

## Community Update with Mayor Nickels

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### “Vacancies on Boards and Commissions”

This past week, my assistant Anne Brogan and I have been sifting through all the various boards and commissions in the City of Manitowoc, finding where there are vacancies. There are several openings on these committees, such as the Library Board, the City Plan Commission, the Police and Fire Commission, and the Rahr-West board – just to name a few. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities – or to find out which other committees have vacancies, contact my office at 686-6980.



This past week I also sat down with Greg Buckley, and some Two Rivers Department Heads, to discuss stimulus funding and other budgetary items. We discussed the decrease in shared revenues and how it will be affecting both our communities. It is my plan to bring forward a resolution to the City Council to urge the State legislature to strongly consider rescinding many of the mandates that they have put upon us, much like the storm water mandate that costs the City of Manitowoc roughly 2 million dollars annually to fund.

Also, congratulations to Lakeshore CAP for the grand opening of their new facility on N. 8<sup>th</sup> street this past Friday.

Also, congratulations to all those who helped organize the Braunel Family benefit. They raised over \$10,000 for the family's medical expenses. And, to the Mad Hatter for organizing the zombie walk, which raised over \$2,000 dollars for children's hospital this past Saturday.

This upcoming week, on Wednesday, I will be traveling to Madison for a league-alliance meeting to once again discuss the upcoming budget, and get acquainted with other local elected officials around the state.

The car ferry returns on Friday, and everyone is welcome down to the car ferry dock to welcome it back. It will return around 12:00 noon.

The Common Council meets tonight and will be appointing the new Council Representative for District 2. 4 individuals have applied for the position.

Once again, a reminder to everyone that the street sweeping parking ban is in effect from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. in your designated district – daily. If you have any questions when the day your district is swept, please contact the engineering department at 686-6550.

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Remember, this week is national transportation week, so please, take the bus to work instead of your car if you get a chance.

