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Holiday traffic and DMV service reminders

Thanksgiving holiday travelers will notice fewer orange construction barrels as work wraps up for the season on most highway projects around the state. Still, travel is expected to be heavy on Wednesday, Nov. 26th - with the heaviest travel day set for Sunday, Nov. 30th as deer hunters and other Thanksgiving travelers all head for home. DMV customer service centers and phone services throughout the state will be closed Thursday and Friday (Nov. 27 and 28).

Legislature sets new leadership

Members of the Wisconsin Legislature recently selected party leadership and committee members for the upcoming legislative session:

Senate Democrats: Majority Leader, Russ Decker (Weston); Assistant Majority Leader, Dave Hansen (Green Bay); President, Fred Risser (Madison); President Pro Tempore, Pat Kreitlow (Chippewa Falls); Caucus Chair, John Lehman (Racine); Caucus Vice Chair, Kathleen Vinehout (Alma).

Senate Republicans: Minority Leader, Scott Fitzgerald (Juneau); Assistant Minority Leader, Glenn Grothman (West Bend); Caucus Chair, Joseph Leibham (Sheboygan); Caucus Vice Chair, Sheila Harsdorf (River Falls).

Assembly Democrats: Speaker, Mike Sheridan (Janesville); Speaker Pro Tem, Tony Staskunas (West Allis); Majority Leader, Tom Nelson (Kaukauna); Assistant Majority Leader, Donna Seidel (Wausau); Caucus Chair, Peter Barca (Kenosha); Caucus Vice Chair, Barbara Toles (Milwaukee).

Assembly Republicans: Minority Leader, Jeff Fitzgerald (Horicon); Assistant Minority Leader, Mark Gottlieb (Port Washington); Caucus Chair, Scott Suder (Abbotsford); Caucus Vice Chair, Joel Kleefisch (Oconomowoc).

Joint Committee on Finance: Co-chairs, Rep. Mark Pocan and Sen. Mark Miller; Vice-chairs, Rep. Pedro Colon and Sen. Dave Hansen; State Reps. Cory Mason, Jennifer Shilling, Gary Sherman, Tamara Grigsby, Robin Vos and Phil Montgomery. State Senators Lena Taylor, John Lehman, Judy Robson, Julie Lassa, Alberta Darling and Luther Olsen.

Senate Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee Senator-elect Jim Holperin, Chair.

Upcoming events

Dec. 11, Wisconsin Earth Movers Association annual meeting, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Dec. 11, Graduation ceremony for new State Patrol recruits, State Capitol, Madison.

Dec. 12, Annual DBE Workshop, County Springs Hotel, Pewaukee

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