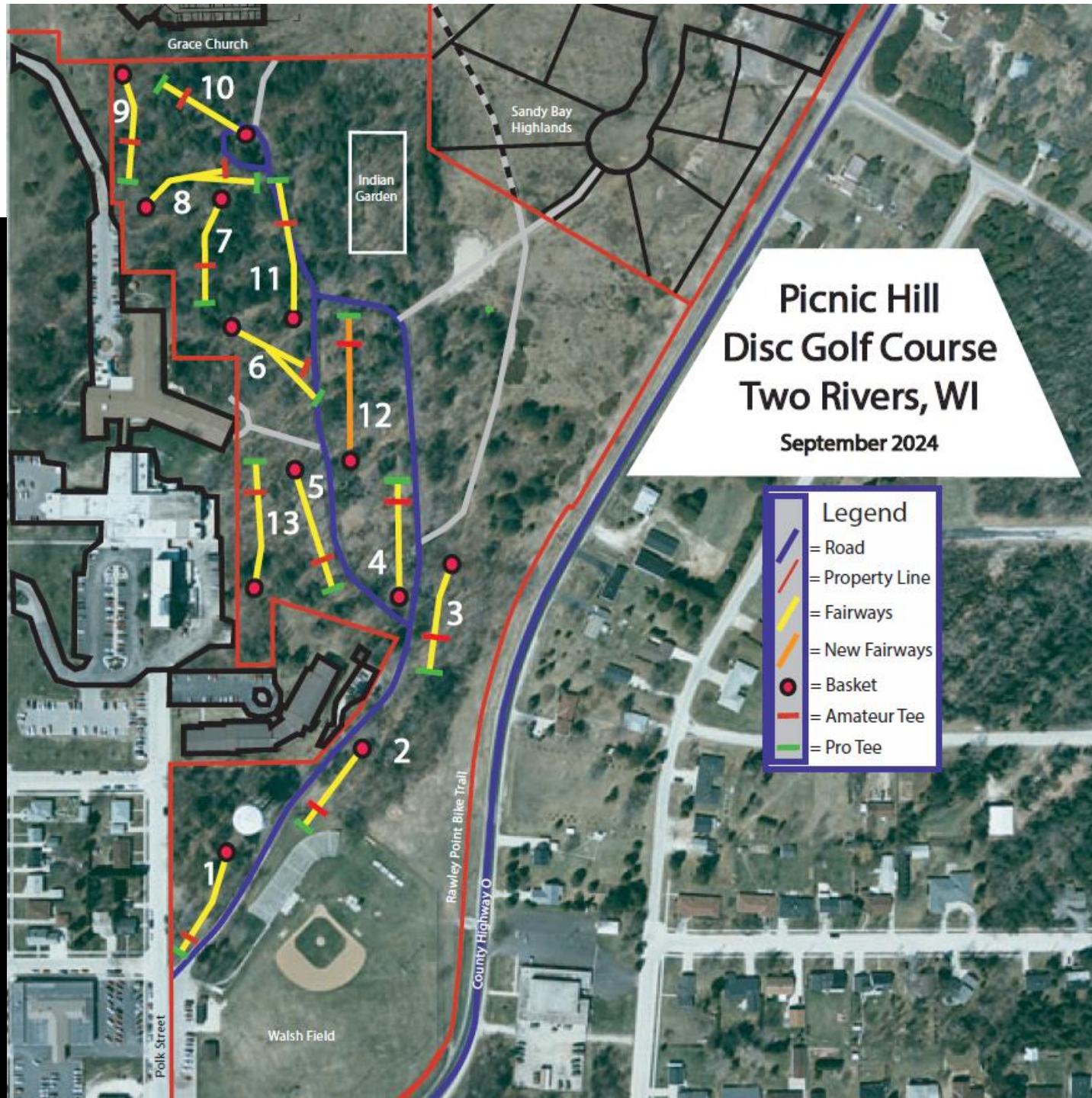
Basket Sponsors



Two Rivers Optimist Club



*In memory of our dear friend
Lizbeth Londo*



Picnic Hill Disc Golf Course Two Rivers, WI

September 2024

Legend

- = Road
- = Property Line
- = Fairways
- = New Fairways
- = Basket
- = Amateur Tee
- = Pro Tee

Paddlers Park



August 30th Storm Damage



Vietnam Scoreboards



2025 Neshotah Park Updates

- Removal of the tennis courts on 21st Street (to be replaced with native plantings/pollinator gardens)
- E-W pedestrian trail between concession stand and Garfield St.
- N-S pedestrian trail along Pierce St. from 21st St. to the beach
- Expanded parking along Piece St.
- Native plantings and stormwater swales along Pierce St.
- Two new small picnic shelters with tables & grills,
- Interior renovation of the restroom near the horseshoe pits
- Interpretative and wayfinding signage
- The City plans to resurface Pierce Street from 21st to Zlatnik in conjunction with the park improvements.



- LEGEND**
- 1 New Parking
 - 2 New Restroom/Shelter/Conc.
 - 3 New Pickleball/Tennis Courts
 - 4 New Playground
 - 5 New Picnic Area
 - 6 New Main Trail/Promenade
 - 7 New Secondary Trail
 - 8 New Concrete Patio
 - 9 New Woodlot View Corridor
 - 10 Removed Tennis Courts
 - 11 Removed Maintenance Shed
 - 12 New Natural Playground
 - 13 Dune Enhancement Area
 - 14 Athletic Turf Field (40 yd)
 - 15 Sand Volleyball
 - 16 Stormwater Management Area
 - 17 Art/Monument Installation
 - 18 Trolley Stop

Neshotah Park Updates

1. We are working on installing a permanent car counter for Neshotah Beach to have hard data on how many cars access the beach parking lots. Based on attendance to concerts, quantity of trash, concession stand sales, port-a-potty use, room tax revenue, visual observations, and word of mouth, the beach is getting busier and will likely continue to get busier as we experience warmer summers. We do not want to add more paved parking next to the beach or in green spaces so connecting street park is essential.
2. There will be significant enhancements to the natural areas of the park once the old tennis court is removed, rain gardens are installed, and new trees planted. All of this is planned as a part of the current project and city forestry operations.
3. Pierce St. is not being “widened”, there will be new parking banks.
4. Beach snow fence will be up soon. Sand on Lake Michigan moves, and we are in a severe drought.
5. The Neshotah Park restroom was originally built in the 1950’s. This project will only invest \$20,000 into renovating the interior and adding high-efficiency fixtures.
6. The Neshotah Beach concession stand, and restrooms are a high priority to update. However, the current DNR grant places a low priority on updating facilities. Also, the beach restrooms will cost a significant amount more to update in a meaningful way. We should be receiving initial conceptual plans and construction estimates from an architect for the concession stand very soon.
7. We are working on dead trees. At least 20 trees have been removed from Neshotah in the last year. This work will continue as we have time and funding.
8. Changing the scope of our \$209,500 WI DNR grant would be difficult and likely unpopular with DNR.
9. No “monument”, no arched path, just path connecting to sidewalk
10. No trees will be removed other than dead trees.
11. We will plow the trail - within current operations.
12. Available for bikes, it is not a sidewalk, it is a multi-purpose path.
13. Accessibility - bikes, strollers, limited mobility, wheelchairs, walkers, wagons.
14. The path will activate “rooms” within the park and address limited usage within the middle of the park. The park is very busy in specific areas and spreading picnicking out will be helpful.
15. WI DNR Stewardship grants have a heavy focus on improving accessibility. One of the reasons we were able to receive funding was because of the emphasis on accessibility and safety.
16. The path will make it easier for beach visitors to walk from street parking to the beach and it will make it easier residents with limited mobility to use the park.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities - Application

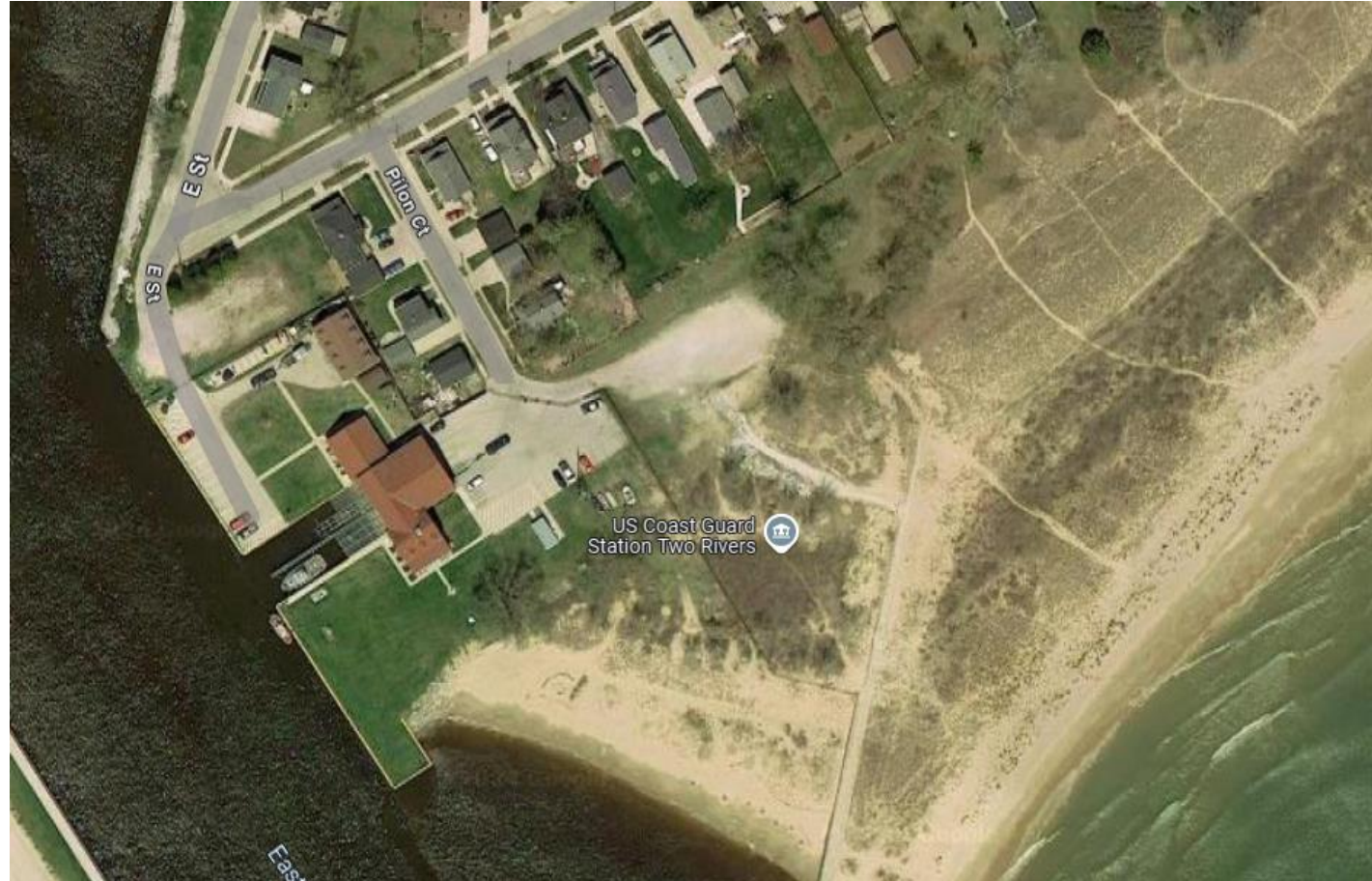
- <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities>
- The Recreation Economy for Rural Communities planning assistance program helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1Qsof5wUNA&t=6s>

2025 WI DNR Urban Forestry - Application

- \$25,000 City Match + \$25,000 Grant = \$50,000 Project
 - School outreach
 - Community education and planting events
 - Recruitment of volunteers
 - Library programs
 - Tree planting
 - Staff training
 - Dead tree removal
 - Youth apprentice and seasonal labor support

2018 “New Beach” Grant

- New picnic/shade structure
- Trail signage
- Picnic tables, benches, grills



2025 Coastal Management - Application

- Riverside Park riverfront improvements
- Pathways
- Restroom
- Impermeable surface removal



Organizational Updates

- Roles and Responsibilities Audit
- Year-end Planning Meetings
- Leadership Meetings and Goal Setting
 - Develop processes & procedures to get a department that runs smoothly.
 - Market Programs/Events for better turn outs in 2024.
 - We efficiently steward & maximize the resources provided to us.
 - We are all on the same page with communication & knowledge. We are communicating to accomplish more.
 - We have improved positivity and organizational culture.