

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, leaders, for water efforts

To the editor: On behalf of my family, our heartfelt thanks to the city of Waukesha for its successful efforts to provide our family with a safe, clean source of drinking water. To Dan Duchniak, thank you for having the best interests of mine and other families in mind, and for spending more than a decade working tirelessly to provide us with safe water. To Mayor Reilly, thank you for running for public office on a campaign promise to ensure a sustainable, safe supply of drinking water, which you delivered on Tuesday. To the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, thank you for spending five years so thoroughly researching every option so that ALL eight Great Lakes governors felt confident in casting a “yes” vote Tuesday. I am happy that families like mine will have access to water that isn’t contaminated with radium, and that the city will no longer be pulling water from the deep wells, which is harmful to the environment.

Most residents don’t realize how hard Waukesha leaders have worked for 13 years to provide our city with safe water. Dan, the mayor and our city leaders deserve a parade through the streets of Waukesha. They will instead be greeted by a handful of lingering opposition, but are hopefully already too busy working on the next steps of the application to pay attention.

To any that still oppose the application, I would say this: The governors of all eight Great Lakes states voted — unanimously — to approve the application, because they believe in the science and trust that the Compact will protect the Great Lakes. It’s time you join them.

To everyone else, thank you. Proud to be a Waukesha resident.

Amanda Payne

Waukesha

Pray for Orlando shooting victims who didn't get chance to repent

To the editor: Along with many others, I am deeply grieved at the senseless loss of life in Orlando. But even more importantly, I am saddened that so many victims have been denied the opportunity to repent, confess their sinful lifestyle and trust in Jesus Christ as their savior.

Hopefully, some of them, in their few moments between life and death, may have been able to make themselves right with God. But, if not, those souls slipped quietly into hell. THAT is the great tragedy of the Pulse nightclub event.

If only these people would realize that Jesus Christ is the one who could deliver them out of their unnatural lusts and set them free. May this tragedy be a wake-up call for many. We Christians will continue to pray for their salvation.

Lorraine P. Quinn

Watertown

Mayor Reilly delivering on campaign commitment

To the editor: Congratulations on a hard-fought victory to bring clean, reliable, safe drinking water to the city of Waukesha. Mayor Reilly ran for office on several important issues in 2014. Few were more important than obtaining a new city drinking water source, mandated by the federal government with the threat of federal fines looming for noncompliance. Working alongside Water Utility General Manager Dan Duchniak and a team of other committed officials, they were able to achieve a unanimous decision from the Great Lakes Board of Governors.

Karl Robe

Reilly for Mayor campaign manager Karl James & Company Milwaukee **LETTERS POLICY:** Letters should be typewritten, signed and include phone number and address so that we may verify authenticity. Neither phone number nor address will be printed when letters appear. We reserve the right to edit letters for length and clarity. Please keep letters to no more than 300 words. Generally, letter writers are limited to one letter every 30 days. Send letters to: Editor, The Freeman, P.O. Box 7, Waukesha, WI 53187. Or email: letters@conley.net.