

Sonja Birr

From: Bill Schlei
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 4:31 PM
To: Scott Keil
Cc: Sonja Birr
Subject: Re: External: Fwd: Request for Approval – 988 Suicide Prevention Signs (John's Light Foundation)

Scott,

I have copied this message to Sonja Birr who will add it to the PW agenda for our June 4th meeting.

Bill Schlei
District 8 Alderman

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From: Scott Keil <skeil@manitowocwi.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 1:07:29 PM
To: Bill Schlei <bschlei@manitowocwi.gov>
Subject: FW: External: Fwd: Request for Approval – 988 Suicide Prevention Signs (John's Light Foundation)

Hello,

I received this request for signage on City owned property. Could you please add this sign request to the Public Works Committee agenda?



Scott Keil | Inspection Supervisor
Building Inspection Department
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From: Jessica Shields <jessicahudson87@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:11 PM
To: Scott Keil <skeil@manitowocwi.gov>
Subject: External: Fwd: Request for Approval – 988 Suicide Prevention Signs (John's Light Foundation)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jessica Shields <jessicahudson87@gmail.com>
Date: April 25, 2026 at 6:58:16 PM CDT
To: "BabyJohn's Light Foundation Inc." <babyjohnslightfoundationinc@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Request for Approval – 988 Suicide Prevention Signs (John's Light Foundation)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jessica Shields <jessicahudson87@gmail.com>
Date: April 25, 2026 at 12:23:02 AM CDT
To: cityclerk@manitowoc.org, dpw@manitowoc.org, parks@manitowoc.org,
engineering@manitowoc.org
Subject: Request for Approval – 988 Suicide Prevention Signs (John's Light Foundation)

Dear City of Manitowoc Officials,

My name is Jessica M Shields, and I am a resident of Manitowoc. I am writing to respectfully request permission to install a small number of public awareness signs promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in our community.

This request is deeply personal. I am creating this effort in loving memory of my son, Johnathan Lamont Shields Jr. {Baby John}, who tragically lost his life to suicide. My goal is to turn that loss into something that can help others in moments of crisis.

The proposed signs would simply read:

"Call or Text 988 – You Are Not Alone – Help is Available 24/7"
with a small memorial line: "In Loving Memory of Baby John."

I would fully comply with all city regulations regarding size, placement, materials, and installation, and I am willing to coordinate with the appropriate department to ensure proper approval.

I believe these signs could provide a life-saving reminder to someone in need and bring a message of hope to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely,
Jessica Monae' Shields

274-201-8143

Jessicahudson87@gmail.com

“I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet briefly or speak by phone to ensure this project aligns with city guidelines.”

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