

WXER-FM Program Listing
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TITLE	SOURCE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	TIME/FREQ
NEWS	L		BI-HOURLY BROADCASTS OF LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION	5AM-8AM M-F

A minimum of ten public service announcements per week address ascertained needs and problems as well as community events and needs, and addressing community concerns took place during regularly scheduled newscasts.

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Planned Parenthood to Resume Providing Abortions in Sheboygan

Sep 27, 2023 | 7:01 AM

Even though Sheboygan County District Attorney Joel Urmanski has said that he'd prosecute doctors that violate the state's 1849 abortion ban, Planned Parenthood is preparing to resume abortion services in Sheboygan soon. The organization said that they're dealing with a staffing issue, and then plan to reopen their doors on South Taylor Drive.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin resumed abortion services earlier this month in Milwaukee and Madison, citing a July ruling by a Dane County judge that the 1849 law is not enforceable for voluntary abortions.

Wisconsin Family Council President Julaine Appling was in Madison on Tuesday, joining other pro-life groups demanding that district attorneys in Milwaukee and Dane Counties "enforce the law if there are, indeed, and we believe there are, indeed, abortions taking place at the Milwaukee and Madison facilities of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin right now, then charges should be brought against those who are doing those abortions."

Sheriff Warns Sheboygan County Residents of Scam

Sep 26, 2023 | 6:10 AM

The Sheboygan County Sheriff's office is warning you not to fall victim to the latest scam. This latest one involves Sheboygan County residents getting phone calls telling people that they missed a court date, and then demanding that you post bond to avoid immediate arrest. The callers claim that they're calling from the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department – but they're not.

The department wants to remind you that they only make contact in person and will not request money or bitcoin to be sent. If you receive a call like this, hang up and contact the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office directly at 920-459-3111.

Driver Deceased After Going Over Lakeshore Cliff South of Pigeon River

Sep 20, 2023 | 3:05 PM

A Sheboygan woman has died as a result of driving over a cliff into Lake Michigan. The Sheboygan County Emergency Communications Center got the 911 call of the incident just before 11:15 on Wednesday morning. Witnesses reported seeing a vehicle leave the 700 block of Weiss Drive in the Town of Sheboygan, traveling over the bank and into Lake Michigan just south of the mouth of the Pigeon River.

The Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, and confirmed that a 56-year-old Sheboygan woman was the only occupant of the vehicle involved, and that she died as a result of the crash.

The name of the victim is being withheld while the accident remains under investigation.

Details of SASD's New Collective Bargaining Agreement Released

Sep 15, 2023 | 6:15 AM

Details of a new collective bargaining agreement approved on Tuesday between the Sheboygan Area School District Board of Education and the Sheboygan Education Association have been released.

The new contract includes a 4 percent salary increase for teachers, administrative, and support staff employee groups. The District received a \$325 per-student increase from the State of Wisconsin, which covered about 3-1/2 percent. Using that, along with savings in other areas, the District was able to reach that 4 percent level. However, that still fell short of last year's consumer price index of 8 percent, which historically the District has aimed to meet or surpass, and that resulted in the offer of an additional one-time, 4 percent stipend for all employee groups. The \$3.3 million stipend amount will be paid from the Sheboygan Area School District Fund Balance, which is something like a savings account. That will still leave a fund balance sufficient to maintain both a favorable bond rating and a positive cash flow position, without impacting taxes in the district.

Now that the agreement has been reached, the public will have its chance to voice opinions at a public Hearing set for October 24th.

OUI, Other Charges Issued in Fatal Crash Into Lake Michigan

Sep 11, 2023 | 6:17 AM

Charges have been issued in connection with a September 4th crash that resulted in the death of a 37-year-old Sheboygan woman.

Angela Williams was the passenger in a car that was apparently speeding eastbound on North Avenue and missed the curve onto North 3rd Street, leaving the roadway and plunging over the cliffs into Lake Michigan on Sheboygan's north side. The 25-year-old driver, who remains unidentified, was hospitalized with serious injuries and now faces charges of operating under the influence causing death, homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, first degree recklessly endangering safety, and operating a vehicle with a revoked license causing death.

Sheboygan Fire: Smoke Alarms Alert Sleeping Resident To Fire Monday Afternoon

By Jon DeMaster

Sep 5, 2023 | 4:14 AM

Sheboygan, Wis. (WHBL) – One person was displaced after a fire at a home and business in the 1400 block of Union Avenue Monday afternoon. The Sheboygan Fire Department responded around 5:30 to find smoke and fire at the rear of the building. Firefighters went inside to make sure everybody was out of the building, and then knocked down the fire in the attic and porch of the building. Battalion Chief Jamon Ingelese says the resident that called 911 had been sleeping when the fire started, but was alerted thanks to working smoke detectors inside the residence.

SPD Investigating Sunday Eve Firearms Incident

Aug 29, 2023 | 6:04 AM

Shots were fired, but no injuries were reported from an incident that remains under investigation by the Sheboygan Police Department.

Several calls reporting a man firing a weapon were received on Sunday evening. The man behind the gun retreated into the home on North 16th Street south of Erie Avenue once officers arrived. Officers surrounded the home and were able to convince the man, who appeared to be intoxicated, to leave the residence and surrender. He was taken into custody and charges were referred to the DA's office.

Police interviewed witnesses who confirmed that multiple rounds were fired by the man, and several firearms were recovered from the home.

The incident, which Police describe as "isolated", remains under active investigation and anyone with info is asked to call the SPD (920-459-3333) or Sheboygan Countywide Crimestoppers (1-877-283-8436)

Monday Morning Strong-Armed Robbery Attempt Lands Suspect in Jail, Nothing Taken

Aug 29, 2023 | 3:45 PM

An attempted robbery failed and police were able to apprehend the suspect. The situation unfolded at around 8 a.m. Monday when the report of a robbery in progress at the BP gas station at 12th and Union Avenue was received. The suspect attempted to grab cash from the register and a short scuffle occurred with the cashier before the suspect fled the scene, empty-handed.

Sheboygan Police Officers were given a description of the suspect; a School Resource Officer in the area spotted the person, and with the coordination of other officers the suspect was taken into custody.

The subject is described as a 31-year-old Sheboygan man who is now in the Sheboygan County Jail on the grounds of battery and strong-armed robbery, awaiting formal charges from the Sheboygan County District Attorney's Office.

The cashier suffered minor injuries from the scuffle and police say that no ongoing public threat exists.

With the investigation currently active, anyone with information is encouraged to call either the Sheboygan Police Department at 920-459-3333, or anonymously through the Sheboygan Countywide Crimestoppers at 1-877-283-8436 (877-CUF-THEM).

Sheboygan Common Council Approves New City Administrator, Planning Director

Aug 23, 2023 | 5:59 AM

The City of Sheboygan has a new City Administrator as well as a new Director of Planning and Development. The approvals were given at Monday night's Common Council meeting.

Casey Bradley will serve as the City Administrator, replacing Todd Wolf who was fired without cause in January of this year, and with a salary of just under \$161,000, is the highest-paid city employee. He leaves his previous position as the City Administrator of Baraboo, and his job as Sheboygan City Administrator officially starts on October 23rd.

Also receiving approval of the Common Council on Monday was Diane McGinnis-Casey who will serve as Sheboygan's Director of Planning and Development. She replaces Chad Pelishek who resigned his position effective May 12th. McGinnis-Casey leaves her position of the Community Development Administrator for the City of Lacrosse, and she assumes her new position in Sheboygan on Monday, August 28.

Food Truck Explosion Injures Three

Aug 22, 2023 | 5:18 AM

(WHBL) – An explosion in a food truck on Sheboygan’s north side Monday night left three people seriously injured. Sheboygan Fire Battalion Chief Chase Longmiller says they responded around 5:50 last night after getting a report of a fire in a food truck in the 2100 block of North 3rd Street. When crews arrived, the fire was extinguished, but three people had been severely burned. They were given advanced life support on scene and then rushed to a local hospital. The cause of the explosion is under investigation, but the Fire Department wants to remind people that when using gas for cooking to make sure all safety precautions are in place.

Rains Had Notable Impact on Drought in Sheboygan County

Aug 18, 2023 | 6:00 AM

A rainy day on Monday made a real impact on drought conditions in Sheboygan County and much of Wisconsin.

Just over 26 percent of people in Sheboygan County's are experiencing drought conditions, and that's down 74 percent since last week. In general, drought improved one level, leaving only a quarter of the county under a moderate drought, and the rest abnormally dry.

Total precipitation does remain just 18 hundredths of an inch below normal, which could be made up if normal weather patterns took hold, but chances of that happening aren't looking the best. Over the next seven days only about a tenth of an inch of rain is predicted, and current drought conditions are expected to persist for the next month, so keep the garden hose handy.

Highway Maintenance Will Be Hard to Avoid This Week

Aug 7, 2023 | 6:25 AM

Drivers in and near Sheboygan County will be hard-pressed to avoid any roadwork during the coming week. Besides multiple projects underway within City limits, highways will also be displaying their fair share of orange barrels.

Those using I-43 to the north will encounter pavement repairs on both north-and-southbound lanes between Highways 10/310 in Manitowoc County and the Sheboygan County line today through Thursday, August 7th. Moving lane closures are planned for most of the work, but notably the southbound exit ramp to Highway "XX" at Cleveland will be closed between 7 a.m. and noon daily now through Wednesday.

In Sheboygan County, various lane closures will be used while guard rails are repaired. Those will involve eastbound Highway 23 at both Highways 57 and 32 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. today (Monday), and at Highway 67 on Thursday.

Southbound lanes of I-43 will have guard rail maintenance between Pigeon River and County "O" tomorrow between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., and at County Highway "PP" on Wednesday, also between 8 and 1.

As always, the Wisconsin DOT urges caution in work zones for the safety of drivers and workers alike.

June Unemployment in Sheboygan Area Up for the Month, Little Changed Over Last Year

Jul 28, 2023 | 6:24 AM

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development says that unemployment in the Sheboygan Area rose a little last month compared to May, but since last year there's almost no difference.

The Sheboygan Metropolitan Area saw its preliminary June unemployment rate rise seven tenths of a percent since May, up to 3.0% in June. Last year the June rate was 3.1%.

The City of Sheboygan had similar readings of 3.2% for the month, up from 2.4% in May. Last year's June rate was 3.4%.

Sheboygan County shared the state's fifth lowest unemployment rate with Monroe and Washington Counties, with a June figure of 3.0%. That compares to 2.3% in May, and 3.1% a year ago.

Sheboygan City Plan Commission Gives Thumbs-up to Froedtert, Popeye's Restaurant Proposals

Jul 27, 2023 | 6:11 AM

Plans to construct a hospital and senior living facility on North Taylor Drive, and a Popeye's Restaurant on South Business Drive will be up for a vote at the next Sheboygan Common Council meeting. The City Planning Commission made favorable recommendations on those proposals on Tuesday.

Conditional Use Permits were approved for Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin to construct a 4-story, 165,000 square-foot hospital and medical office clinic on the corner of Taylor Drive and Saemann Avenue, as was its proposal to have Matter Development construct a senior living facility on the same lot bordering Geele Avenue.

The Committee also approved long-anticipated plans by Sheboygan Pop Ops, LLC, to construct a Popeye's Drive-Thru Restaurant at the former Ryder Truck location at 3207 South Business Drive.

Those proposals get their final review and likely approval at the August 7th Common Council meeting.

Habitat for Humanity Completes its 50th Sheboygan County Home

Jul 25, 2023 | 6:21 AM

With the contribution of volunteer labor, donations, and “sweat equity” by the eventual owners, Habitat for Humanity has completed and turned over the keys of its 50th home in Sheboygan County to family in need.

Theresa Jackson was accepted into the program in late 2021 and spent 250 hours working with the local Habitat affiliate to complete the construction of the home. Jackson said the home is a joy for her and her family, and says she most looked forward to seeing the smile on her family’s faces, to “know that this is our home.”

While Habitat for Humanity Lakeside celebrates that 50th home, it’s also celebrating Habitat’s 30 anniversary this year in Sheboygan County. The first home built back in 1993 was valued at \$55,000 at the time of sale, but today the average Habitat home is valued at \$200,000.

Habitat Lakeside Executive Director Niki Zohrab said the organization plans to break ground on its fourth home this year in the fall, something that will cost \$150,000 even after accounting for volunteer labor and in-kind donations.

If you’d like to help through a donation you can find out how by visiting [habitatlakeside.com](https://www.habitatlakeside.com).

Coast Guard Rescues Four from Lake off Kohler-Andrae

Jul 17, 2023 | 6:25 AM

A group of kids from Fond du Lac needed help when they found themselves far from the Lake Michigan shore on Sunday.

The four, ages 10, 11 and 13, were playing with pool noodles and floaties off Kohler-Andrae State Park at around 3:30 when a 9-1-1 caller reported the group had been pushed out several hundred yards by brisk offshore winds and needed help. Crews from Coast Guard Station Sheboygan responded and picked two of the group from the water, while the two others were able to make it to shore on their own.

There were no injuries during the operation, which also drew participation from the County Dive Team and several local fire departments.

Protest Planned Tonight at City Hall

Jul 17, 2023 | 6:32 AM

Protesters plan to make their point directly to City Hall during tonight's 6 p.m. Common Council meeting.

The protesters, members of a group calling themselves "Take Back Sheboygan County" is making the demonstration after letters calling for an ethics investigation into conduct by Mayor Ryan Sorenson were not allowed to be added to the agenda by Alderman Joe Heidemann.

The letters point to Sorenson's appearance at a Pride event on June 24th where he posed with a group called the "Sisters For Perpetual Indulgence." That picture was posted on the "VisitSheboygan" Facebook page and, according to protesters, captures a violation by Sorenson of the city's ethics code as the group mocks nuns and the Catholic religion.

WHBL News reached out to Mayor Sorenson, but he has not returned our calls.

I-43, Hwy 42 Maintenance Will Impact County Traffic Today, Tuesday

Jul 10, 2023 | 6:19 AM

Drivers are being advised to use caution as Wisconsin DOT maintenance crews take care of pavement repairs today and tomorrow in Sheboygan County.

I-43 northbound will experience single-lane closures today at Smies Road from 8 until 10:30 a.m., at Wilson-Lima Road from 9 a.m. until noon, and between between Highway 42 and Playbird Road from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Drivers should slow down and use extra caution in those work zones.

The same care is requested tomorrow as repairs are done on northbound I-43 between County MM and Orchard Road from 7 until 10 a.m. which will require a single-lane closure, while flagging crews will direct traffic through repairs to both lanes of Highway 42 between Orchard Lane and the Manitowoc County line between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday.