



City of Janesville
Community Advocate
Update
February 2023

Dear Community Partner,

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

WSSC Update: The City continues to update its Woodman's Sports & Convention Center (WSSC) [webpage](#) with the latest project information, including the most recent project update to City Council. The Friends of the Woodman's Center group have also launched a [Facebook page](#) and a newly redesigned [website](#) to further enhance community awareness and dialogue on the project.

Upcoming Election: The 2023 Spring Primary will take place on February 21. The community can prep for the polls by checking their voter information on myvote.wi.gov. The City Council has combined polling places for this primary election, consolidating from ten voting locations to five. Residents may also vote in-person absentee on weekdays through February 17. Voting takes place in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office on the second floor of City Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for on February 17, when voting will continue until 5 p.m.

Black History Month: Every February, the nation celebrates the contributions and culture of African Americans. The City is proud to join in this recognition by sharing the stories of black residents like John S. Scott, Sr., who was one of the first black employees at the GM Janesville Assembly Plant. Scott also founded a local branch of the NAACP, chaired Janesville's Human Rights Commission, and volunteered at Mercy Hospital. The community is encouraged to learn more about Scott's extraordinary life at bit.ly/3Yg6EE0.

Hope Kits: The Janesville Police and Fire Departments joined in a collaborative initiative to combat the effects of fentanyl poisoning and opioid overdose through newly assembled Hope Kits. These kits, created using grant funds, contain NARCAN, fentanyl test strips, resource cards, CPR instructions, and a face shield. First responders in our area will be able to distribute these resources to those at risk of overdose. Additional information on this program is available on the Rock County Public Health Department's [website](#).

Volunteers Needed: Community members are needed to serve on City boards, commissions, and committees! Volunteers in these positions provide an invaluable service to Janesville by advising the City Council on a variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters. Serving on a board, commission, or committee can be a rewarding experience for civic-minded residents. For more information and to learn how to apply, visit the City's [website](#).

2023 State of the City: On Thursday, January 26, the City held its annual State of the City Address and Open House at City Hall. In his address, Acting City Manager David Moore highlighted the City's significant accomplishments from 2022, plans for the year ahead, and challenges Janesville will face over the coming year. The address is available for viewing on JATV's YouTube [channel](#).

Upcoming Events

- **Rockport Park SuperSki/Hike:** The Friends of Rockport Park and the Ice Age Trail Alliance-Rock County Chapter are partnering with Janesville Parks & Recreation to host the 2023 SuperSki/Hike at Rockport Park on Saturday, February 11, at 6 p.m. Two miles of scenic candlelit trail will be available to ski and hike.
- **Health Equity Focus Group:** The Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR) is hosting a focus group to gather input on improving healthcare services for those that use interpretation services at the Hedberg Public Library on Tuesday, February 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact HEAR at hearcoordinator@co.rock.wi.us.
- **Evening Ceramics Classes:** Art fun returns on February 15 with Evening Ceramics Classes from the Janesville Recreation Division! The weekly program will meet on Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Janesville Senior Center. Classes accommodate all ages and experience levels, and no registration is required. The class fee is \$5 per person and includes instruction and paints.

Questions? Contact Nick Faust, Communications Specialist at faustn@ci.janesville.wi.us or (608) 755-3094





CITY OF JANESVILLE

Wisconsin's Park Place

2022 CITY STATS

26,613

Fire Department
Unit Responses



500 Families
Assisted
Through Monthly
Rental Assistance



60,082 Police
Department
Activities

13.7 Miles of
Streets
Rehabilitated



117 New Home
Building
Permits Issued

7,774 Miles of
Streets Swept



6,968
Potholes
Filled



2,165
Water Meters
Installed

1,500,000
Square Feet of New/
Rehabilitated Space



85 New
Hires &
Promotions



3,933
Hours of Library
Volunteer Service



210,889
Recreation Program
Participants



354,371
JTS Rides



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