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City Celebrates 125th Anniversary and Opening of New City Hall

WAUKESHA, WI - The City of Waukesha is excited to announce the grand opening of the new City Hall will take place Thurs., Feb. 4, 2021. The date is significant because the City of Waukesha celebrates the 125th Anniversary of incorporation as a City on that date. Tours of the new City Hall will be held virtually due to the pandemic with videos available on the City website. The 125th Anniversary will be recognized during the first meeting of the Common Council in their chambers that evening.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating two major milestones with the completion of City Hall and the 125th Anniversary of the first City Council Meeting,” said Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly. “We will be honoring our history and celebrating the new City Hall which will serve the public for generations to come.”

Completion of the new City Hall marks a milestone for the next era of local government service for the City of Waukesha. The project broke ground in Sept. 2019 and officially opens on Mon., Jan., 25, 2021.

The new City Hall features:

- Improved customer service with visitors greeted at a centralized Help Desk
- Increased safety and security features for visitors and employees
- Enhanced public meeting spaces
- Improved functionality for employee collaboration

Due to COVID-19, the public is asked to join in the virtual grand opening celebrations on Feb. 4, 2021. Events include:

10 a.m. - New City Hall Flag Raising Ceremony with the Waukesha Police Dept. and Waukesha Fire Dept. Honor Guards. Speakers include: members of the City Hall project team; City Administrator Kevin Lahner; Common Council President Cassie Rodriguez; and Mayor Reilly. *Due to COVID-19 the public is asked to watch live on the City's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cityofwaukesha>

Noon - City Hall Virtual Open House video released on the City's Facebook/Twitter pages and posted on the 125th Anniversary web page: <https://waukesha-wi.gov/1919/Anniversary-Events>

6:30 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting for the first City Council meeting in the new City Hall and 125th Anniversary presentation *Due to COVID-19 the public is asked to watch the meeting live online <https://waukesha.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

The City of Waukesha, WI is an award-winning community located along the shores of the Fox River, 15 miles west of Milwaukee. Waukesha is the seventh largest City in the state with a population of just over 72,000 people. Throughout 2021, the City will be celebrating its 125th anniversary since incorporation. More information on the City's 125th anniversary and a complete listing of events is available on the City's website at <https://waukesha-wi.gov/1916/125th-Anniversary-Celebration>

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