

The summer is flying by!

I am always amazed at how quickly the summer flies by. School registration is already upon us and summer programs are winding down. Enjoy the last few weeks before we get back into the routine of school and all the activities that go with it. Now let's get you caught up on the month.

In July initial designs of the **new Community Center** were displayed at the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast. To view these designs, along with most current layout, click [HERE](#). The plan is to have a referendum for the Community Center on the November ballot for residents to decide if they want to move forward with the project. More information will be shared throughout the upcoming months. Stay tuned!

At the end of June Councilperson Tuthill resigned his position on council due to moving outside of the city. I appreciate the 3.5 years William served on council. It was much appreciated! Due to the short amount of time before the next election council decided to appoint someone to fill the position through the end of the term. 10 applications were received and candidates were interviewed at last Monday's meeting. **Council voted in James Cox to fill the position.** He will serve through the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who applied!

Some exciting news to pass along! The city received **\$126,000 in federal grants** to install permanent generators at both city wells. This will help to ensure a quality water supply during power outages and disasters similar to the derecho in 2020. Thanks to the work by staff to secure this grant!

Lastly, council approved a contract with Bolton & Menk to plan and design the **City Park parking lot** on the north side. This project is part of the city's FY24 budget with the goal to move forward with getting it bid out once the plans are reviewed and approved. Construction will most likely take place in 2024.

In closing I want to encourage anyone that is interested to help serve on a city board. We currently **have openings on Planning & Zoning and the Park Board**. If you are interested in the future development of our city or helping to plan recreational programming and future park use then these boards are for you! Contact City Hall if you would like to help out!

Thanks for taking the time get caught up. As always, reach out to myself, council or staff if you have any questions. We'd love to hear from you!

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