

Events planned for Waukesha's 125th anniversary

Year-long celebration kicking off with JanBoree

WAUKESHA — Waukesha announces the celebration of the 125th anniversary of its incorporation as a city with monthly events throughout the year 2021 – kicking off with the Waukesha JanBoree.

The city was officially incorporated on Feb. 4, 1896 and will be recognizing the anniversary with the theme “Looking Back – Reaching Forward.”

“The City’s 125th anniversary celebration is exciting for all of us and will be full of opportunities for fun, for learning and for celebrating,” said Mayor Shawn Reilly. “I look forward to learning more about our history, celebrating how far we’ve come and considering all the possibilities of our future.”

Events

The 125th Anniversary celebration will include recognition of the city at the following events in 2021:

■ Jan. 16: The unveiling of the 125th Anniversary Beer and Beer Release at the Waukesha JanBoree.

■ Feb. 4: The Virtual City Hall Opening Ceremony will feature videos and a virtual tour of the new City Hall.

■ March 2021: The History of Waukesha in 100 Objects Exhibit at the Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum will feature objects of Waukesha’s history from 1896 to the present.

■ April 2021: The Waukesha Public Library will celebrate the 125th anniversary with special events.

■ April 24: The Earth Day Parks Clean Up will encourage the public to spend 125 minutes making Waukesha better.

■ May 15-16: The Preservation Days hosted by the Waukesha Preservation

Alliance will include walking tours and open houses of historic homes and buildings.

■ May 18: The Pizza, Polka, Art in the Park event will be a party in the park with the city and the Waukesha School District.

■ June 12: The Buchnerfest celebration will feature family-friendly activities at Buchner Park, also celebrating the history of Buchner Park and the official grand re-opening of the park’s pool.

■ July 4: The annual Independence Day Parade and Fireworks event will be held.

■ Aug. 10: The Tribute Tuesday Concert Anniversary Celebration will include music and an anniversary cake.

■ Date to Be Determined: Waukesha Night Out will teach the public about the Waukesha Police and Fire Departments and their efforts to keep the city safe.

■ Sept. 24 and 25: Waukesha Oktoberfest at Frame Park will include a 125th anniversary booth to share memories for inclusion in the time capsule.

■ Oct. 2: Art Crawl in downtown Waukesha will include works of art by local artists for the Plein Air Competition.

■ Oct. 9 and 10: Waukesha Unlocked will be an event where doors will be open to many city buildings, businesses and restaurants for tours and activities.

■ Nov. 12: The 125th Anniversary Gala at the Historic Courthouse, 1893, will be held.

■ Nov. 21: The Waukesha Christmas Parade will include anniversary events.

■ Dec. 7: The final Year-End Celebration will seal the time capsule at the Common Council meeting.