

# FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

..\*~\*~\*.. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st AT 6:30 PM** ..\*~\*~\*..  
Receive updates and participate in discussions of happenings in the neighborhood.



## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Please join us as we welcome City of Wausau Engineer Allen Wesolowski. Allen will be updating us on the Crocker Street project. This will be very informative as to the timeline and ideas that they have planned thus far.

**Proposed 2015 Street Projects for Forest Park Area:**  
North 7th Street from Spring Street to Crocker Street  
Crocker Street from North 7th Street to North 13th Street

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT  
FOREST PARK VILLAGE  
2901 N. 7TH STREET  
WAUSAU, WI 54403  
Entrance under the green awning



Please consider attending. This is a great opportunity to speak with your neighbors, elected officials, and Wausau Police Officers. Share your ideas, concerns, or ask questions.

The Forest Park Neighborhood Group is bounded by 6th Street to 13th Street and Winton Street to Sylvan Street.

## AGENDA

- Introductions
- Guest speaker
- Neighborhood updates
- Police department updates



- Questions, answers, sharing, ideas, etc
- Ideas for future topics
- Next meeting date:  
November 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**Forest Park Neighborhood Group  
September 16, 2014  
Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order by David Mussell
  - a. Items dispersed – agenda, article from Keene Winters & article from Brad Stieber
2. Introductions
3. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Morath subbing) – Balance as of 8/31/14 \$145.00
4. Presentation – Keene Winters
  - a. Can we love Wausau yet still be critical in assessing its future?
  - b. Referenced articles dispersed (*By the Numbers, Wausau's Economy Trails*) re: rankings across state in unemployment, tax rates, wealth levels, growth levels of top WI cities and their type of city government
  - c. Any municipal/city leadership system, whether city manager/administrator or mayoral leadership, will work if you have the right people and the question is what structure will help us ensure we have the right people? Four key areas to determine ability to get the right people:
    - i. Recruitment pool (Mayor is totally local; Administrator makes pool nationwide)
    - ii. Pay (Mayor -- \$75,000 – no raises in 8 years; City Dept. Heads making \$106,000/year)
    - iii. Qualifications – (Mayor – have to live in Wausau and have to be 18 years old; Administrator can minimum levels of ability, education, experience, etc)
    - iv. Accountability Systems/Performance Review – (since 1964 Mayors serve four-year terms, so you have one performance review every 4 years via the voters; Administrators can be reviewed annually, council can hire/fire at will etc.)
  - d. Advisory Referendum – April 2015 – 6-5 vote to make it advisory versus binding; education will be key to get true “advice” on the issue.
5. Introductions of Leadership Team
  - a. Meeting Facilitators – Dave Mussell & Dick Rayborn
  - b. Newsletter & Communication – Marie Schmidt
  - c. Treasurer – Ruth Griswold (Bonnie Morath back up)
  - d. Secretary – Amy Forst
  - e. Speaker Facilitator – Melissa Dotter
  - f. Mayors N2N Representatives – Marie Schmidt & Amy Forst
6. Neighborhood Updates

## OCTOBER 2014 COMMUNICATOR

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- a. Crocker St. Project – Looking to keep bulk of Crocker as is but widen the corner on Crocker & 7<sup>th</sup> to make it safer. Planning meetings in January will have preliminary drawings.

### Minutes (cont.)

- b. Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> – Cleaning up Wausau; Large item drop off near the yard waste site 8 a.m. – 1p.m. City's website has the list of what they'll take and charges
  - c. Increased traffic on Evergreen & 6<sup>th</sup> St. due to development; Consider a bridge from Evergreen to Decator??? (would require County & State buy in – traffic does not warrant it at this time and budgets wouldn't support it either)
7. Police Update – quiet area; suspicious activity has declined; speeding a large problem with school back in session – particularly on 13<sup>th</sup> If you give police dept permission to use driveway for radar site they can get a better handle on that.
  8. Questions, Idea Sharing
    - a. Do we want to stay with a “quad” system or be one big neighborhood? No current “quad leaders”
    - b. Thanks from Mayor Tipple for taking on challenge of getting a neighborhood group going.
  9. Ideas for Future Programs
  10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Forest Park Village
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### INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR WAUSAU POLICE DEPARTMENT?

Tired of high speed traffic in your area? Want to help the Wausau Police Department slow down those cars flying in front of your home? The Wausau Police Department is looking for permission to park in your driveway to set up their radar. The element of surprise from various locations other than the street side would help them to eliminate high speed traffic. If you would like to give the Wausau Police Department permission to park in your driveway please contact Officer Houa Lee at 715-261-7994 or [Houa.Lee@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:Houa.Lee@ci.wausau.wi.us). Officer Lee will need your contact information and home address.

# SPRING STREET REVISITED

by Keene Winters

It is said that hindsight is 20/20. With that in mind, we should take the opportunity to look back once and a while and see if there is anything to be learned.

Fourteen months ago, the reconstruction of Spring Street was in the headlines. Residents rallied to successfully block plans to add sidewalks to the street—a change that would have taken large swaths of people's yards and dozens of mature trees.

While the sidewalks were taken out of the design, no one noticed that the engineering plans widened the street to a DOT standard of 32 feet. By the time people became aware of this change, bids had been taken from contractors and work was scheduled to begin. It was too late to re-engineer the project. The work went forward, and 18 mature trees were lost.

Once the project was complete, residents of Spring Street began to notice an increase in the speed of cars and brought it to the city's attention. In response, the Parking & Traffic Committee ordered a traffic study of the new road. The results confirmed what residents suspected, the new, smooth, straight and wider road was inviting people to drive faster.

Specifically, traffic studies contain a statistic called the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed:

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the observed traffic traveled. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed represents the “reasonable” or “rational” speed chosen by most drivers. It also is a key characteristic for voluntary compliance, and studies have indicated that fewer accidents occur when motorists travel at approximately the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed. The selection of a posted speed limit should be within 5 mph of this observed speed.

Forest Park Area Speed Study  
May 19 to June 2, 2014

The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for the enlarged Spring Street was 35 mph, suggesting it should be posted with a speed limit between 30 and 40 mph.

The conclusion is clear: we over-built Spring Street. No one wanted or needed a residential street for traffic to travel any faster than 25 mph.

This is an important lesson. The first thing that every alderman learns is that speeding in residential neighborhoods is the most frequent constituent complaint—and there is almost nothing we can do to stop it. The police can't be everywhere. An enforcement action slows people down for a few days, but speeds creep back up as soon as the patrol car is gone. Experienced drivers unconsciously adjust their speed to “the feel” of the road.

More importantly, know that speed kills. A pedestrian hit by a driver going 20 mph has an 85% chance of surviving. If the motorist is going 40 mph, the survival rate drops to 5%.

How fast do we want people driving in our neighborhoods? Should we not be designing roadways to encourage that target speed?

There is movement called Vision Zero, which has a goal of reducing pedestrian deaths. It started in Sweden in 1997 and has since been embraced by at least 23 major metropolitan areas in the U.S. The program advocates for narrowing roads and making them less straight to reach drivers at that unconscious level and encourage them to travel more slowly.

The evidence seems clear. Our ongoing efforts to build ever-wider, straighter streets is increasing driver speeds throughout the city and is making our streets less safe. The city should heed this evidence and re-examine its urban plan philosophy and goals.

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*Editors Note: Alderman Keene Winters is a member of the Parking & Traffic Committee. He represents District 6. More information about Vision Zero and about the Thomas Street project can be found at [www.WausauDistrict6.com](http://www.WausauDistrict6.com).*

# By the numbers, Wausau's economy trails: column

Brad Stieber 10:42 a.m. CDT August 3, 2014

*I'll be graduating soon. Will central Wisconsin have a job for me?*



(Photo: Daily Herald Media file photo)

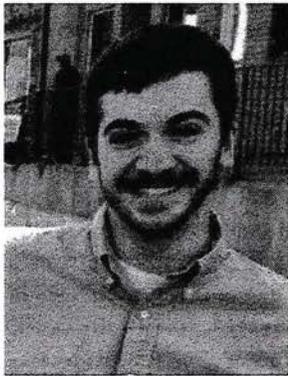
As a soon-to-be college graduate, I have started to think a lot about the places I may move to, and whether or not they would be a good fit for a young, college graduate.

I grew up in Marathon City, and so a viable labor market could be Wausau. I wanted to learn more about what the future of Wausau's economy may look like.

A recent [exhaustive study by the trade publication Area Development of 379 Metropolitan Statistical Areas nationwide](http://www.areadevelopment.com/Leading-Locations/Q2-2014/Leading-Metro-Locations-Methodology-122121.shtml) (<http://www.areadevelopment.com/Leading-Locations/Q2-2014/Leading-Metro-Locations-Methodology-122121.shtml>) revealed some troubling truths about Wausau's economy. The data provided gives one-year, three-year, and five-year snapshots utilizing various data sources in order to supply

[comprehensive economic rankings for the MSAs](http://pages.areadevelopment.com/LeadingLocations2014/FullChartExpanded.html) (<http://pages.areadevelopment.com/LeadingLocations2014/FullChartExpanded.html>) (Wausau's MSA comprises all of Marathon County.)

The shock of this study is not that Wausau fails to present itself as one of the "leading locations" in the U.S.; the real shock is just how far behind Wausau is compared to cities within Wisconsin and similar cities in nearby states. According to this study, Wausau's overall rank is 332nd, placing it in the bottom 15 percent of MSAs.



Brad Stieber (Photo: Contributed)

One of the important statistics the study uses is employment growth as percent of total population. The reason this figure is so indicative of labor market conditions is because it uses population rather than total work force. "Workforce figures fluctuate," the study's authors write, which "could skew percentages higher, rewarding metropolitan areas whose workforces had declined due to dropouts" — that is, those people who haven't found jobs but have simply stopped looking.

Wausau has experienced tepid year over year employment growth for the past five years. It ranks 373rd of 379 for its five-year change in employment, 361st for its three-year change in employment and 345th for its one-year change in employment. Its one-year and three-year changes are the worst in Wisconsin, and its five-year change in employment is only better than Sheboygan, which ranks 375th.

## How Wausau compares

A quick comparison of Wausau and Sheboygan would be helpful to demonstrate differences between two semi-comparable cities. This comparison is not perfect, but it is valuable because it helps to capture Wausau's rank within Wisconsin.

In nearly every cumulative category provided by the study Wausau ranked behind Sheboygan. Wausau has a relatively higher three-year wage growth than Sheboygan, which led it to be ranked as having a better workforce (a ranking of the education and earnings growth in an MSA) than Sheboygan. However, this result may be short-lived: Wausau's workers are earning more per hour but are generally less educated than workers in Sheboygan.

Wausau also falls behind Sheboygan in the study's "Recession-Busting" indicator. This indicator measures the five year changes in unemployment rate, manufacturing-sector employment and employment growth. Wausau ranked 362nd, which places it in the bottom 5 percent of all MSAs — and dead last in Wisconsin.

The "Recession-Busting" result may not be surprising, but the long-lasting economic effects of this slow recovery may be.

Wausau ranks 101st for its three-year growth (2009-2012) in high-skilled workers — those with a bachelor's degree or higher — in its workforce. This is one of the few beacons of hope within this data set, because high-skilled labor can lead an economy to virtuous cycle of development and growth. However, if we look at the other three figures, the analysis turns more dismal.

Wausau's 2012 rank for attracting skilled workers is 273rd, suggesting that Wausau's skilled labor force growth is slowing.

Since the measure is taken as a percent of the workforce, we can compare Wausau to other cities. Within small cities in Wisconsin, only Fond du Lac (at 329) has a lower rank than Wausau. Within small cities in the Midwest, we can compare Wausau to St. Joseph, Mo. (277), and Bay City, Mich. (274).

And worse, once we restricted age to only include younger persons (18-44), Wausau once again fell to a low ranking: 346th in 2012.

### Need for younger, educated workers

It is difficult to be an "econoptimist" with respect to Wausau's economic indicators — and it is hard for me to see it as an attractive place to move after I graduate. Across the board we observe cellar-level economic ranks, especially those that could be considered leading indicators (the closest thing we have to a crystal ball in economics). Employment continues to grow slowly, and the composition of the labor force does not indicate a large portion of young, high-skilled workers. These characteristics may have a multiplicative effect, resulting in a dearth of high-skilled workers and an exodus of up-scale retailers.

It seems as though Wausau's economy may be falling further behind within Wisconsin and the Midwest.

I don't know what Wausau's economic future will hold. But these data suggest that the region's economic problems are very serious and worrisome. I was personally surprised at some of the rankings. But more than what these data might mean to me or my job search, they should be considered seriously by those who live in central Wisconsin. For the long-term economic health of the region, Wausau will need a younger, better-educated workforce. It's a serious challenge, and will require action.

**Brad Stieber, a Marathon City native, is a senior at St. Cloud State University studying mathematical economics and mathematical statistics.**

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## 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN WAUSAU

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Average
City of Wausau	9.70%	10.70%	10.10%	9.70%	9.80%	10.40%	10.07%
Marathon County	7.60%	8.20%	7.80%	7.20%	7.10%	7.70%	7.60%

City of Wausau Rank*	8th	3rd	5th	4th	4th	5th	5th
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average
City of Wausau	10.20%	9.60%	8.60%	7.80%	8.80%	8.70%	8.95%
Marathon County	7.50%	7.20%	6.40%	5.60%	6.20%	6.50%	6.57%

City of Wausau Rank*	4th	6th	7th	6th	6th	6th	6th
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City of Wausau Rank*	4th	4th	4th	4th	4th	5th	4th
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average
City of Wausau	9.50%	8.50%	8.10%	7.90%	8.30%	8.30%	8.43%
Marathon County	6.80%	6.30%	6.00%	5.70%	8.50%	5.80%	6.52%

City of Wausau Rank*	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
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\* Wausau's unemployment rate has ranked between the 3rd and 8th highest of 32 cities in Wisconsin with populations above 25,000.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development  
<http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/news.htm>

Prepared by: Keene Winters  
 May 28, 2014

# Local Unemployment Rates May 2014

## CITIES

CITY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Appleton	14	13	6.3	6.7	8.0
Beloit	2	2	8.9	9.1	11.4
Brookfield	28	26	4.6	4.7	6.3
Caledonia	32	32	3.2	3.1	3.8
Eau Claire	22	22	5.0	5.3	6.1
Fitchburg	30	30	4.3	4.1	5.0
Fond du Lac	16	15	6.0	6.3	7.3
Franklin	25	28	4.8	4.6	5.7
Green Bay	8	6	7.0	7.6	8.6
Greenfield	19	19	5.5	5.4	6.5
Janesville	11	10	6.9	7.2	8.1
Kenosha	10	11	6.9	7.1	8.4
La Crosse	21	21	5.0	5.3	6.0
Madison	31	31	3.9	3.7	4.7
Manitowoc	9	7	6.9	7.4	8.9
Menomonee Falls	24	23	4.9	4.9	5.5

CITY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Milwaukee	3	3	8.5	8.4	9.8
Mount Pleasant	4	5	8.0	7.6	8.9
Neenah	6	8	7.1	7.2	8.2
New Berlin	27	25	4.6	4.8	5.7
Oak Creek	23	24	4.9	4.8	5.8
Oshkosh	18	18	5.8	6.0	7.0
Racine	1	1	9.7	10.2	11.3
Sheboygan	15	17	6.0	6.1	7.4
Stevens Point	13	12	6.4	6.8	7.7
Sun Prairie	29	27	4.5	4.7	5.8
Superior	20	20	5.3	5.3	6.0
Waukesha	12	14	6.4	6.5	7.2
Wausau	5	4	7.3	7.7	9.1
Wauwatosa	26	29	4.7	4.6	5.5
West Allis	17	16	5.9	6.2	7.0
West Bend	7	9	7.0	7.2	7.7

## COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Adams	8	8	7.7	9.1	9.0
Ashland	3	9	8.5	8.9	9.3
Barron	37	28	5.7	6.9	6.8
Bayfield	6	4	8.1	11.3	9.1
Brown	58	60	4.9	5.2	6.0
Buffalo	52	43	5.0	6.1	5.6
Burnett	11	11	7.3	8.5	7.4
Calumet	68	69	4.1	4.4	5.3
Chippewa	57	36	4.9	6.3	6.3
Clark	36	35	5.7	6.4	6.5
Columbia	43	47	5.3	5.8	5.8
Crawford	25	21	6.4	7.5	7.0
Dane	72	72	3.8	3.8	4.7
Dodge	32	37	5.8	6.2	6.8
Door	18	6	6.8	9.6	8.0
Douglas	42	41	5.4	6.1	6.0
Dunn	61	58	4.7	5.3	5.8
Eau Claire	63	64	4.6	4.9	5.6
Florence	10	13	7.4	8.2	8.1
Fond du Lac	46	53	5.2	5.5	6.2
Forest	7	7	7.9	9.3	8.8
Grant	64	66	4.4	4.8	5.6
Green	56	55	4.9	5.4	6.0
Green Lake	21	22	6.6	7.4	7.8
Iowa	60	52	4.7	5.6	5.6
Iron	2	2	11.3	13.3	11.2
Jackson	27	23	6.2	7.4	6.8
Jefferson	35	38	5.7	6.1	6.8
Juneau	17	16	6.8	7.8	8.1
Kenosha	28	33	6.1	6.4	7.4
Kewaunee	55	49	4.9	5.7	5.7
La Crosse	67	68	4.2	4.4	5.0
Lafayette	65	65	4.3	4.9	5.2
Langlade	9	14	7.4	8.1	8.3
Lincoln	20	17	6.7	7.7	8.3
Manitowoc	39	40	5.6	6.1	7.1

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Marathon	41	46	5.5	5.8	6.5
Marinette	24	24	6.5	7.3	7.4
Marquette	13	15	7.1	7.9	7.9
Menominee	1	1	15.1	15.7	13.5
Milwaukee	15	27	7.0	7.0	8.2
Monroe	50	54	5.1	5.4	6.0
Oconto	19	18	6.7	7.6	6.9
Oneida	16	10	6.9	8.9	8.3
Outagamie	49	51	5.1	5.6	6.3
Ozaukee	62	67	4.6	4.6	5.4
Pepin	69	56	4.0	5.4	5.0
Pierce	71	71	3.8	4.3	4.5
Polk	34	32	5.7	6.5	6.9
Portage	45	50	5.2	5.6	6.3
Price	38	39	5.6	6.1	6.5
Racine	14	20	7.0	7.5	8.1
Richland	51	42	5.0	6.1	5.7
Rock	23	29	6.5	6.8	7.7
Rusk	12	12	7.1	8.5	8.3
Sauk	48	45	5.1	5.9	6.1
Sawyer	5	5	8.1	10.4	9.5
Shawano	29	30	6.0	6.8	7.0
Sheboygan	59	63	4.8	4.9	6.0
St. Croix	70	70	3.9	4.3	4.3
Taylor	33	25	5.7	7.2	6.5
Trempealeau	66	61	4.2	5.1	5.2
Vernon	54	48	4.9	5.8	5.7
Vilas	4	3	8.1	11.3	9.2
Walworth	40	44	5.5	5.9	6.5
Washburn	26	19	6.3	7.6	7.0
Washington	47	59	5.1	5.2	5.9
Waukesha	53	62	4.9	5.0	5.8
Waupaca	31	34	5.8	6.4	7.1
Waushara	22	26	6.5	7.1	7.7
Winnebago	44	57	5.2	5.3	6.2
Wood	30	31	5.9	6.5	6.6

## CENTRAL WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES OVER 25,000 GROWTH, INCOME & TAX DATA

Community	1990 Population	2010 Population	Population Growth 1990-2010	Income per 2011 Tax Return
Appleton	66,134	72,623	9.8%	\$50,030
Green Bay	96,644	104,057	7.7%	\$44,050
Fond Du Lac	38,539	43,021	11.6%	\$43,370
Eau Claire	56,856	65,833	15.8%	\$42,600
Wausau	37,060	39,106	5.5%	\$41,620
Oshkosh	57,012	66,083	15.9%	\$41,370
Stevens Point	23,006	26,717	16.1%	\$38,930
All Seven Municipalities	375,251	417,440	11.2%	\$43,812
State of Wisconsin	4,891,769	5,686,986	16.3%	\$47,640
United States	248,709,873	308,745,538	24.1%	n/a*

*Sources: 2010 population data, 2010 income data and mill rate data from MunicipalFacts13 (Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance: Madison, WI). 1990 municipal populations from U.S. Census on-line data. Wisconsin income data from the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance.*

\* Comparative data not available, but Wisconsin is below the U.S. average.

## CENTRAL MARATHON COUNTY COMMUNITIES GROWTH, INCOME & TAX DATA

Community	1990 Population	2010 Population	Population Growth 1990-2010	Income per 2011 Tax Return
Kronenwetter	4,850	7,210	48.7%	\$53,590
Weston	9,714	14,868	53.1%	\$49,440
Mosinee	3,820	3,988	4.4%	\$45,150
Rothschild	3,310	5,269	59.2%	\$42,450
Wausau	37,060	39,106	5.5%	\$41,620
Schofield	2,415	2,169	-10.2%	\$37,540
All Six Municipalities	61,169	72,610	18.7%	\$44,542

*Sources: 2010 population data, 2010 income data and mill rate data from MunicipalFacts13 (Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance: Madison, WI). 1990 municipal populations from U.S. Census on-line data. Wisconsin income data from the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance.*

**30 LARGEST CITIES IN WISCONSIN (EXCLUDING MILWAUKEE & MADISON)  
SORTED BY CHANGE IN POPULATION**

City	Form of Government	2011 Tax Rate	1990 Census	Est. 2011 Population	Change in Population	2011 Income per Return	April 2014 Unemployment
<b>Peer Group 1</b>							
Sun Prairie	Mayor	\$8.11	15,352	29,433	91.72%	\$55,800	5.30%
Oak Creek	Mgr./Adm.	\$6.19	19,513	34,495	76.78%	\$52,780	5.60%
Franklin	Mayor	\$5.74	21,855	35,504	62.45%	\$67,240	5.40%
Fitchburg	Mgr./Adm.	\$7.44	15,648	25,192	60.99%	\$68,780	4.70%
Menomonee Falls	Mgr./Adm.	\$5.13	26,840	35,675	32.92%	\$65,860	5.80%
West Bend	Mgr./Adm.	\$8.21	23,916	31,227	30.57%	\$48,360	8.50%
Mount Pleasant	Mgr./Adm.	\$6.06	20,084	26,211	30.51%	\$58,770	8.60%
Waukesha	Mgr./Adm.	\$9.16	56,894	70,735	24.33%	\$58,440	7.20%
Kenosha	Mgr./Adm.	\$10.30	81,080	99,450	22.66%	\$41,310	8.00%
Janesville	Mgr./Adm.	\$7.72	52,733	63,515	20.45%	\$44,260	8.00%
New Berlin	Mayor	\$5.06	33,592	39,549	17.73%	\$66,580	5.70%
Caledonia	Mayor	\$6.13	20,999	24,722	17.73%	\$70,250	3.60%
Stevens Point	Mayor	\$8.32	23,006	26,892	16.89%	\$38,930	7.60%
Eau Claire	Mgr./Adm.	\$8.38	56,858	66,060	16.18%	\$42,600	5.80%
Oshkosh	Mgr./Adm.	<u>\$8.69</u>	<u>57,012</u>	<u>66,080</u>	<u>15.91%</u>	<u>\$41,370</u>	<u>6.80%</u>
<b>Averages</b>		<b>\$7.38</b>	<b>35,025</b>	<b>44,983</b>	<b>35.85%</b>	<b>\$54,755</b>	<b>6.44%</b>
<b>Peer Group 2</b>							
Neenah	Mgr./Adm.	\$8.68	23,219	26,612	14.61%	\$57,680	7.70%
Fond du Lac	Mgr./Adm.	\$7.85	37,757	43,075	14.08%	\$43,370	7.40%
Appleton	Mayor	\$8.11	65,695	72,715	10.69%	\$50,030	7.50%
Greenfield	Mayor	\$7.17	33,403	36,672	9.79%	\$43,780	6.30%
Green Bay	Mayor	\$9.12	96,644	104,250	7.87%	\$44,050	8.50%
Brookfield	Mayor	\$5.87	35,184	37,890	7.69%	\$98,420	5.10%
<b>Wausau</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>\$8.76</b>	<b>37,060</b>	<b>39,142</b>	<b>5.62%</b>	<b>\$41,620</b>	<b>8.40%</b>
Beloit	Mgr./Adm.	\$10.32	35,738	36,945	3.38%	\$32,310	10.30%
Manitowoc	Mayor	\$7.64	32,817	33,721	2.75%	\$42,680	8.60%
Superior	Mayor	\$7.16	27,134	27,213	0.29%	\$37,220	5.40%
La Crosse	Mayor	\$12.09	51,140	51,195	0.11%	\$42,120	6.10%
Sheboygan	Mayor	\$8.72	49,795	49,230	-1.13%	\$39,700	7.10%
West Allis	Mgr./Adm.	\$10.19	63,198	60,365	-4.48%	\$37,710	7.20%
Wauwatosa	Mgr./Adm.	\$7.30	49,484	46,380	-6.27%	\$66,020	5.20%
Racine	Mgr./Adm.	<u>\$12.97</u>	<u>84,298</u>	<u>78,700</u>	<u>-6.64%</u>	<u>\$39,210</u>	<u>11.80%</u>
<b>Averages</b>		<b>\$8.80</b>	<b>48,171</b>	<b>49,607</b>	<b>3.89%</b>	<b>\$47,728</b>	<b>7.51%</b>

Sources: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance & the Wisconsin League of Municipalities.



**THANK YOU ...**

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**PLEASE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**715-261-7800 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER**  
**911 EMERGENCY NUMBER**

**Wausau Police Department Representative:**  
**Officer Houa Lee 715-261-7994 or Houa.Lee@ci.wausau.wi.us**

**INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT: CLIFF AMBRIZ 715-261-6787 or BILL HEBERT 715-261-6780**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (for grass or snow removal issues): 715-261-6740**

**FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE: DAVE DESANTIS 715-261-7904 or JEREMY KOPP 715-261-7906**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS:** <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/CityCouncil/NeighborhoodGroups/ForestParkNeighborhood.aspx>

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIDEOS:** <http://waac.pegcentral.com/index.php?folder=City%20Council>

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