

Naturalist Report

October 2022

Admin/Finance

- The City continues with its 2023 budget process. The public hearing and budget adoption will occur at the Common Council meeting on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- The Outagamie County 2023 budget passed including a \$10,000 contribution to our 2023 budget.
- 1000 Islands hosted, as well as I took part in a Leadership training for many different department heads and other supervisors from the City and Kaukauna Utilities. The training was facilitated by the League of Municipalities and organized by the Human Resources department.

Education

- Eagle Days plans are underway. The event will be held very similar to pre-pandemic years with full in-person audiences for the live eagle presentations, on-site crafts and activities in addition to eagle viewing opportunities. We are once again partnering with the Kaukauna Public Library for this event. They will host an eagle themed storybook walk behind their building, along the river and host a live bird presentation by Wildlife of Wisconsin. The Friends group will host a food stand at the event.
- Earlier in the year, we were contacted to be a part of a grant project through the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Conservancy. They have been approved for grant funding. Our involvement in this project will include hosting a MOTUS Receiver. The receiver will help track migration patterns of wildlife. The equipment and installation will come at no cost to us. You can learn more about the device at <https://motus.org/about/> Work will primarily be conducted in 2023-2025 with some monitoring starting in 2026. I will be meeting with the project coordinator next week to learn more details.
- Assistant Naturalist Ironside and I enrolled in the 2023 North American Association for Environmental Education Virtual Conference. Conference sessions are available to watch on-demand until April. Ironside has already gained new program ideas. A full summary of conference take-aways will be shared once we have been able to view more of the sessions over the next couple of months.

Building & Grounds

- We have been meeting with different flooring contractors to get quotes for new flooring in the North American Room, Conservation Room and front lobby area. Quotes have been submitted from three different companies: D&M Interiors, H.J. Martin and Son, and Macco's Commercial Interiors.
- After long standing issues with our current cleaning company, we have given notice for unsatisfactory work based on the cleaning contract. The last day of cleaning from Cleaning Solution Services will be on November 18th. Advanced Maintenance Solutions, LLC will start cleaning service the following week. The difference in cost between the two contractors will be \$2328 per year. This increase was included in our 2023 budget.