

**CITY OF RACINE BOARD OF HEALTH  
DECEMBER 09, 2025**

**DEPARTMENT: Administrative Division**

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**MONTH:** *October and November 2025*

**Highlights**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
2025-2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center / Clinic	Construction of the New Building / Facility in the Lincoln King Neighbor	Discussions are ongoing with City consultants/contractors regarding the parameters of the project specifically information technology, equipment, furniture, window treatments and construction progress.
October 2025	City of Racine's Clean Sweep Initiative	2025 Second Round	The Public Health Department (PHD) supported project initiative through direct employee involvement with assistance in yard maintenance, garbage removal, and distribution of wood chips.
November 2025	Semi-Quincentennial Planning	Determine Festivities	Numerous Community Leaders and Department Administrators engaged in discussions on how to honor the 250-year celebration. Meetings will continue to determine events/activities in 2026.
October/November 2025	Federal Administration Shut Down	Pause on SNAP Benefits	Coordination efforts to assist with food distribution and accessibility were held weekly with community leaders. Special thanks to the County of Racine Human Services and their communication and coordination efforts.

November 2025	City Administration	2026 Budget	<p>2026 City Budget has concluded. The following are the recommendations that were approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two new promotional positions for existing employees of Community and Environmental Health Divisions specifically a Lead Public Health Nurse and a Lead Environmental Health Sanitarian. These positions will assist with secession of management and provide a promotional opportunity that does not currently exist.</li> <li>2. Transfer of the Laboratory Coordinator to the Environmental Health Coordinator Position. This individual meets all requirements of the position.</li> <li>3. Elimination of the Laboratory Coordinator position. Funding from this position will be utilized for the two promotional opportunities listed above and if any, shortfall from funding sources.</li> <li>4. Determine the best location of the Public Health Laboratory within City government. Over the twelve months of 2026 develop a process to analyze and determine.</li> <li>5. Operational budget/projections remain flat with no increase but due to increased expenses this is actually a reduction.</li> <li>6. Revenue budget/projections remain the same with the exception of Business License/Other with an increase from \$227,000 to \$232,000.</li> <li>7. Fee alterations in some of the areas of Community and Environmental Health were altered specifically an increase in some reinspection and short-term rental fees, multiple vaccinations, and addition of the two step TB skin test. A comparison study of 10 other jurisdictions was completed.</li> </ol>
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