



## Dear Community Partner,

We hope you enjoy the May edition of the City of Janesville's Community Advocate Update, filled with the latest information about exciting happenings here in Janesville!

**Janesville Welcomes New City Manager:** On Monday, May 8, Kevin Lahner was sworn in as City Manager during a special ceremony in City Hall. The City Council selected Lahner to serve as Janesville's eleventh City Manager in March following an extensive recruitment process. "I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you to the City Council and community for embracing me as your next City Manager," said Lahner before taking his Oath of Office. Learn more about City Manager Lahner on the City's [website](#)!

**Bike to Work Day:** May is National Bike Month! As a form of commuting, biking is an excellent way to improve your physical and mental wellness while saving money and carbon emissions. The City is excited to join in a celebration of cycling on Friday, May 19, for Bike to Work Day! Riders can stop by Town Square from 7 to 9 a.m. to enjoy coffee and breakfast items from local vendors, bike checks, and a free swag bag available to the first 30 commuters. For additional information, visit [www.janesvillewi.gov/bikejanesville](http://www.janesvillewi.gov/bikejanesville).

**Pool Pass Scholarships:** Pool fun is for everyone! That's why the Recreation Division offers Rockport Pool Pass Scholarships. This opportunity provides income-eligible families with half-price passes on both the early bird and regular season pricing. Residents may access a fillable application at [bit.ly/426qgfP](http://bit.ly/426qgfP).

**Learn About Housing:** Park Place Views is back with a new episode! This month, Housing Services Director Kelly Bedessem stopped by the program to discuss how the City works to ensure residents have access to safe, affordable housing. She also helps highlight where the community can learn more about housing assistance. Watch now on [youtu.be/XFxSa6IA3Zk](https://youtu.be/XFxSa6IA3Zk).

**Rock County Clean Sweep:** The annual Rock County Clean Sweep program offers an opportunity to drop off hazardous chemicals from homes, farms, and eligible businesses. Open to all Rock County residents, advance registration is required. Acceptable wastes include pesticides, mercury, solvents, oil-gas mixes, old gasoline, and contaminated vehicle fluids. Community members may register on Rock County's [website](#).

**Asian and Pacific American Heritage:** The City Council proclaimed May as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month in Janesville. This recognition honors the countless contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, whose achievements have enriched our community and nation. The City was honored last month to welcome students from the Craig High School Chinese Club to accept the Council's resolution. Learn more about the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans at [asianpacificheritage.gov](http://asianpacificheritage.gov).

### Upcoming Events:

- **Forum on East Memorial Street:** The City is inviting the public to a Community Engagement Forum covering the upcoming Traffic and Safety Study on East Memorial Drive. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Adams Elementary School. Attendees can provide feedback and learn more about the study, which aims to develop traffic recommendations and safety improvements for the corridor. Learn more on the City's [website](#).
- **Memorial Day Activities:** On Monday, May 29, Janesville joins the nation in recognizing service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and country. The community is invited to partake in the following activities as we pay our respects:
  - [Remembrance Ceremony](#), VFW 1621, Oak Hill Cemetery Veterans Section, 8 a.m.
  - [Remembrance Ceremony](#), VFW 1621, Milton Lawns Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.
  - [Memorial Day Parade](#), Janesville Patriotic Society, Main St. & Milwaukee St., 11:00 a.m.
  - [Memorial Day Ceremony](#), Janesville Patriotic Society, Traxler Park, Following Parade

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*Wisconsin's Park Place*

**JANESVILLE**  
**BIKE TO**  
**WORK**  
**DAY**

7-9 AM  
 MAY 19

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**CURB & GUTTER RECONSTRUCTION**

**TAKE A KID FISHING DERBY**

**PARK PLACE VIEWS** FT. DIRECTOR BEDESSEM



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