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# Erin Hills to host more major golf events



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Holy Hill can be seen in the background of this photo taken during the 2017 U.S. Open, which was held at Erin Hills golf course in the Town of Erin. It was announced Tuesday by the USGA that the course will again host major golf competitions when it hosts the 2025 U.S. Women's Open and 2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships.

### Will welcome 2025 U.S. Women's Open, 2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur

#### By Joe VanDeLaarschot jvan@conleynet.com 262-306-5054

the ultimate test in enjoy is especially exciting women's golf, will be held for us. The USGA has a May 29-June 1, 2025. The TOWN OF ERIN — Unit- 2022 U.S. Mid-Amateur will facility, and Erin Hills has ed States Golf Association be played Sept. 10-15, with proven to be one of the pre-officials were so pleased Blue Mound Golf and mier golf venues in the with how the Erin Hills Country Club, Wauwatosa, serving as the lent test." stroke-play co-host course. return to Erin Hills, and to Director Scott Henke said ty to host two more major bring the U.S. Women's the Open and U.S. Mid-Ama- should provide a big eco-Erin Hills has been teur to such a memorable nomic boost to the region. the 2025 U.S. Women's said Mike Davis, CEO of the U.S. Open has a great Open and 2022 U.S. Mid- the USGA. "To bring these draw, not only for tourists Amateur Championships. championships to a public coming to our community,

The U.S. Women's Open, facility all golfers can great relationship with the in nation as well as an excel-Hartford Area Chamber "We are thrilled to of Commerce Executive upcoming events "Like we learned in 2017,

but the aftermath of having something like that on network television showing the world Erin Hills and Washington County,' Henke said. "It was a huge success for the area during the one week run of the tournament, but the aftermath of people coming to check out Erin Hills and to explore Washington Countv is really where we saw

# **Reilly gives State of the City address**

Touches on new City Hall, Lake Michigan water, street and utility projects

By Dave Fidlin Special to Conley Media

Sound Off

WAUKESHA — When it came time to deliver his Phone: 262-513-2641 customary State of the City Address, Mayor Shawn Reilly on Tuesday looked back — and ahead — as he highlighted past, present and future projects and efforts shaping the community.

Reilly touched on a number of issues, including the plans in motion for a new City Hall, switchover to Lake Michigan water and infrastructure improvements downtown and elsewhere.

The mayor delivered his address, based on a 10-page report, at the end of a Common Council meeting Tuesday.

One of the items Reilly placed emphasis on in his comb-through of highlights was the new City Hall. Talks of constructing a new municipal building have bubbled to the surface in various forms in recent decades, but have picked up steam in the past several years.

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new facility, which will replace the current Delafield Street site that was constructed in

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1965, is slated to take place later this year as part of a multi-year, multi-phased process.

"We will start construction on the new City Hall by the end of the year," Reilly said in his address. "I look forward to working with the Common Council and the city staff in helping move our city forward."

Another oft-discussed topic — the city's long-term water supply - also was touched on briefly amid Reilly's annual checkup on Waukesha-related matters.

golf course and Washington County hosted the 2017 U.S. Open that they are going to get the opportunigolf events.

selected as the host site for and deserving course,"

even more benefit.

"We are still seeing the impact a couple of years later here with people being excited about golf in Washington County and the sheer fact that we have Erin Hills in the southern part of the county," Henke said.

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Kelly Smith/ Special to Conley Media Former Delafield Mayor Ed McAleer sent a message to the Common Council to tell city officials they should end their decade-long dispute with the Hartland Sportsman's Club

## Former Delafield mayor says city should end gun club dispute

#### Common Council to appeal judge's ruling By Kelly Smith

Special to Conley Media

DELAFIELD — Despite a plea from former Mayor Ed state 94. McAleer that the city should end its decade-long dispute from 1994 to 2002 and 2008 to with the Hartland Sportsman's Club, the Common the controversy between the Council has unanimously city and the gun club. agreed to appeal a judge's ruling requiring the city to let sportsman, convinced the the gun club reopen.

council, McAleer urged the with club attorneys to allow club operations because of

the 35-acre complex near Maple Avenue, south of Inter-

McAleer's 16 years as mayor, 2014, spanned the history of

McAleer, an avid gun Common Council in 1997 to In a written message to the annex the club from the Town of Delafield, which had city to begin negotiations begun to crack down on gun

shooting to resume on some of the five firing ranges on SOUND OFF What do you think? Phone: 262-513-2641

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complaints from residents living near the club.

However, it was McAleer's administration that revoked the club's operating permit in 2010 after neighbors complained about safety violations at the club and a woman

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Farrow sworn in for second term as county executive



Submitted photo

WAUKESHA — Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow was sworn in to serve a second four-year term Tuesday morning. He renewed his oath of office during a small ceremony in front of Waukesha County elected officials and department heads in the Administration Center.

"As a public servant I strive to create a lasting impact on the community through strong leadership and vision, building coalitions to effect positive change, and to leave my office and the world better places than when I got here," said Farrow in a statement. "I am honored to be chosen by Waukesha County residents to serve them once again in order to continue fulfilling that mission."

Throughout his tenure, Waukesha County has invested in public safety, roads and infrastructure, economic development, and the initial stages of a new courthouse project, all while continuing the county's legacy as a low-tax, "AAA" bond-rated county, according to a press release.

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Town of Erin Chairman Dennis Kenealy said he knew there would be an announcement soon about the events. He said he anticipates the town and the area will once again be able to handle the events with success.

"We've done it before for even larger events," Kenealy said. "I don't anticipate us having any problems. We'll have some work ahead of us, but it's great for the town and for the area to have Erin Hills

### **AP-NORC** Poll: Bullying, not schools, blamed for shootings

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Columbine High School shooting made practicing for armed intruders as routine as fire drills, many parents have only tepid confidence in the ability of schools to stop a gunman, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-

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that before had been unimaginable.

Teachers and students practice fleeing and hid-

#### Poll: Schools unprepared for shooter

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Twenty years after the Columbine High School massacre, an AP-NORC Center poll finds that only about a third of Americans are very confident in their local school's ability to respond to an armed attack.

#### Q: How confident are you in the ability of each of the following to respond to an active shooter?

	Extremely/Very confident		Not very/Not too confident
Schools in your area	31%	43	24
Your child's school*	31%	44	24

\*For those with children attending school

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#### Club From Page 1A

was accidentally struck by a stray, spent bullet from the club that grazed her while she was sitting at a nearby restaurant.

McAleer was also mayor when the Plan Commission and Common Council voted to reject the gun club's application for a new permit in 2013.

In the message delivered Monday night to the council by Ald. Tim Aicher, McAleer pointed out that three different judges have ordered the city to allow the gun club to resume operations.

McAleer wrote that successful negotiations between the city and the gun club would likely result in the city having better control over club operations than a court order that was likely to restrict the city's options.

McAleer later told Conley Media that he wrote the message because he did not believe he would have an opportunity to speak to the council members before they made their decision to appeal the latest court order.

What the council should do is appoint a committee to sit down with the club and work something out so they can gradually and safely resume shooting because I don't think the city is going get a different opinion from any judge," McAleer said.

Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Kathryn Foster and judges from the Fourth Appellate Court district have issued orders to the city to reopen the gun club.

Those orders were not implemented as a result of city appeals of the rulings.

The most recent order was issued last week by Waukesha County Circuit Judge Michael O. Bohren.

His order was based on a Wisconsin Court of Appeals decision two years ago.

The appeals court ruled the city had the authority to revoke the gun club's permit in 2010 but was "arbitrary and capricious" when it rejected the club's application for a new permit in 2013.

City Attorney James Hammes argues that Bohren misunderstood the appellate court decision.

According to Hammes, state courts cannot require municipalities to issue permits.

He claimed the appellate court decision required the city to conduct another review of the 2013 permit application which the city did last year and, again, rejected the permit.

However, Bohren agreed with gun club attorney Jeremy Levinson, who argued the appellate court decision requires the city to issue a permit to the club. Levinson told Conley Media he is willing to negotiate a reopening of the club with the city but if city officials "start dragging their feet," he will go back to Bohren and ask him to enforce the order. Council The Common voted unanimously to appeal Bohren's order to the appellate court following a closed session discussion with Hammes Monday night. The closed session lasted about 45 minutes. which is unusually long for council closed sessions. Hammes said most of the time was spent reviewing the history of the controversy with recently elected members of the council. 'There were a lot of questions," added Mayor Kent Attwell.

nost major events.

The championships will be the fourth and fifth USGA championships conducted at Erin Hills. The course played host to the first U.S. Open in Wisconsin in 2017 when Brooks Koepka shot a finalround 67 to post a four-stroke victory over Brian Harman and Hideki Matsuyama. Erin Hills was also the site of the 2011 U.S. Amateur and 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links championships.

"We're honored that Erin Hills has been selected to host the most prestigious event in women's golf," said Andy Ziegler, owner of Erin Hills. "We made history here two years ago at the U.S. Open and are extremely excited to have the USGA return for more championships in the coming years.

The 80th U.S. Women's Open will be the third U.S. Women's Open to be played in Wisconsin, with Se Ri Pak having won the 1998 event and Na Yeon Choi winning the 2012 championship, both at Blackwolf Run in Kohler. The U.S. Mid-Amateur will be contested in the Badger State for the second time; Steve Wilson won at Milwaukee Country Club in 2008. The U.S. Mid-Amateur champion receives a full exemption into the following year's U.S. Open. In 2019, the championship will be played at Colorado Golf Club, in Parker, Colo., from Sept. 14-19. The 2020 U.S. Mid-Amateur will be contested at Kinloch Golf Club, in Manakin-Sabot, Va., from Sept. 12-17. The site for the 2021 championship will be announced at a later date.

NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

And while most Americans consider schools less safe than they were 20 years ago, a majority say schools aren't at fault for shootings. Bullying, the availability of guns, the internet and video games share more of the blame.

Half of Americans blame students being bullied a great deal for school shootings. Roughly a third say the same of the internet and television, music and video games.

By and large, schools themselves are less likely to be blamed: 59% put not much or no blame on schools for the shootings. While roughly 4 in 10 say schools have at least some responsibility, just 9% attribute a great deal of blame.

Colombine, Since schools across the country have planned for threats

ing during realistic shoot er scenarios inside school buildings fortified by bolted doors, bulletproof glass and security cameras.

But shootings haven't stopped, and a little over a year after an armed exstudent allegedly killed 17 people at Florida's Marjo-Stoneman Douglas rv High School, the survey finds a large majority, 67%, say schools have become less safe. Only 13% say schools have become safer during the last 20 years. The rest say they are about the same.

Only about a third of parents are extremely or very confident that their children are safe in school, or that the school could respond to an active shooter. About 4 in 10 parents are moderately confident in their child's safety and the school's potential response, while about 2 in 10 have little or no confidence.

And parents of school-

Q: How much do you blame each of the following for shootings in schools?



Results based on interviews with 1,063 U.S. adults conducted March 14-18. The margin of error is  $\pm 4.1$  percentage points for the full sample, higher for subgroups

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

age children are especially ings on the availability of likely to blame shootings guns, and a majority, 67%, on schools themselves, want to see the nation's compared with other gun laws made stricter. adults, 49% to 36%.

Nearly half of Ameri-AP-NORC cans strongly blame shoot- http://www.apnorc.org/

## Reilly From Page 1A

Reilly reminded attendees Waukesha's pursuit of having Lake Michigan water piped into the city is underway after an agreement with Milwaukee was struck. More important, the diversion was approved, with a number of stipulations, by members of the Great Lakes Compact.

"Planning and permitting for the water project is underway, with the goal of a 2023 transition to Lake Michigan water," Reilly said. "We will return 100 percent of the water back to Lake Michigan.<sup>3</sup>

perceived accomplishments in completion of a design and construction of downtown street and utility improvements of South Street, from North Grand Avenue to Barstow Street, in addition to Gaspar Street, from South to West Main streets.

This \$1.4 million project included rehab of the sanitary sewer system, relay of the water main, reconstruction of the roadway and installation of decorative brick pavers," Reilly said.

In the year ahead, Reilly emphasized three infrastructure improvements are in the works, including

Reilly also looked at some of his the Greenmeadow interceptor sewer project, the second phase of Waukesha in 2018, including the Northview Road reconstruction and flood mitigation improvements.

#### **Cummings selected** as council president

Alderwoman Kathleen Cummings was selected to lead the Common Council after receiving a majority of the votes from her elected colleagues Tuesday.

Annually, the council in mid-April holds an organizational meeting after the spring general election. Selecting a council president is one of multiple items — the others Alderman Joe including issuing oaths of office and darn near free."

appointing aldermen to boards, committees and commissions. City takes out \$14.7M in notes

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Center:

to help finance City Hall project

Waukesha officials have approved a plan to take out \$14.7 million in general obligation promissory notes as a step in securing interim financing for the first phase of the new City Hall project.

The Common Council on Tuesday unanimously adopted a resolution, setting the stage for taking out the notes. Terms include a 2.08-percent interest rate.

"It's an excellent interest rate," Alderman Joe Pieper said. "It's

