

WBFM-FM Program Listing
10/2023 - 12/2023

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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SPD Investigating Saturday Morning Stabbing

Dec 17, 2023 | 7:39 AM

A Saturday morning conflict resulted in one person hospitalized, and another arrested as the suspect. The Sheboygan Police Department said that they were called to the 900 block of Huron Avenue at 10:17 a.m. with the report of someone having been stabbed. Arriving officers found both persons involved in the incident, one with several stab wounds. The victim was taken by Sheboygan Fire Department rescuers to a local hospital. The injuries were determined to be non-life-threatening.

The suspect in the incident, a 38-year-old Sheboygan man, was arrested and jailed, awaiting issuance of charges by the District Attorney's Office of 1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety.

Police say that the two individuals knew each other, and that the stabbing was not random. They report that the incident was isolated and there is no danger to the public.

At Least 2,000 Homes Planned for Far Southside Sheboygan Development

Dec 14, 2023 | 6:16 AM

The City of Sheboygan's Finance and Personnel Committee has given a first nod of approval to a proposed development that should make a big dent in the ongoing housing shortage in the City.

Approval of the pre-development agreement with Reedsburg-based Pelton Builders aims to develop 274 acres the City acquired and annexed east of Moenning Road in the Town of Wilson last year, and incorporates an adjacent 73 acres previously purchased by the City.

The agreement, which still requires full Common Council approval, would secure an exclusive partnership with Pelton Builders, with the final project to become a self-sustaining neighborhood of 2,000 mixed-income units where people can find pretty much everything they need from small-scale retail stores within the site. The deal would be in effect until December 31st next year. By that time the City expects to receive final plans that will then go before the Common Council for approval.

State Appeals Court Rules Against Kohler Concerning Golf Course at State Park

Dec 7, 2023 | 6:32 AM

A state appeals court has upheld a ruling that blocks the Kohler Company from building a new golf course near the shore of Lake Michigan.

Kohler wanted to trade some of its property near Kohler-Andrae State Park in order to build an 18-hole golf course. The Department of Natural Resources initially granted that permit in 2017, but an administrative law judge overturned that ruling in 2018, saying the DNR did not properly weigh environmental impacts before agreeing to the trade.

The appeals court ruling on Tuesday is the third ruling against the proposed golf course, but the issue isn't entirely decided as Kohler can still appeal the decision before the State Supreme Court.

Agreement With New Sheboygan HR Director Now Official

Dec 7, 2023 | 6:14 AM

An agreement was approved on Monday night by the Sheboygan Common Council that puts a new Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations in office. Kelly Hendee was approved to take that position by a unanimous 9 votes instead of the usual 10, as alder Felde, attending remotely, lost connection and couldn't vote.

The approval wasn't before an amendment was proposed, and approved, to adjust the effective start date to December 22nd. The agreement will expire on December 21 of 2026 unless Hendee should be terminated before then.

That amendment also gives Hendee up to 10 days of vacation before the end of this year – meaning she might choose to wait until January 2 to begin her work. Hendee was also given 160 hours of paid time off effective January 1st, and she'll be granted paid leave according to city policy.

Hendee takes the position vacated by Adam Westbrook. Westbrook resigned his position on August 30th after serving for less than six months.

Sheboygan Police Investigate Thursday Stabbing

Dec 1, 2023 | 6:16 AM

The investigation has begun into an incident that ended in a stabbing on the City's far north side. The Sheboygan Police Department was called to a home on North 12th Street near Grand Avenue at about 7:40 p.m. The SPD says that an apparent domestic incident resulted in the attack that resulted in only minor injuries. The suspect was arrested, and no other information was immediately available.

Second Fire – Same Location Prompts Arson Investigation

Nov 29, 2023 | 6:31 AM

When lightning strikes twice, that's nature...but when fire hits the same place twice, it could be arson and the Sheboygan Police and Fire Departments are hoping the public can help them solve the crimes.

The first fire, to a garage at 710 Michigan Avenue, Sheboygan happened a little after 2 a.m. the morning of November 14th. While investigating that incident, it was discovered that this wasn't the first fire there. Another fire on the same day adjacent to the garage damaged a moped and another vehicle parked there. In both cases, a tarp was lit on fire.

Police hope that anyone with information on those crimes two weeks ago will contact them or the Crimestoppers hotline so they can find those responsible.

Sheboygan Police Department: (920) 459-3333

Sheboygan Countywide Crimestoppers: 1-877-283-8436 – or on the web at www.cufthem.com

Sheboygan's Winter Parking Rules Kick In on Friday

Nov 28, 2023 | 6:24 AM

The seasonal puzzle of where to park during the winter will again be faced by Sheboygan vehicle owners at the stroke of midnight on Friday. December 1st begins the Overnight Winter Parking Season in Brat City where, for many years now, citizens have been reminded to "Park for Tomorrow".

The idea is pretty simple. Before parking your vehicle overnight on the street, look at the calendar. For instance, Saturday is an even-numbered day, so parking on Friday night should be done on the even-numbered side of city streets. When you park Saturday night, then you'll use the odd side since Sunday is December 3rd, and those rules are enforced between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. The one catch – and it's a pretty obvious one – if a street is marked "No Parking", then that's the rule...no change. But rules do change when it snows enough to declare a snow emergency.

When that's declared, then parking is completely prohibited on snow emergency routes, boulevards, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets until the City announces the end of the emergency. And you'll get those announcements on-air and through WHBL.com.

While snow emergencies can be declared as early as November 1st, the rest of the rules run from December 1st to April 30.

SPD, County DHS Launch Co-Responder Pilot Program to Support Mental Health Services

Nov 17, 2023 | 6:21 AM

A new pilot program to address gaps in services to those experiencing mental health issues will launch on Monday. The Co-Responder Pilot Program was developed between the Sheboygan Police Department and the Sheboygan County Division of Behavioral Health.

The Manager of that department, Jaclyn Moglowsky, said that the program embeds mental health staff within the Sheboygan Police Department. Those workers were contracted by the County from Elevate, Inc., which offers prevention, intervention and support services to Washington, Waukesha, Sheboygan and Dodge Counties. Using city and county funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, staff has been training for the past four weeks, and beginning on Monday, will respond to calls with officers and do community outreach to those needing services. The program doesn't replace the Crisis Response Services now in place, but rather hopes to reach people before they need that crisis response.

Maglowsky explained that navigating mental health-related services can be difficult and frustrating, especially for those under stress. She said that having workers in the community should ease that process and reduce the numbers that end up in either a hospital emergency room or in the criminal justice system.

Revitalization Plans for Sheboygan's Lakefront, Marina Announced

Nov 16, 2023 | 6:21 AM

Plans to invest as much as 13 million dollars into revitalizing Sheboygan's lakefront and 30-year-old marina beginning next year were announced on Wednesday by City Administrator Casey Bradley.

In his first prominent venture since taking his new position on October 23rd, Bradley described the project for Sheboygan as a "transformative journey to revitalize its iconic lakefront and marina, breathing new life into a cherished community asset." He added that "While aware of many current challenges, the City is committed to creating an exciting, accessible, and vibrant lakeside destination."

Some steps have already been taken, beginning with the decision not to renew a management agreement between the City and F3 Marine effective at the end of this year. While acknowledging F3's decade-long service as "invaluable" and "professional", Bradley said it would not be equitable to F3's business to continue managing the marina given the evolving circumstances. The City of Sheboygan already manages all docks along the Sheboygan River, and it was decided to extend this management to the marina under the new plan.

Of immediate concern, though, is the aging infrastructure and recurring annual damage to docks and their 250 slips; issues that, in part, have made it hard for operations to meet revenue projections and demand. But beyond that, the City will develop a comprehensive plan encompassing public and open spaces, housing and commercial development opportunities, zoning, land use, and more.

Calling it a "proactive move", Bradley said the City will collaborate with a consultant to "envision a brighter future for the marina and lakefront area."

County Board Adopts 2024 Budget

Nov 8, 2023 | 2:54 PM

A total of \$191.5 million was approved for Sheboygan County expenditures in 2024 by the County Board on Tuesday night. The budget includes a property tax levy of \$53.7 million. The remaining \$137.8 million required to support Sheboygan County's 19 departments and 850 employees implementing over 200 programs and services will come from federal, state, and sales tax revenue.

A release from Sheboygan County Board Chair Vernon Koch on Wednesday called the budget "fiscally conservative"; one that preserves all core programs and services. That's made possible in part by a property tax levy increase of 1.69% over 2023, or a total of \$891,161 more in spending. Sheboygan County Administrator Alayne Krause noted that "Since 2013, the average annual increase of the property tax levy is 1.44%. Inflation has increased an average of 2.62% annually over the same period."

The 2024 budget also includes a property tax rate of \$3.89 per 1-thousand-dollar valuation, a decrease of 11.05%, or 48 cents, from the 2023 rate of \$4.37. As a result, on a home valued at \$100,000, the county's portion of property taxes will decrease by \$48. The 2024 budget reflects the 8th consecutive year the property tax rate has gone down.

In addition to essential programs and services, key components of the budget include investments in staffing and facility upgrades at Rocky Knoll; Tuck-pointing and window replacement at the historic Sheboygan County Courthouse; Enhanced child welfare and behavioral health services in response to demand and caseload size; Improvements to local transportation infrastructure; and investments in staffing and equipment replacement for the Sheriff's Department, including application of new State Supplemental shared Revenue.

Shred Event Raises Money, Lowers ID-Theft Risk

Nov 2, 2023 | 6:04 AM

Personal information can be valuable to thieves; getting rid of that information is also proving its value in more ways than one. That was done during an event sponsored by Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Sheboygan. This past Saturday the organization that provides financial counseling to those working out of debt or dreaming of home ownership shredded over two tons of confidential documents at their North 8th Street headquarters, destroying banking records, tax returns, social security numbers and other personal data with every page.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, such data is the sort that was stolen over 1.1 million times by identity thieves in the US last year alone. Of that number, 8,319 cases were exclusive to the State of Wisconsin. All told, Javelin Strategy & Research estimates that this affected 40 million U.S. adults to the tune of \$43 billion in Identity Fraud Losses in 2022.

While Saturday's shredding event may have made only a small dent in the potential losses, the \$900 it raised will be put to use by Consumer Credit Counseling Service to provide financial education to individuals throughout Sheboygan and Sheboygan County.

Sheboygan County's Prescription Drug Takeback Day Totals Nearly 3/4 Ton

Oct 30, 2023 | 3:58 PM

The total weight of prescription and other medications turned in during this past Saturday's Prescription Drug Takeback Day in Sheboygan County was almost three-quarters of a ton.

Sergeant Joel Hendrikse of the Sheboygan County MEG Unit told WHBL News that 1,443.55 pounds of medications were turned in on Saturday. Along with this past spring's collection, 2,920 pounds of expired or unneeded medications have been collected in Sheboygan County.

Driver Charged With Child's Death Now Charged With Stealing Memorial Cross

Oct 19, 2023 | 6:16 AM

The man charged for the deadly crash that killed 4-year-old Cordelia Kuether at 21st and Saemann Avenue in Sheboygan this past April is now facing additional charges.

24-year-old Nathan Heitzmann of Sheboygan is now charged with theft after prosecutors say he went to the memorial site for the victim and stole the cross. Investigators say the cross was in a private yard at the place where she died. A witness told investigators that Heitzmann took it, telling that witness that he "needed it for himself". When questioned, court documents say Heitzmann tried to blame his brother.

Along with the felony associated with Kuehter's death, Heitzman is now charged with misdemeanor theft, which if convicted, carries a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or 9 months in prison.

SPD Asking for Public Assistance on Gas Station Theft

Oct 18, 2023 | 6:03 AM

The Sheboygan Police Department is hoping the public can help catch a thief. They're looking for the person who gained access to the cash register at the Amoco gas station at 9th and Indiana Avenue at around 7 o'clock Monday evening. The thief took an undisclosed amount of cash and left the business without making any threats or using force.

Police are looking for a person of thin build and around 5-feet, 5-inches tall. And although they haven't located anyone yet, police believe that there's no danger to the public, and anyone with information should call the Sheboygan Police Department at 920-459-3333, or Sheboygan Countywide Crimestoppers at 1-877-283-8436.

Changes to City Polling Places Up for Council Approval Tonight

Oct 16, 2023 | 6:34 AM

Several polling places will be different from past elections in the City of Sheboygan next time around. The reasons for the changes center on better locations and venues to handle the voters in those wards.

Uptown Social on North 8th Street was determined to best serve the voters in Wards 5 and 6 which formerly voted at the First Congregational Church and Fountain Park Methodist Church respectively, while an expansion to the Evangelical Free Church now appears the best option to voters in Ward 2 which was formerly hosted at the Humane Society building.

Assuming Council approval tonight, Wards 1,2,7 and 8 will vote at the Evangelical Free Church on North 15th Street; Wards 3 and 4 will vote at the First Congregational Church at 3rd and Bluff Avenue; Wards 5 and 6 will be at Uptown Social; the Mead Public Library will host Wards 13 and 14; Wards 9, 10, 21 and 22 will vote at the First United Lutheran Church on Kohler Memorial Drive; Ward 11 will vote at the Kiwanis Field House; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on South 23rd Street will host Wards 12, 15, 17 and 23; Bethany Reformed Church on Washington Avenue will be home to Wards 16 and 18; and Christ Lutheran Church on South 12th Street will serve Wards 19 and 20.

South Pier Project Completion to be Celebrated on Monday

Oct 11, 2023 | 6:21 AM

After more than three years of construction, the project to rebuild Sheboygan's south pier and breakwater will be officially declared "complete" on Monday. The ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the event will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Operations William Mazzeno, 6th District Representative Glenn Grothman and Sheboygan Mayor Ryan Sorenson participating.

Rebuilding of the structure began in the spring of 2020 and was divided into two phases due to the cost, which combined, came out to \$11,987,970.

Large Portion of Broughton Drive Under 2-Day Closure

Oct 9, 2023 | 3:06 PM

A three-quarter mile section of Broughton Drive on Sheboygan's lakefront will be closed for two days this week. The Department of Public Works announced on Monday the closure between Michigan Avenue and Barrett Avenue to be in effect beginning Tuesday morning until 5 p.m. Wednesday due to private utility work being done on Broughton Drive.

Traffic will be detoured onto North 3rd Street between Michigan and Lincoln Avenues.

Maintenance to Know About on Sheboygan County Highways Next Week

Oct 6, 2023 | 3:24 PM

Sheboygan County roadways will be as busy with work crews as with traffic in select areas next week as the Wisconsin DOT conducts scheduled maintenance.

Crews will be repairing ditches on westbound and eastbound Wisconsin Highway 23 between Highway 32 and Meadow Lark Road on Tuesday, October 10 from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Various lanes will be closed during repairs.

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 11th and 12th between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., maintenance crews will be repairing inlets on the southbound Wisconsin Highway 42 roundabouts at the Highway 42 divide, and on southbound Highway 42 between Professional Drive and Vanguard Drive. Various lanes will be closed during those repairs.

Highway 57 will host maintenance crews repairing curbs on southbound lanes at Kiley Way – the road to the Plymouth WalMart – on both Wednesday and Thursday, October 11th and 12th. Again, various lanes will be closed during repairs.

As always, weather can force changes in schedules.