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1st Quarter 2022 – 01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022 Issues of Concern to Waukesha, Wisconsin

1-24-22

The City of Waukesha wrapped up the 37th annual Janboree this past weekend. The city held several events throughout the 10 day festival for all ages to enjoy. Waukesha Strong blue lights were featured throughout the festivities, as well as a heart in the center of the ice rink remembering the victims of the Christmas Parade Tragedy. The event was one of the community's first public gatherings since the Christmas parade on November 21st.

1-26-22

Waukesha is in need of poll workers for the upcoming elections in April. The city clerk calls it an important way to help your community, plus you get paid! Contact the clerks office for more information. Earl Ingram discussed.

1-31-22

Waukesha and Milwaukee will be opening early voting stations tomorrow for the spring primary election. You can register to vote and cast your ballot at the early voting locations through February 12th. Locations include many local libraries and the Midtown Center on w capitol drive. - coverage every hour on news updates

2-4-22

A Delafield man was arrested on the possession and detonation of explosives in his apartment. Neighbors claimed they have heard strange noises from the nearby forest for years but never expected it to be explosives. All police will say for now is that there was no intent to hurt anybody or intent to cause damage. The man is being held on charges of possession of an explosive device and disorderly conduct.

2-8-22

Catholic Memorial High School's junior varsity and varsity girls basketball teams coaching staff resigned from their positions amid an investigation into inappropriate communication. Discussions throughout the day

2-9-22

Darrel Brooks, the suspect in the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy, waived his preliminary hearing after pleading not guilty to the charges of intimidating a witness, the mother of his child, to not testify against him. He is scheduled to be in Waukesha Court tomorrow on the parade attack charges.

2-11-22

Darrell Brooks Jr. pleaded not guilty to 77 charges, including six homicide counts, tied to the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy this past November. The day before, his attorneys have requested his trial be held in another county or have a jury drawn from another county. In either circumstance, they ask that the jury be sequestered during trial, due to the great impact the event has had on the community. A decision is still to be made and Brooks is set to appear in court again next month.

2-15-22

Voters across Wisconsin are encouraged to head to the polls today for the spring primary elections. There are no state-wide races but many communities have local races, like school board, up for vote. Specifically, the mayor of Milwaukee is a big race in which the two with the highest votes will move onto the April election. Polls are now open until 8p.m. today. Bring an ID and if not registered, bring a proof of current address like an electricity bill.

2-16-22

Catholic Memorial High School hosted a STEM challenge for Middle School Students of the Waukesha and Milwaukee counties, including more than 250 students from 18 schools. It was a challenge of building a rollercoaster with the same materials that a marble goes down with the slowest longest time winning. St Mary's Parish School of Menomonee Falls were the big winners, receiving goodie bags and bragging rights.

2-21-22

The Riverside Rhythms lunchtime concert series in Downtown Waukesha announced its return and are looking for musicians and food vendors to participate. The event will take place every Wednesday from June 15th to August 31st from 11:30 to 1pm.

2-25-22

This weekend's annual Golden Beavers Ice Fishing Kids Fest and fundraiser on Silver Lake in Oconomowoc's special beneficiary this year is Olivia Stover, an 8-year-old who was injured during the Waukesha Christmas Parade. Money for Olivia will be raised through raffles and merchandise sales, hoping to raise between \$5,000-\$10,000. The Golden Beavers have been using the annual event to raise money for individuals since 2016. Several hundred people have shown up in years past and it grows each year.

2-28-22

The Public Art Committee of Waukesha will meet tomorrow to review a proposal for a Waukesha strong mural to be located on the side of the Salty Toad Bar in downtown Waukesha in honor of the parade victims. The group of artists have raised around \$600 for the mural so far and hope to begin painting it in mid- to late spring.

3-1-22

Waukesha County received \$2.2 million in federal grant money from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program for the completion of the lake county trail underpass at state highway 67. A timeline will be made with the Wisconsin department of transportation.

3-4-22

More than 500 people have filed a claim with the Waukesha Community Fund. The fund was created to help the victims of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy and totaled close to \$6 million. The money was set aside for the 70 people injured and the families of the 6 people killed, however, some of the money is also for people who were at the parade that did not suffer major injuries or suffered emotional trauma because of what happened as well as first responders. The claims will be reviewed by a committee that will make the final decision on who receives what money through the fund.

3-8-22

Many people were injured following a four-unit residence catching on fire in Waukesha early this morning. Two people jumped from the second story windows of the building and two more were saved from inside. A total of 5 people were taken to Waukesha Memorial hospital where one person has passed away, none being firefighters. The fire was under control after 35 minutes of crews arriving.

3-11-22

Attorneys for Darrell Brooks Jr, The man accused of driving a vehicle through the Waukesha Christmas parade this past November, filed a change-of-venue motion last month asking that the trial either be moved or that jurors be pulled from a different county. They say that publicity about the case has been pervasive and overwhelmingly negative for Brooks. A Waukesha County Circuit Judge was expected to discuss the motion with Brooks' attorneys and prosecutors during a hearing Today.

3-14-22

11-year-old Jessalyn Torres, one of the dozens of people injured in the Waukesha Christmas Parade this past November, took the stage to dance again alongside her friend for the first time since the tragedy. She was in the hospital for nearly a month, receiving many procedures, including one on her trachea the day prior. There is a Go Fund Me page to help cover her medical costs.

3-16-22

All students in the School District of Waukesha will be offered free breakfast and lunch for the rest of the school year beginning March 28, administrators decided after waffling by the school board. Students at eight schools had been left out this school year from the district's breakfast program, despite the availability of federal COVID-relief funds to pay for the meal at all schools. About 12% of Wisconsin's eligible public and private schools are not offering breakfast. Of Wisconsin's school districts, Waukesha accounts for the highest number of students considered economically disadvantaged who have not been receiving breakfast.

3-18-22

North Street and St. Paul Avenue here in Waukesha will become largely two-way roads once a \$10.6 million road reconstruction project, slated to begin March 28, is completed in October.

3-19-22

Don Browne interviews Pascual Rodriguez, Executive Principal at La Casa de Esperanza, discussing efforts to improve and expand the charter school

3-22-22

Waukesha Police are investigating an incident connected to whitesupremacy in downtown Waukesha this past Thursday. An approximately 5 feet tall, 20 feet wide inappropriate banner was hung from the Metro Transit parking ramp. Calls came in describing suspects walking outside the parking structure dressed entirely in black, wearing face masks and taking pictures. When police arrived they were gone and police removed the sign.

3-26-22

Don Browne interviews Alderman Corey Payne and 10th District County Supervisor Candidate Terry Thieme, discussing campaigns and platforms.

3-29-22

Waukesha Skateland is facing accusations of discrimination, after a Milwaukee teen was denied access to the building this past Saturday. She was reportedly turned away because she was from Milwaukee County and not Waukesha County. Earl Ingram covers at length