

WAUKESHA WATER PROJECT

Water utility holds first of open house series at West High

WAUKESHA — Today, Waukesha West High School will host the first of three open houses this week. All are open to the public and are the first information sessions since Waukesha officials announced their water partnership with Milwaukee late last month.

Waukesha Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak will be at all three meetings this week to answer questions about the latest updates to the water supply project, including the contract between Milwaukee and Waukesha that gained approval from committees in both cities and will be discussed by Milwaukee's full Common Council this morning and Waukesha's council on Dec. 5.

Members of the Great Water Alliance team, which has helped steer the Waukesha Water Utility and works to bring the public up to speed with the water deal, will offer a presentation and in-depth displays at all three open houses.

Waukesha's \$286.2 million water diversion project is expected to double or triple water rates in the coming years. About \$40 million was saved by choosing Milwaukee over Oak Creek for a water.

The meeting dates, locations and times are as follows:

■ **Today:** Waukesha West High School, Media Center; 3301 Saylesville Road from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Waukesha South High School, Media Center; 401 E. Roberta Ave. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

■ **Thursday:** Waukesha North High School, Media Center; 2222 Michigan Ave. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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