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## Oneida County zoning cites Bangstad for permit violation

### Officials: Outdoor seating violates ARP, requires CUP

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The Oneida County zoning department has issued a citation to Kirk Bangstad and the Minocqua Brewing Company for violating the conditions of his administrative review permit at his Front Street location, specifically for setting up a tent and outdoor seating that the permit proscribes.

In an August 4 letter to Bangstad, county zoning director Karl Jen-

nrich informed Bangstad that the department had received inquiries regarding the placement of outdoor seating for customer use at the E. Front Street property.

"On July 29, 2022, staff conducted an on-site inspection from Highway 51 and observed outdoor seating that consisted of chairs, coolers, and a portable awning," Jennrich wrote. "On August 1, 2022, staff conducted an on-site inspection from Highway 51 and East Front Street and ob-

served patrons utilizing the outdoor seating area. The department issued [an administrative review permit] for the operation of a craft brewery retail outlet."

Jennrich then reiterated one of the conditions of the administrative review permit (ARP), which states "(n)o outdoor sales, displays, storage, or activities of any type allowed."

The zoning director also said he believed Bangstad knew the seating

was a violation of the permit.

"The department believes through multiple discussions with your consultants and yourself that you are aware outdoor seating was not approved through [the administrative review permit] and were also informed as early as August of 2021 of the need to obtain a conditional use permit if you wanted to have outdoor seating," he wrote.

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## LAKE TOMAHAWK BOAT FIRE

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Two Minocqua residents escaped injury late Tuesday afternoon when the motorboat they were in on Lake Tomahawk caught fire. The boat's operator and passenger were able to exit and the boat was eventually brought to Minocqua's Thoroughfare Road boat landing where firefighters extinguished the flames. Audrey Royce, a game warden with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, said she was told the boat's engine "was making kind of a funny noise" in the moments leading up to the fire. "All of a sudden, it smoked and it was on fire," Royce said. "It was as simple as that."

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## Trig's supports local band students' march to Pasadena

Trig's grocery stores contributed \$10,000 to the Wisconsin Northwoods Marching Band. The Band is made up of eight area schools including Three Lakes, Northland Pines, Lakeland Union, Wausau East, Antigo, D.C. Everest, Merrill and Mosinee. These students have been formally invited to perform at the Rose Bowl in January of 2023, but it costs \$2,500 per student to make the trip a reality.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these kids; something they'll never forget. It's a pretty big deal to see students from our northern Wisconsin schools perform on such a grand stage, so we are going to do everything we can to support them in their journey," said Bob Jaskolski,

President & CEO of T.A. Solberg Co., Inc.

The donation comes as a kick off to a bigger "March to Pasadena" fundraiser created by Trig's, to rally support for the local band students. If you wish to help the bands raise funds for the trip, you can donate by purchasing a pin-up at Trig's in Minocqua, Eagle River or Rhinelander, or Trig's Village Market in Manitowish Waters. Those who prefer to make an online donation from home can do so by visiting Trigs.com/MarchToPasadena and clicking the "donate now" button to make a secure one-time donation with a credit card or PayPal account.

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## Oneida County board wants private funding of election administration prohibited

### Zuckerberg group pumped more than \$10 million in 2020 Wisconsin elections

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Despite an attempt by liberal supervisors to derail it, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors voted 15-6 Tuesday to go on record supporting a prohibition on the use in election administration of private donations from special interest groups, individuals, or other private entities.

The resolution was conceptual and did not back any specific legislation, though it will be sent to the governor, all state lawmakers, and other county boards.

The resolution urging the ban was prompted by controversy in the 2020 election, in which an organization partially funded by Mark Zuckerberg, the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), provided election grants to municipalities around the country to help facilitate get-out-the-vote efforts and other election administration.

In Wisconsin, the group provided approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and another \$1.6 million to more than 200 other Wisconsin municipalities.

At the time, CTCL issued a statement defending the grants, saying they would aid "election departments ... facing an unprecedented challenge of administering safe and secure elections." Conservatives cried foul, however, saying the grants went primarily to Democratic cities and communities to bolster Democratic turnout, giving them a par-

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