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Waukesha taps Milwaukee for water supply

Projected cost is \$40 million cheaper than other options for Waukesha's ratepayers

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MILWAUKEE — Waukesha water ratepayers could come out on top — as average bills are expected to be about \$200 less per year than with other offers — with the city water utility's decision to purchase future water from Milwaukee.

The 40-year commitment, formally announced Monday afternoon at Discovery World on Milwaukee's waterfront, is a major development in a years-long effort to obtain safe and reasonably priced drinking water and could mean less need for conservation by residents and more money saved to be used for other capital projects in Waukesha.

Milwaukee was ultimately chosen over Oak Creek, Waukesha's longtime partner in the water project, because it offered a cheaper cost due to the shorter pipeline distance between cities, said Waukesha Water Utility Manager Dan Duchniak.

Oak Creek tried to match Milwaukee's proposal but wasn't able to offer a deal as cheap as Milwaukee's at

\$286.2 million. Oak Creek's final offer was \$325.4 million, nearly \$40 million more than Milwaukee's, Duchniak said.

Still, Waukesha residents will see their rates double or even triple in the coming years to help pay for the massive infrastructure project ahead, Duchniak said.

Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly said cost was one of the biggest deciding factors.

"Both the water utility and myself have a duty to the ratepayers to give clean water at the most reasonable price. The pipeline cost was greater with Oak Creek and we weren't able to bridge that gap," Reilly said.

Oak Creek's Mayor Dan Bukiewicz wasn't available for comment on the lost deal Monday.

Moving forward, both cities will need to finalize permitting for the 15.6 miles of pipeline between Milwaukee and Waukesha and the outflow pipe to the Root River via the city of Franklin.

The agreement between Waukesha and Milwaukee will be presented to their Common Councils for a final decision on Dec. 5 and

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Nov. 28, respectively, Duchniak said.

Last year, a compact council of the eight governors from the states surrounding the Great Lakes approved Waukesha's diversion of Lake Michigan water to replace its radium-contaminated groundwater source. Waukesha is required to comply with federal and state safe drinking water standards by 2023 and a Great Lakes diversion has been deemed the most sustainable and cost-effective method.

Oak Creek had been Waukesha's first choice for water and had signed an exclusivity agreement that expired this spring. Milwaukee submitted an unsolicited and unexpected proposal in May that was then considered, negotiated and eventually won over Oak Creek's proposal.

Water history with Milwaukee

Milwaukee's unsolicited proposal was the second



Kenny Yoo/Special to The Freeman

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly raise glasses of Lake Michigan water to toast their cities' joint water alliance at Discovery World in Milwaukee on Monday.

time the city showed interest in providing Waukesha with Lake Michigan water.

Milwaukee first voiced interest in 2012, but after a short back-and-forth between city officials, talks abruptly ended because Milwaukee refused to provide water for Waukesha's entire service area that stretched beyond city limits and absorbed parts of Pewaukee, Genesee, Delafield and the Town of Waukesha.

Part of Waukesha's final approval from the eight Great Lakes states in June 2016 was to tighten the service area, which brought it more in line with what Milwaukee originally wanted, said Jennifer Gonda, superintendent of Milwaukee Water Works.

Waukesha residents raised questions about Milwaukee's proposal when it was submitted this year, wondering if the city would somehow attach strings to

water sales.

"Our water sale process includes some communication files in the early stages that require parties that are requesting wholesale water to communicate information regarding housing and transportation options. It does not allow for us to direct that community to make changes or for us to attach strings to the water sale," Gonda said.

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What you're saying

Reactions to Waukesha-Milwaukee water announcement on Facebook:

"What happens when this agreement expires? After investing in all the infrastructure, Milwaukee knows they can increase prices and

add restriction and Waukesha will have no options. I don't trust Barrett and other Milwaukee leaders to negotiate in good faith in the future." — *Kathie Toppe Ehlike*

"200!!!! I don't even think I pay 200 a year as is for water." — *Dan Miller*

"OK. But what's the catch?" — *Adam Jankowski*

"Very very leery of purchasing anything from Barrett. He's made it pretty clear in the past he is not fond of anything 'Waukesha.' With something as obviously vital as water is, would not want-

ing him holding any strings in the future over Waukesha citizens' heads." — *Bob Wolfgram Sr.*

"My guess is that in less than five years Milwaukee will increase rates astronomically, holding Waukesha's taxpayers hostage for water." — *Mary Weber Ziebell*

By the numbers: Milwaukee water deal

\$200 — Annual average rate savings with Milwaukee water
\$286.2 million — Milwaukee's proposal
\$325.4 million — Oak Creek's proposal
\$40 million — Waukesha's total savings

\$55,000 — Annual costs saved by top five water users in Waukesha
15.6 miles — Proposed pipeline distance between Waukesha and Milwaukee
8.2 million — Gallons per day, maximum, of water to be carried to Waukesha daily

HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committee recommends \$58.9M facilities referendum

No date set
for vote yet

By Kelly Smith
Special to The Freeman

TOWN OF LISBON — A citizens' advisory committee has recommended the Hamilton School District Board of Education seek voter approval for \$58.9 million in 2018.

However, the 48-member Facilities Advisory Committee could not agree on when the referendum should be held.

The board is expected to accept the committee's recommendation and will decide at its Nov. 9 or Nov. 20 meeting when to hold the referendum, according to school officials.

There will be two questions on the ballot.

The first question will ask voters to approve a \$57.4 construction referendum that will include \$42.9 million for the construction of an intermediate school for fifth- and sixth-graders.

The new school will be located on a school-owned cornfield on Silver Spring Drive adjacent to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, northwest of the intersection of Silver Spring Drive and Town Line Road, school officials announced at the meeting.

Another \$14.5 million is

being sought for additions and improvements to Hamilton High School.

The construction will provide additional classroom and office space along with updated facilities for the Applied Engineering Department.

School officials say the additions will enable them to provide more "rigorous course offerings" in manufacturing, fabrication and design and robotic programming for nearly 500 students a year.

The second referendum question will seek voter approval of \$1.5 million in operating costs for the newly constructed intermediate school.

School officials say they cannot open the new intermediate school without that \$1.5 million because it will pay for utilities, office staff, paraprofessionals and counselors at the school.

Building the intermediate school is the highest priority of the school administration, according to school officials.

The new building is necessary to relieve overcrowding at some of the district's four middle schools, according to school officials.

Two of the middle schools have more than 600 students and classroom sizes exceed school board policies, according to Human Resources Director John Roubick.



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Hamilton School District Human Resources Director John Roubick reviews enrollment figures with a citizens advisory committee that recommended the school board seek a \$59 million referendum.

District spokeswoman Denise Dorn Lindberg said additions have been built on all the elementary school buildings and a new building for fifth- and sixth-graders is needed.

"The intermediate school is our greatest need. We have a lot of students and we need classrooms for them," said Superintendent Paul Mielke.

However, according to a polling consultant, voters place a higher priority on

the high school additions and improvements.

The advisory committee accepted the consultant's recommendation that the construction issues be a single question on the ballot to improve the chances of \$42 million for the intermediate school to be approved.

According to school officials, the real estate tax rate would increase by \$1.37 or about \$137 per \$100,000 of property value

if the referendum is approved.

However, the tax rate for the 2017-18 school year will decrease by 37 cents per \$100,000, which means the net increase from 2016-2017 taxes, if the referendum is approved, would be \$1.00 per \$100,000 property value.

Possible dates

But most of the committee's discussions was devoted to the date of the election.

School officials hinted they would prefer a February primary election because it would enable the district to begin construction sooner and at less cost than if the referendum were voted on during the spring municipal elections in April.

Committee member Fran Clouse argued against the April municipal elections because of school and spring break activities that occur during that month.

"There is just too much going on. I think people are too distracted to remember to go vote," she said.

Sussex Village Trustee Matt Carran urged the district to wait until the November general election, which would provide supporters of the referendum plenty of time to campaign for its adoption.

Dorn Lindberg told the group that February might be the best time because primary elections attract the most active voters and the campaign for the referendum might have a bigger impact on a larger percentage of voters in February than during a November general election when the voter turnout is much larger, and the campaign impact would be less.

The school district includes all of Sussex, the eastern half of Lisbon and western portions of Menomonee Falls.

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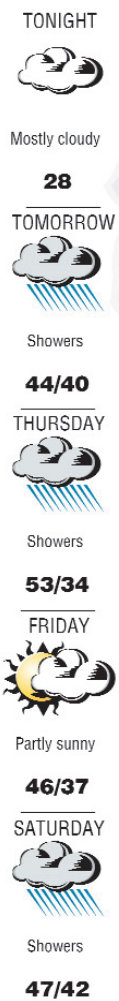
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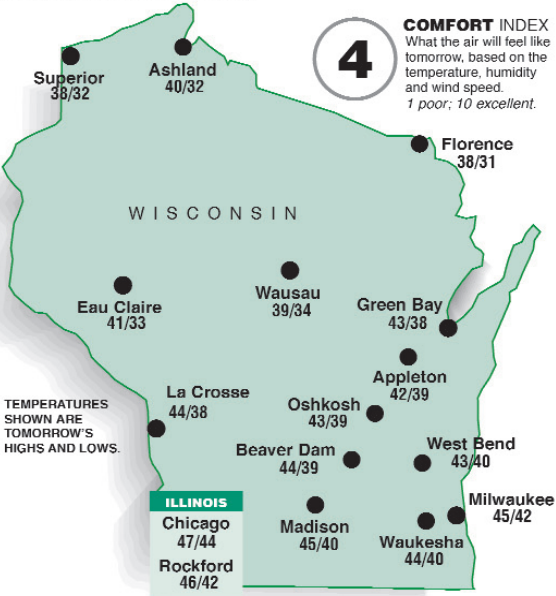
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST



REGIONAL FORECAST



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Statistics for yesterday

High/Low, Waukesha	44/38
High/Low, Waukegan	49/41
Normal High / Low	54/39
Last year's high for date	54
Last year's low for date	39
Precipitation, Waukesha	0.00"
Precipitation, Waukegan	0.01"
Precip. month to date	4.08"
Precip. year to date	32.25"
Snowfall yesterday	0.0"
Snow season to date	0.0"

* Precipitation source: Gen. Mitchell International, Milwaukee. Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

Nov. 4 Full	Nov. 10 Last	Nov. 18 New	Nov. 26 First
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Sunset today.....5:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow.....7:28 a.m.

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A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body.

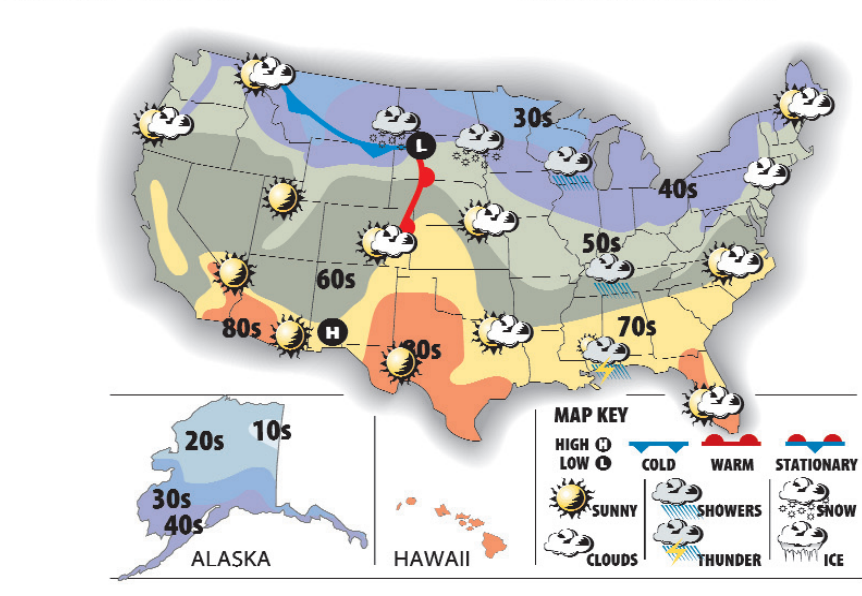
8 a.m.	24
Noon	29
4 p.m.	36
8 p.m.	34

HEATING DEGREE
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.

Yesterday	20
Month to date	234
Season to date	306
Normal season to date	567

Yesterday.....20
Moonrise tomorrow.....4:14 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow.....4:10 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Mostly cloudy through around midnight then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds around 5 mph. Wednesday: A chance of afternoon showers.

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
Tonight: West wind 10 to 15 knots backing southwest early in the morning.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST

The UVI forecast for Wednesday is **2**
UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 73 Low: 51	CHICAGO High: 47 Low: 44	DALLAS High: 76 Low: 62
DENVER High: 70 Low: 38	LOS ANGELES High: 65 Low: 58	MIAMI High: 82 Low: 70
MINNEAPOLIS High: 42 Low: 33	NEW YORK High: 55 Low: 50	PHOENIX High: 84 Low: 61
SEATTLE High: 55 Low: 46	ST. LOUIS High: 54 Low: 51	WASHINGTON High: 60 Low: 48

Water

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During a Great Lakes water event in Waukesha in September, some residents asked for Oak Creek water, even if it was more expensive.

"I'm very concerned about letting the city of Milwaukee sell Waukesha water," said Tom Puddicombe, 63, of Waukesha. "I would never want them to have their hand on the valve."

Win for Milwaukee water customers

Gonda said there are a number of other benefits to Milwaukee residents and water works customers.

Waukesha has pledged to contribute a one-time fee of \$2.5 million for Milwaukee's infrastructure during the project and the city plans to use that money to replace laterals — lead pipes — on Milwaukee properties, said Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett.

While Waukesha ratepayers are looking at much higher water costs, Gonda said Milwaukee's water customers would see a cost savings that will extend long into the future.

Milwaukee has pledged to build, own, operate and maintain a booster pump station near South 60th Street and Howard Avenue and pay for part of the pipeline to South 84th Street and West Cold Spring Road, Duchniak said.

Milwaukee and Waukesha officials came together Mon-



day afternoon at Discovery World in downtown Milwaukee to make the announcement and talk about the intergovernmental negotiations that make the deal possible.

A historic announcement

Barrett called the deal the

most significant agreement in the history of southeastern Wisconsin.

"I am pleased we have reached this historic agreement that remains true to the Great Lakes compact. This partnership is an excellent example of regional cooperation, and it is both

fiscally and environmentally sound," Barrett said in a statement. "I welcome our new relationship with the city of Waukesha and look forward to continued future collaborations."

The contract between Waukesha and Milwaukee will extend 40 years, with the

option for 10-year increments added on from there.

Waukesha will eventually purchase and pipe in 8.2 million gallons of Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee each day.

Construction on the pipeline is slated to start in 2020 with completion in 2023.

Trump aides indicted in Russia probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Monday, the special counsel investigating possible coordination between the Kremlin and the Trump presidential campaign announced the first charges, indicting President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman and revealing how an adviser lied to the FBI about meetings with Russian intermediaries.

The formal charges against a total of three people are the first public demonstration that special counsel Robert Mueller and his team believe they have identified criminal conduct. And they send a warning that individuals in the Trump orbit who do not cooperate with Mueller's investigators, or who are believed to mislead them during questioning, could also wind up charged and facing years in prison.

Paul Manafort, who steered Trump's campaign for much of last year, and business associate Rick Gates ended the day under house arrest on charges that they funneled payments through foreign companies and bank accounts as part of their private political work in Ukraine.

George Papadopoulos,

also a former campaign adviser, faced further questioning and then sentencing in the first — and so far only — criminal case that links the Trump election effort to the Kremlin.

Not charged with wrongdoing in Trump campaign

Manafort and Gates, who pleaded not guilty in federal court, are not charged with any wrongdoing as part of the Trump campaign. The president said on Twitter that the alleged crimes occurred "years ago," and he insisted anew there was "NO COLLUSION" between his campaign and Russia.

But former adviser Papadopoulos admitted in newly unsealed court papers that he was told in April 2016 that the Russians had "dirt" on Democratic rival Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails," well before it became public that the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's emails had been hacked.

Papadopoulos was not charged with having improper communications with Russians but rather with lying to FBI agents when asked about the contacts, suggesting that Mueller — who was appointed in May to lead the Justice Department's investigation — is prepared to indict for false statements even if the underlying conduct he uncovers might not necessarily be criminal.

Manafort's indictment doesn't reference the Trump campaign or make any allegations about coordination between Russia and campaign aides. But it does allege a criminal conspiracy was continuing through February of this year, after



Associated Press

Paul Manafort, left, leaves Federal District Court in Washington on Monday. Manafort, President Trump's former campaign chairman, and Manafort's business associate Rick Gates pleaded not guilty to conspiracy against the U.S. and other counts.

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Trump had taken office.

Manafort, 68, was fired as Trump's campaign chairman in August 2016 after word surfaced that he had orchestrated a covert lobbying operation on behalf of pro-Russian interests in Ukraine. The indictment against Manafort and Gates was largely based on activities disclosed in August 2016 by The Associated Press, which reported that the pair had managed a covert Washington lobbying operation on behalf of Ukraine's ruling political party.

STATE NEWS

MADISON

Assembly panel to vote on police body cam bill

MADISON (AP) — A proposal that would make it more difficult for the public to see footage captured on police body cameras is up for a vote in a Wisconsin Assembly committee.

The measure up for committee approval today is opposed by open records advocates who argue it is too restrictive and will make it nearly impossible for the public to see video captured on police body cameras. Supporters say the measure will protect the privacy of people captured on body camera footage while also establishing statewide guidelines for law enforcement agencies.

KESHENA

Meth found with trick-or-treat candy

KESHENA (AP) — Menominee tribal police say a parent on the reservation found a packet of methamphetamine among her child's trick-or-treat Halloween candy.

The parent turned the small packet of crystal powder over to police early Monday and officers say it tested positive for meth. The child had not ingested the powder.

WLUK says police are urging parents to check their children's candy.

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NATIONAL NEWS

HARTFORD, CONN.

Severe rainstorm slams Northeast, leaves 1.5M without power

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A severe storm packing hurricane-force wind gusts and soaking rain swept through the Northeast early Monday, knocking out power for nearly 1.5 million homes and businesses and forcing hundreds of schools to close in New England.

Falling trees knocked down power lines across the region, and some utility companies warned power could be out for days. Trees also fell onto homes and vehicles, but no serious injuries were reported.

New England got the brunt of the storm, which brought sustained winds of up to 50 mph in spots. A gust of 130 mph was reported at the Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, while winds hit 82 mph in Mashpee on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

The storm left 450,000 New Hampshire residents without power at its peak and produced wind gusts of 78 mph, emergency officials said. Maine also was hit hard, with 492,000 homes and businesses losing electricity, surpassing the peak number from an infamous 1998 ice storm. The Portland International Jetport recorded a wind gust of 69 mph, and the Amtrak Downeaster service canceled a morning run due to down trees on the tracks.

WASHINGTON

Tech cos. find more signs of Russian election activity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major tech companies plan to tell Congress today that they have found additional evidence of Russian activity on their services surrounding the 2016 U.S. election.

Facebook, for instance, says a Russian group posted more than 80,000 times on its service during and after the election, potentially reaching as many as 126 million users. The company plans to disclose these numbers to the Senate Judiciary Committee today, according to a person familiar with the testimony.

Twitter plans to tell the same committee that it has uncovered and shut down 2,752 accounts linked to the same group, Russia's Internet Research Agency, which is known for promoting pro-Russian government positions. That number is nearly 14 times larger than the number of accounts Twitter handed over to congressional committees three weeks ago.

And Google announced it found evidence of "limited" misuse of its services by the Russian group, as well as some YouTube channels that were likely backed by Russian agents.