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Face coverings optional on Fort school property

Unvaccinated individuals still highly encouraged to wear face coverings

By Randall Dullum

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With the COVID-19 pandemic coming to a close, face coverings have been made optional for all groups when on School District of Fort Atkinson property.

The board of education took that action

Thursday during its regular monthly meeting in the Luther Elementary School board room.

Additionally, board members voted that unvaccinated individuals be highly encouraged to wear face coverings when on school district property, and that face coverings be made optional for all groups when on school buses or in other vehicles used for school district activities.

Furthermore, the board voted that the School District of Fort Atkinson no longer will conduct contact tracing or determine the quarantine status of students or staff.

Lastly, the board voted to eliminate any COVID-19 special requirements for facilities use in the school district, and that use of district facilities now will be operated according to board policy 7510.

District Administrator Rob Abbott praised the community's support of the school district throughout the duration of the pandemic.

"We just cannot say enough about the Fort Atkinson community's support of the school district's ups and downs, and in-betweens — we've definitely been a lot of different places over the last 15 or 16 months,"

Abbott said, following the meeting. "But we were really excited to bring the suggestion to the board this evening that we make the use of face coverings optional, that we suspend the district staff's need to do contact tracing or to determine quarantine. And then also to resume typical, or regular, use of district facilities."

The board has had substantive discussions, he said, and based its decisions on acknowledging both the improving COVID-related data from the Jefferson

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A Puppy Serenade

Kennel Club honors founding members with Rock River Park statue

By Mabel Schumacher

Fort Kennel Club treasurer

The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson (KCFA) unveiled its latest community service project, "Puppy Serenade," last Tuesday afternoon, in Rock River Park, near the entrance to the disk golf area.

This project honors the three founding members of KCFA — Patty Beran, Marleen LaPlant and Rita Hasel — and their dogs, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, "Cody"; Dalmatian, "Dottee"; and Scottish terrier, "Scarlett."

This park-enhancing project features a bronze statue by local sculptor, Mark Dziejwior; a tri-purpose (human/canine/bottle-filling) fountain; and a combination bench/pedestal. It was sponsored by KCFA funds, a Fort Atkinson Community Foundation grant, and donations by the community.

An initial "reveal" of the project — including a clay model of the bronze statue — was held in October 2020. At that time, all the artisans who had worked on the project were honored.

As the program began, Mabel Schumacher, treasurer of the Kennel Club and project coordinator, provided a brief history of KCFA.

"Patty, Marleen and Rita have a shared love of dogs," Schumacher stated. "In 1991, these ladies, along with their dogs, met every week in a downtown parking lot to work their dogs in preparation for showing."



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TOP: The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson (KCFA) unveiled its latest community service project, "Puppy Serenade," last Tuesday afternoon, in Rock River Park, near the entrance to the disk golf area. ABOVE: This project honors the three founding members of KCFA, shown here: Patty Beran, Marleen LaPlant and Rita Hasel — and their dogs, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, "Cody"; Dalmatian, "Dottee"; and Scottish terrier, "Scarlett."

ABOVE: Adding a special touch to the program was the surprise appearance of Birch, the great-great-great-granddaughter of Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson founding member Patty Beran's founding dog, Cody. The seven-month-old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever hopped up on the bench and was convinced (with a peanut butter treat) to place her paws next to her now-famous ancestor.

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Nonprofits look to improve homeownership disparity

By GABY VINICK and ALEXA CHATHAM

Wisconsin Public Radio

MADISON — To Greg Lewis, the home was beautiful. Cozy and inviting, the two-bedroom house in Milwaukee had a finished basement, two and a half car garage, an attached apartment and a yard.

He had his eyes set on it for 42 days, only to learn that the appraisal, or valuation of the property, was lower than he expected. Lewis thought it was going to be about \$100,000, as another house on the same block sold for \$130,000. Yet the appraisal only came in at \$90,000 — meaning banks would be limited in how much they could lend him to buy the home.

He blames the difference on racism. And he is not alone. Experts and some homeowners say historic racism continues to play a role in depressing the value of Black-owned homes, especially in majority-Black neighborhoods.

"Some homes can be beautiful homes and the appraisal comes in short, and then you got to deal with that because they find out that it's a Black person that owns it and is selling it," said Lewis, who had to take a pass on buying the house.

Owning a home allows families to preserve and grow wealth, increases their capacity to borrow and lowers the cost of housing. Lower appraisals are among many barriers to building wealth faced by

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Annexation of territory along Banker Road in Fort advances

Council moves ordinance to a second reading

By Randall Dullum

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An ordinance annexing the territory along Banker Road to the City of Fort Atkinson for a planned neighborhood was moved to a second reading by the city council last Tuesday.

City Manager Rebecca Houseman LeMire said that, in 2019, the City of Fort Atkinson purchased three parcels of land along Banker Road in the Town of Koskonong with the intention of annexation and future residential development.

The annexation, she said, will allow the property owners to develop the property at higher densities and obtain urban services

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‘Dairy Day at the Moo-seum’



Pam Chickering Wilson
The Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson held its annual “Dairy Day at the Moo-seum” Saturday, in drive-through format, featuring dairy related exhibits and giveaways of small toys and dairy treats. Pictured here, a visitor sits at the wheel of a 1970 John Deere tractor loaned for the occasion by John Weigand.



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OBITUARIES

Walter A “Wally” Kinateder

May 15, 1934 - June 19, 2021

Jefferson, WI - WALTER A. “WALLY” KINATEDER, age 87 of Jefferson passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.



He was born on May 15, 1934, in Palmyra township to Joseph and Anna (Resch) Kinateder.

He graduated from University High School in 1952. Wally honorably served in the United States Army with the artillery stationed in Germany.

He married Kathleen Szymkowski on February 4, 1961, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Whitewater. Wally was employed as a Supervisor at the Jefferson County Highway Department for over 30 years until his retirement.

Wally always considered himself a country boy at heart loving nothing more than helping his son on the farm and driving his Oliver 88. Wally enjoyed collecting toy tractors and woodworking.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church serving on the church council and the Knights of Columbus. Wally was generous with his spare time volunteering many years with St. Vincent DePaul in Jefferson, Meals on Wheels, and even knitting stocking hats for the Homeless in Milwaukee.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen “Kaye” sons Gary (Melanie) Kinateder of Aurora CO, Steven (Debra) Kinateder of Helenville and Bruce (Shareen) Kinateder of Whitewater; grandchildren Adam, Alex and Andrew Kinateder, Lucas (Lindsay) Kinateder, Emily Kinateder, Megan Kinateder, Alisha (Jerry) Miller, Tasha (Anthony) Alcorta, Alexander (Rebekah) Olson and Talia Olson; great-grandchildren Rosalie and Daisy Olson, and Elias and Ardath Alcorta; sister Alice Thomas of Waukesha.

Wally is preceded by his parents; son Philip Kinateder; brothers Joseph Kinateder, John Kinateder and Herbert Kinateder; sisters Helen Gerlach and Rosella Kinateder.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jefferson with the Rev. Thomas Coyle officiating. Burial will follow in the Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 AM until the time of Mass.

Those wishing to send a donation in Wally’s name may direct them to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The family wishes to especially thank Father Tom Coyle for his prayers for Wally.

Please visit, www.schneidermichaelisfuneralhome.com to leave a condolence and share a memory.

Steven J. “Smitty” Smith

March 20, 1955 - June 11, 2021

Watertown, WI - Steven J. ‘Smitty’ Smith, 66, Lake Mills died on Friday, June 11, 2021, at the Watertown Regional Medical Center.



He was born on March 20, 1955 in Milwaukee the son of John and Elizabeth (Starr) Smith.

Steve was a graduate of the Lake Mills High School, class of 1974 and a member of the St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Lake Mills.

In high school he enjoyed playing Football, Wrestling and Baseball. He was a well rounded knowledgeable person. A farmer, hunter, snowmobiler, worked at the canning factory, a mink farm, area body shops, underground electrical, and heavy duty construction, just to name a few. He enjoyed the challenge of raising buildings and moving them from one location to another. He was an avid one on one spectator drag racer who traveled with a group of friends, that also participated in the sport, to many race tracks around the state many years.

Survivors include his mother, Betty of Johnson Creek; brothers and sisters, Sheila (LeRoy) Scheel, Gary Smith, Lynette Pauli, Ellen (John) Mitchell, Jane (Dennis) Riedl, Carol (Lewis) Eck, Dale (Denise) Smith; a special friend, Janet DeWitt; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John; his brothers, John and Michael; his nephew, Jacob; and brother-in-law Thomas Pauli.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish (formerly known as St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church), 606 College Street, Lake Mills.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021 at the church and also after 10 am on Tuesday at the church until the Mass

Burial will be in Rock Lake Cemetery.
www.claussenfuneralhome.com



Pam Chickering Wilson
LEFT: The Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson held its annual “Dairy Day at the Moo-seum” Saturday, in drive-through format, featuring dairy related exhibits and giveaways of small toys and dairy treats. Pictured here, Cierra Ehrke-Essock holds 3-week-old calf Mollie.

Puppy

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“They found they appreciated the support they received from each other and the benefit of sharing their enthusiasm about dogs,” she added. “As a result, they formed the Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson in 1992. Others with similar interests soon joined the fun.”

The Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, represented by Director Sue Hartwick, was thanked for its generous grant of \$8,050 in support of the project.

Schumacher acknowledged several individuals, businesses and organizations that contributed to the success of the project. She cited Mark Dziejwior’s meticulous creative talent that captured the essence of the three puppies. Parks and Recreation

Director Brooke Franseen, retired Director Scott Lastusky and retired assistant city engineer provided guidance and support from start to finish.

Fort Atkinson Parks and Recreation and Public Works craftsmen — J.J. Yanke, Robbie Allard, John Bennett, Rob Stine, Josh Crandall and Dennis Tessman — were recognized for their work on site preparation, concrete foundation, carpentry, asphalt and installation.

Bob Muench, of Stonecraft Masonry, who created the pedestal and bench; Mark Engelke, Chris Engelke, and Mike Paitel of Mark the Plumber, LLC; Mark Warren of American Awards and Promotions; and contractors Dodge Concrete, Hausz Brothers, Inc., and LaGrange Asphalt Plant also were acknowledged.

In reference to KCFA, Schumacher stated: “As a small all-volunteer

nonprofit organization, the Kennel Club continues to pour its heart into the community — from dog training classes to public education about responsible dog ownership, to community service projects such as this one. Club members, we salute you.”

Dziejwior stepped forward to unveil his Puppy Serenade statue, and Schumacher stated, “These are the pups that put Patty, Marleen and Rita on the pathway that led to the Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson. Thank you, ladies!”

Adding a special touch to the program was the surprise appearance of Birch, the great-great-granddaughter of Beran’s founding dog, Cody. The seven-month-old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever hopped up on the bench and was convinced (with a peanut butter treat) to place her paws next to her now-famous

ancestor. Birch received a heart-shaped dog treat for her efforts.

Hasel, speaking on behalf of the three founding members, stated: “The three of us started the club for very selfish reasons, because we were enjoying what we were doing so much and we could do it together. Thanks to everyone who had anything to do with this, especially the Kennel Club for its continued success and its support to all of us.”

Schumacher concluded the program by thanking attendees and urging them to come back to enjoy Rock River Park and all its amenities, especially Puppy Serenade.

The Kennel Club of Fort Atkinson is an all-volunteer 501©(3) nonprofit organization, offering community service, education and training classes. Visit www.kcfadogs.org and the club’s Facebook page for more information.

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that are not available in the town, such as water and sewer.

“This annexation would create town islands within the city, and, to avoid potential conflict, the city and Town of Koskonong chose to work together on an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to mutual benefit,” LeMire stated. “That IGA has been executed, and the city has commissioned a plat of annexation and a legal description to move forward with the process.” She noted that the

temporary zoning classification proposed is SR-2, Single-Family Residential District-2.

“This is simply a placeholder zoning district until such time that the city council determines the appropriate zoning districts based on the approval of the Neighborhood Plan,” LeMire indicated.

The City of Fort Atkinson, she said, is well aware of the current housing shortage of all types, densities and sizes.

“The annexation of the subject parcels will further the city’s goal of providing suitable land for residential development,” LeMire said.

This annexation allows the city to continue the Neighborhood Planning process, she noted.

“After that plan is complete, the city intends to prepare a request for proposals for developers to develop the land in phases in accordance with the city’s Comprehensive Plan and the approved Neighborhood Plan,” LeMire said. “The development of this land will increase the opportunity for housing as well as the city’s tax base.”

The city’s future land use map from the 2019 comprehensive land use plan shows the area as Planned Neighborhood. This future land use category is intended to provide

for a variety of housing choices and a carefully planned mix of non-residential uses consistent with the mainly residential character of the area.

The city has hired Vandewalle and Associates to develop an overall Neighborhood Plan for the area. That process has started and is expected to be complete within the next 3 to 4 months.

The city’s Plan Commission met June 8 and recommended that the city council review the petition for annexation and approve the ordinance annexing the territory along Banker Road to the City of Fort Atkinson.