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Preferred route picked for Lake Michigan water

Utility doing final inspections, expects route to be finalized by end of year

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WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Water Utility has selected a preferred route for a roughly 15-mile pipeline expected to bring Lake Michigan water from the City of Milwaukee to Waukesha.

In letters sent Friday, the utility informed the mayors of Milwaukee, New Berlin, Greenfield and West Allis of the route choice.

Should it become a reality the preferred pipeline would run from 60th Street and Howard Avenue in Milwaukee, up West Honey Creek Drive to West Oklahoma Avenue, continuing west along Coffee Road and Racine Avenue in New Berlin where it would connect with the Waukesha Water Utility's water distribution system at Minooka Park.

"Minooka Park is where we actually have our water storage and booster pump facility. Milwaukee will pump the water to that facility, and then we will take it from that facility, touch up any chemicals that need to be touched up, and pump it into our facilities," Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Daniel Duchniak said Monday.

The route essentially takes the pipeline through three cities, Milwaukee, West Allis and New Berlin.

"Greenfield won't be affected anymore, because we will be going through Milwaukee. We will be touching West Allis a little bit, but it is mainly Milwaukee and New Berlin that will be affected," Duchniak added.

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26th annual Trailbreaker Marathon



WAUKESHA — Drake Marino continues his run in the 5k around Frame Park during the 26th Annual Trailbreaker Marathon at Schultz Recreation Center in Waukesha.



Haydee Staebell receives her participation medal after crossing the finishing line during the 26th Annual Trailbreaker Marathon at Schultz Recreation Center in Waukesha.



Kenny Yoo/Special to The Freeman

Joe Period is the first to cross the finish line as he finished the 10k during the 26th Annual Trailbreaker Marathon at Schultz Recreation Center in Waukesha.

Police identify Sunset Drive homicide victim

WAUKESHA — Waukesha police have identified the man who was fatally shot Friday in a duplex on the city's southwest side as 46-year-old James Bell of Waukesha.

Waukesha police and firefighters were called at 12:13 p.m. on Friday to 1261 West Sunset Drive for a report of a man who had been shot in the chest.

The victim was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital with life-

threatening injuries, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Police also took a female suspect into custody that afternoon, who, according to a press release, was cooperating with the investigation.

Karen Strickland, who lives in a building to the west of the duplex, said Friday afternoon that she saw police arrive at the residence and take a woman who appeared to be

bleeding from the head into custody.

She also saw a man on a stretcher being loaded into an ambulance, she said.

Multiple officers could be seen walking into and out of a duplex for much of the afternoon on Friday.

The duplex is located across the street from the Fox River Trail, less than a block from the Shoppes at Fox River.

— Cara Spoto, Freeman Staff

Sears property redevelopment underway at Brookfield Square

BistroPlex, WhirlyBall part of first phase of plans for mall's southeast side



Submitted rendering

A Marcus BistroPlex is part of the plan for the former Sears site at Brookfield Square.

By Dave Fidlín
Special to The Freeman

BROOKFIELD — Three weeks have passed since Sears closed its longtime Brookfield Square store, and mall management say customers will soon begin noticing changes to the property's southeast side.

Three confirmed restaurant and entertainment destinations will soon take the place of Sears, a mainstay at the mall for more than half a century. A Marcus BistroPlex, first announced last summer, will occupy a portion of the property.

Also taking root at the site are two restaurant and entertainment options making their debuts in Wisconsin: WhirlyBall, a bar and restaurant offering such amenities as bumper cars, and Uncle Julio's, a Mexican eatery touting its use of fresh ingredients.

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Investors sign letter of intent to buy Bon-Ton Stores

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MILWAUKEE — Although The Bon-Ton Stores was scheduled to go to bankruptcy auction on Monday, a group of investors stepped forward to express interest in buying the company and signed a letter of intent to do so.

On Friday, Bon-Ton, dual headquartered in Milwaukee and York, Pa., filed a notice with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, indicating 2,255 employees across the state could lose their jobs

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From the Waukesha Police blotter

2:38 p.m. Saturday — A cable customer in the 100 block of Cambridge Avenue called police after a Spectrum employee who was supposed to come to his residence at 6 p.m. somehow got into his building early in the morning and pounded on the door loudly, making a scene. The Spectrum employee reportedly called the customer 15-20 times that day as well. The customer reportedly called Spectrum and specifically requested that the employee in question never be sent to his address again. The customer reportedly learned from authorities that the employee has a history of harassment and theft. The caller was instructed to call the police if the employee returns.

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WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Mostly cloudy
High 56 / Low 45

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TONIGHT
Increasing clouds
33

TOMORROW
Mostly cloudy
56/45

THURSDAY
Mostly sunny
61/39

FRIDAY
Chance of thunderstorms
64/38

SATURDAY
Chance of rain
47/26

REGIONAL FORECAST

WISCONSIN

TEMPERATURES SHOWN ARE TOMORROW'S HIGHS AND LOWS.

ILLINOIS

ALMANAC

Statistics for yesterday

High/Low, Waukesha 36/26

High/Low 37/28

Normal High / Low 51/35

Last year's high for date 75

Last year's low for date 56

Precipitation, Waukesha 0.01"

Precipitation 0.03"

Precip. month to date 0.42"

Precip. year to date 5.90"

Snowfall yesterday na

Snow season to date 38.4"

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

Apr. 15 New

Apr. 22 First Q

Apr. 29 Full

May 7 Last Q

Sunset today 7:30 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:15 a.m.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW

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

8 a.m. 27

Noon 40

4 p.m. 56

8 p.m. 52

HEATING DEGREE

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

Yesterday 32

Month to date 306

Season to date 5842

Normal season to date 6119

Yesterday 32

Month to date 306

Season to date 5842

Normal season to date 6119

Moonsrise tomorrow 3:47 a.m.

Moonsset tomorrow 2:57 p.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

MAP KEY

HIGH COLD WARM STATIONARY

LOW CLOUDS SUNNY SHOWERS THUNDER SNOW ICE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday: Not as cool. Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of light rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s.

MARINE FORECAST

Lake Michigan near shore forecast:

Tonight: Southwest wind 10 to 15 knots. Gusts up to 20 knots in the late evening and overnight.

Lake Michigan water temperature is 39 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST

The UVI forecast for Wednesday is 5

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.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA High: 68 Low: 44

DENVER High: 77 Low: 45

MINNEAPOLIS High: 51 Low: 35

SEATTLE High: 53 Low: 40

CHICAGO High: 59 Low: 48

LOS ANGELES High: 65 Low: 56

NEW YORK High: 54 Low: 41

ST. LOUIS High: 67 Low: 52

DALLAS High: 81 Low: 61

MIAMI High: 83 Low: 70

PHOENIX High: 98 Low: 67

WASHINGTON High: 58 Low: 44

Water

Field work

Other route options had the pipeline dipping farther south to run along Beloit or Observatory roads.

In addition to notifying the mayors of the preferred route, the letters sent Friday a l s o informed them about field investigations the utility will be doing in their communities.

"This isn't the final route. This is (the) preferred route, so now we go ahead and do all of the survey work that needs to be done. The route may change here and there. We may find there is some contamination that will cause problems, so we would need to adjust the route for that reason. However, we anticipate that it will be somewhere along this route."

The hope is that the route will be finalized some time this year.

After that the utility will begin the permitting process. Duchniak said the goal is to start construction on the pipeline in early in 2020.



Trump Tower fire victim didn't have working smoke detector in his apartment

NEW YORK (AP) — Smoke detectors save lives — and one might have saved the man who died in Saturday's blaze in Trump Tower.

Todd Brassner's apartment didn't have a working smoke detector, FDNY officials said Monday.

Firefighters rushed over to the Fifth Avenue high-rise after a building-wide alarm system alerted them to the blaze, officials said.

By the time they arrived, Brassner, a 67-year-old art dealer, was unconscious on the 50th floor.

Brassner later died at the hospital from smoke inhalation, the city medical examiner said Monday.

It's likely the fire was accidental, sources said.

But investigators have yet to pin down what set the blaze, which spewed bright flames and smoke from several windows in the glass-sheathed tower.

Property owners like Brassner are responsible for making sure they have working smoke alarms, according to New York City law.

A lack of sprinklers in the tower's residential floors contributed to the fire, FDNY officials have said.

Trump Tower currently only has sprinklers on its commercial floors.

Facebook users still waiting on privacy scandal notices

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook said it would begin notifying users Monday if their data has been swept up in the Cambridge Analytica scandal, although it appears to be taking its time.

The 87 million users who might have had their data shared with Cambridge Analytica were supposed to get a detailed message on their news feeds starting on Monday. Facebook says more than 70 million of the affected users are in the U.S., though there are over a million each in the Philippines, Indonesia and the U.K.

As of 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, however, there were no signs that any users have yet received that notification or a more general one Facebook said it would direct to everyone on its service. Associated Press reporters around the world have been surveying users, none of whom have reported seeing anything from Facebook.

There appear to be no social media reports of notifications, and Facebook had no immediate comment on the matter.

Reeling from its worst privacy crisis in history — allegations that this Trump-affiliated data mining firm may have used illegotten user data to try to influence elections — Facebook is in full damage-control mode. CEO Mark Zuckerberg acknowledged that he made a "huge mistake" in failing to take a broad enough view of what Facebook's responsibility is in the world. He's set to testify before Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In prepared remarks released by a House committee, Zuckerberg said the company has notified all users affected in the scandal. Since the remarks are for Wednesday morning, this means everyone who was affected should see a message by then.

Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie previously estimated that more than 50 million people were compromised by a personality quiz that collected data from users and their friends. In an interview aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Wylie said the true number could be even larger than 87 million.

Pump house

Waukesha aldermen voted in December to approve a 40-year contract for the purchase of Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee.

The deal allows Waukesha to draw up to 8.2 million gallons of Lake Michigan water per day.

As part of the water agreement Milwaukee will design, build, own and operate a water pumping station located somewhere between 60th and 76th streets, and West Howard and Oklahoma avenues, as well as two miles of new water main in the city that will branch off from an existing underground main on 60th Street.

The pump house itself would be 40-by-60 feet in size and likely be located on property that is for sale or owned by the city of Milwaukee.

The city of Milwaukee is still determining where the pump house will be located, Duchniak said, and its location could affect the final route for the pipeline.

Sears

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Stacey Keating is a spokeswoman with CBL Properties, the Chattanooga, Tenn.-based firm that owns most of Brookfield Square, including the Sears site. In an interview with The Freeman, Keating confirmed Sears has vacated the site, and interior demolition work is underway.

Sears Holdings Corp., the Hoffman Estates, Ill.-based owners of the Sears and Kmart banners, confirmed in January it was holding a liquidation sale and leaving the premises. The two-and-a-half-month closing sale wrapped up March 18.

"Demolition work has already begun at the Sears site," Keating said. "Inside prep work is already underway."

In the weeks ahead, Keating said crews will begin tearing down most of the 160,000-square-foot structure to accommodate the new tenants. A firm date has not been set, but Keating indicated the site will start being barricaded to the public in early May.

CBL has not announced when the trio of confirmed eateries and entertainment destinations will open their doors, Keating said, though



Dave Fidlin/Special to The Freeman

Interior demolition work has begun at the Sears building, stripped of its signage, at Brookfield Square. A dumpster and outdoor restrooms are the first signs of construction equipment at the site.

the BistroPlex and Whirly-Ball are part of the first phase of redevelopment for the site.

"We will be announcing some other retailers for this site in the coming weeks," Keating said. "We're still working through plans for the rest of the development."

Stephen Lebovitz, president and CEO of CBL Properties, in a statement said the redevelopment work underway positions Brookfield Square for success in the years ahead.

"Since acquiring the Sears

building last year and announcing our plans for redevelopment, we have received significant demand from a variety of users interested in being a part of this transformative project," Lebovitz said in the statement.

Many of the traditional mall-based department stores have been in precarious situations at the hands of online shopping, heightened competition from fast-casual clothiers and other factors.

The loss of a department store — oftentimes dubbed an anchor store because of

its one-time magnetic draw — was once viewed as the beginning of a mall's death spiral. More recently, however, mall owners such as CBL Properties have looked at other uses for their properties by relying less on department stores.

With Sears out of the equation, Brookfield Square has two remaining department stores — JCPenney and Boston Store — though the latter could be shutting down as parent company The Bon-Ton Stores continue to work through bankruptcy proceedings.

Bon-Ton

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if the company's assets are completely liquidated. Since filing for Chapter 11 reorganization in early February, Bon-Ton has been seeking a buyer after years of struggling with debt and declining sales.

The company operates retail stores under the name Boston Store, Younkers and several others.

On Monday, Bon-Ton announced that a group of investors comprised of DW Partners, Namdar Realty Group (including its partner Mason Asset Manage-

ment) and Washington Prime Group said they wanted to buy the company. According to the announcement, Bon-Ton and the investor group are in the process of finalizing an asset purchase agreement in advance of an auction, which is now scheduled to be held on April 16.

"We are pleased to have received this signed letter of intent and are advancing our discussions with the investor group to complete an asset purchase agreement as we proceed toward the court-supervised auction," said Bill Tracy, president and chief executive officer of Bon-Ton, in a

statement. "With the help of our advisors, we will evaluate all qualified bids and are committed to maximizing value and pursuing the best path forward for the company and our stakeholders. I would like to thank our talented associates, our vendors and our other partners for their ongoing support through our court-supervised restructuring process. As always, we remain focused on serving our loyal customers with quality merchandise and an exceptional shopping experience in our stores and across e-commerce and mobile platforms."

DW Partners is an alterna-

tive asset manager focusing on investment in credit markets across a broad range of asset types and strategies. Namdar Realty Group is a privately held commercial real estate investment and management firm that owns and operates more than 30 million square feet of commercial real estate in the United States. Washington Prime Group is a retail real estate investment trust and a recognized leader in the ownership, management, acquisition and development of retail properties.

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Include "Summer Fun Guide Event" in subject line. Be sure to include the name of event, time and date it will be held, the location and website or phone number for more information. Some event suggestions include art shows, car shows, church/community festivals, craft fairs, farmer's markets, theater/music concerts.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 13th.

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