

Community Update with Mayor Nickels

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“Run for Local Office”

If you were driving down 8th Street last evening and saw several bags that were illuminated, it was for “Flicker of Hope”. Luminary displays took place between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The program was sponsored by The Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network. The Lakeshore Interfaith Hospitality Network is a local non-profit organization that provides shelter and case management to families with children who are at risk of losing their homes. They also provide outreach services to families whom the Manitowoc Public School District has identified as homeless.



The winter parking ban is in effect for several streets in the City of Manitowoc. There is no parking allowed on certain streets, mainly bus routes, between 1:00 and 6:00 a.m. everyday. Special snow emergencies will be declared by my office, in which case every street in the City of Manitowoc has a parking ban. Please listen to the local radio stations for information when there is a special snow emergency. Tickets will be issued to cars parked on streets where there is a parking ban, and during the special snow emergencies.

There is a public session scheduled this evening for the 20 year comprehensive plan for the City of Manitowoc. Anyone from the public is invited to attend the meeting and share their views on the plan. You can view the entire document at the City website, www.manitowoc.org. It is very important for communities to plan growth for their future. There are several items in the Comprehensive Plan that spur economic growth, tourism, and future land use. The meeting tonight begins at 7:00 at City Hall, in the Council Chambers.

December 1st marked the first day anyone could take out nomination papers for the spring election. Local races include Municipal Judge, County Executive, the entire County Board, and Aldermanic Districts 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9. Papers can be taken out anytime between now and the beginning of January. The County Board and City Council only require at minimum 20 signatures to get your name on the ballot. It is very important to get involved in your local government. Local Government has the greatest impact on your lives. All too often we see City Council seats, and others go uncontested. Everyone deserves a choice when voted for those who represent them. I strongly encourage you to consider running for local office. It only makes government work better when the citizens have a choice.