The Women’s Council is Wisconsin’s statutory commission on the status of women and girls.

2017-2018 Program of Work

- Women and Family (Adult) Caregiving with ongoing programs on
- Women in STEM and Manufacturing
- Women’s Business Ownership - Governor’s Trailblazer Awards - programs, resources and best practices
- Financial Literacy for Women - Money$avvy
- Status of Women in Wisconsin - Fast Facts and other reporting - Women in Elected Office
- ConnectWI (government transparency)
DID YOU KNOW …

Wisconsin is home to 2,350 local elected bodies, including - City Councils, County Boards, Village Boards, Town Boards and School Boards

… with a combined total of more than 13,000 elected officials.
Benchmarking Women In Elected Office
Local Government

Women in Local Government, 2015

Women in the WI Legislature

The History of Women in Elected Office
State Government

Wisconsin Women’s Political Firsts
The History of Women In Elected Office
Local Government

Historical Timeline of Women’s Political Firsts in Local Government

WE NEED YOUR HELP! to uncover the history of women across Wisconsin that served in local elected office.

Our goal is to identify these trailblazing women and write their stories back into women’s political history in Wisconsin.

Who were the first women to hold elected office in your local community?
First Female County Board Supervisor? Mayor? Village Trustee? Alderwoman? Clerk?

Share info at Facebook @Wiwomenscouncil or by email at womenscouncil@Wisconsin.gov

Recognizing Website Transparency
Local Government

- Promoting online access to information on elected officials and public meetings.
- Awarded to local governments for excellence in providing easily accessible and timely information on local elected officials, and opportunities to participate in and learn about the workings of public decision-making bodies such as boards and committees — key elements in ensuring citizen participation and the democratic process.
- From School Boards to County Boards, Online Application. No cost to apply or be recognized.
- Joint initiative of the Women’s Council, WI Newspapers and WI Broadcasters Associations

www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/ConnectWI
Celebrating Women’s Business Ownership
Anyone May Nominate a Trailblazer

Trailblazer Awards recognize the rich legacy of women’s business ownership and leading role women business owners play today in our economy - creating jobs and stimulating economic growth.

- Pioneer Award: 25 or more years of majority business ownership by a woman (or women).
- Thrive Award: 50 or more years (as above).
- Torchbearer Award: 3rd generation or more family-owned business now majority woman-owned.

Next Awards in Summer 2018
Open nominations starting in Fall 2017

www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/Trailblazer
Bookmarks & Brochures

Available in English and Spanish. Brochures can be downloaded for free from our website. Printed copies of bookmarks and brochures are available free-of-charge to government agencies, schools and non-profit groups. Quantities of printed materials may be limited.

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Thank You