

What's Up In Waukesha

A Newsletter from the City of Waukesha



Leaf Collection Starts Monday

The City's collection of leaves starts this coming Monday, October 16. Starting on Wednesday, October 18, it's free to bring leaves to the Drop-off Center. You can [view the complete schedule here](#).

The leaf collection schedule is broken down by Aldermanic District. You can [look up your District by address here](#). Click on "Search by Address" on the top bar.

For the collection, you will need to have your leaf piles out on the terrace by 7am on the day of your collection.

A few reminders:

- Leaves should be out loose (not in bags, on tarps, or in containers)
- Do not put your leaves near fixed items such as trees, mailboxes or fire hydrants
- Give the leaf collection crews plenty of space out on the roadways.

[Leaf Collection Info](#)

Don't want to rake leaves?

Did you know? Your leaves could be beneficial for your lawn or garden. Instead of putting your leaves out for collection, consider mulching them in place or composting them:



Mulching

- Leaves are rich in carbon, phosphorus, and potassium - all essential nutrients needed by plants including turf grasses.
- Mow your leaves along with the grass during fall, and let the small leaf pieces filter down among the grass blades.

Composting

- Home composting is a great way to create a natural soil for use in your home garden or yard.
- In a composting bin, use fallen leaves as a base of carbon material, add green nitrogen materials (such as grass clippings, weeds, garden trimmings, and food waste), and soak the whole thing in water.
- This will begin the natural decomposing process which will lead to the end result of homemade compost soil.

[More Details](#)



Fire Prevention Week

It's [Fire Prevention Week](#) this week. Remember, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"

- Draw a map of your home and mark two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year (with one happening at night)
- Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the Fire Department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.
- Once you get outside, stay

outside.



Fire Department Open House

As part of Fire Prevention Week, this Saturday, October 14 the Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at Fire Station #5 (3051 Summit Avenue) from 9am-noon.

You can take a tour of the Fire Station, climb in a fire truck, and meet some of the firefighters. Flight for Life will also be landing at 9:30am.

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FRIENDS OF RETZER NATURE CENTER

HOWL-O-WEEN

An Unhaunted Halloween Event
Retzer Nature Center | 514 W28167 Madison St. | Waukesha

Friday, October 13
6-9 pm

Recommended for families with children 10 and under

Guided Hikes
DJ Dance
Crafts & Games
Pinnaculum Shows & More!

\$15 per carload
Entrance fee
Includes all activities

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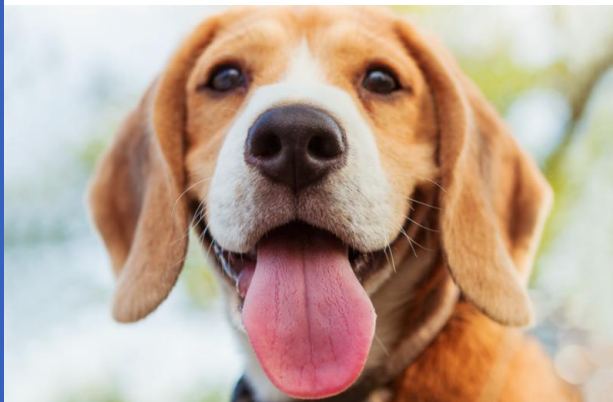
Howl-O-Ween

An un-haunted Halloween Event is being held at the Retzer Nature Center this Friday, October 13 from 6pm-9pm.

It costs \$15 per carload which includes all activities such as guided hikes, DJ Dance, campfire, crafts, games and more!

The event is perfect for children aged 10 and under. Dress up in your best costumes and head to Retzer Nature Center.

[More Info](#)

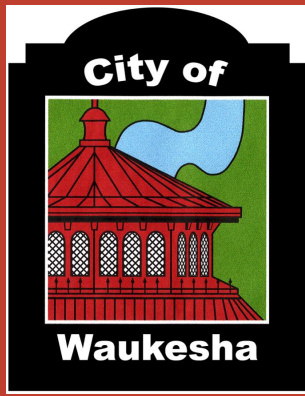


Puppy Prance Pet Walk

Take your furry friend to the Prairie Home Cemetery for the 4th Annual Pet Walk this Saturday, October 14 from 10am-2pm.

The event helps raise money for the Pet Cemetery. You can enjoy games, food, a walking tour, and silent auction.

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