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Dear Wausau Residents,

As I write this newsletter, we close another winter season and look for the renewal of spring in Central Wisconsin. I look forward to spending more time outdoors and talking to each of you one-on-one about the issues and concerns that matter to you. We're in the service business and I welcome your thoughts on how your local government is doing and how we might improve the efficiencies of government.

The City of Wausau is always looking at ways to improve communications with our citizens. This quarterly newsletter supplies a wealth of information for Wausau residents. Surveys have shown that many residents find this means of communication to be most helpful. Another important resource is the City website: www.ci.wausau.wi.us. The website is a great resource for information about our government and our community. There are numerous facts and statistics about Wausau, as well as extensive information about our City. You can watch a full City Council meeting at a link under "Government" subtitle. We also put all City newsletters on our website for residents who prefer an electronic copy. Social media is another means to reach our younger population and therefore we started a Facebook page. Please "like" us on the "City of Wausau Government" page for real time information and "@City of Wausau" on Twitter.

Please check out the various events in this newsletter that are scheduled for April, May and June. Our next newsletter scheduled for June will list the summer activities for July, August, and September. Enjoy the spring season in Wausau and I hope to see you take advantage of all Wausau has to offer.



Mayor Tuppala's Message

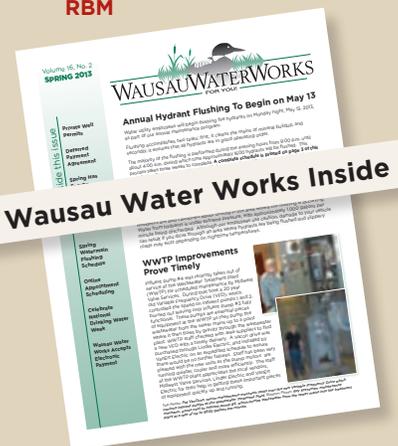
Memorial Day Parade - Participants Wanted!

The City of Wausau Veterans Committee is organizing the annual **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** to be held on **Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 10:45 a.m.**

Patriotic floats, marching units, and any group or organization interested in participating is needed. Line-up begins at 9:45 a.m. and the line-up location will be in the Fair Midway area of Marathon Park, east of the grandstands. Step-off for the parade will be at 10:45 proceeding through the Stewart Avenue Main Gate traveling east on Stewart Avenue to River Drive, concluding at the VFW at 388 River Drive. The ceremony at the VFW building will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. with opening remarks by a City Representative. Following will be the exercise of the Military Rites and Taps.

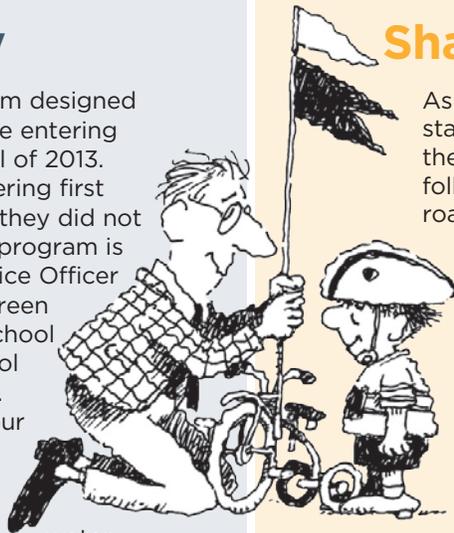
Please join us as we honor our fallen comrades by coming out and enjoying the parade. Anyone wishing to participate are encouraged to call either Paul Missett at 715-842-9554 or Roger Sydow at 715-675-1839.

Mission Statement... In response to our citizens, we will provide services in the most effective manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment. Plan and encourage positive growth. Promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.



Safety City

Safety City is a program designed for children who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2013. Although children entering first grade are welcome, if they did not attend last year. This program is taught by Wausau Police Officer "Officer Friendly" Maureen Pilsner and Wausau School Districts summer school teacher Ann McManus. Safety City teaches your child about many various safety issues such as traffic safety, stranger danger, water safety, fire safety, school bus safety and bicycle safety. Classes are held in June and are 1-1/2 hours long Monday-Friday at Thomas Jefferson School. This year we will also offer an evening class. The cost is \$10. Financial assistance is available if needed. Registration brochures are available at the Wausau Police Dept. and Wausau elementary schools (public and parochial) and on our website. Questions can be directed to Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 715 261-7853.



Car seat recycle day

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Marathon Park, Judging Pavilion
9 am - noon

If your child's car seat is over 6 years old, involved in a car crash, or not being used and needs recycling, please help us get these car seats out of use to ensure more children are traveling safely in our communities. Bring your old car seats to the Car Seat Recycle Day. The seats will be dismantled and materials recycled where possible.



Share the Roadway with Bicycles

As the temperatures rise, the days get longer, and the snow starts to melt, bicycles will once again be out and about around the city. To ensure that we all reach our destinations safely the following are some helpful tips to keep in mind as we share the roadways with each other.

- Bicycles are considered vehicles and by law, adult bicyclists must ride in the street.
- Bicyclists are required to obey the same set of traffic laws and signs as motorists, including stop signs and red lights.
- In most cases, bicycles are required to ride as far to the right of the roadway as practical, safe, and reasonable.
- When passing a bicyclist, motorists are required to provide a minimum of 3 feet of clearance between their vehicle and the bicyclist and to maintain that clearance until safely past.
- As a motorist, it is your responsibility to be aware of the more vulnerable users of the roadways, such as bicycles and pedestrians.

As the spring approaches, please remember to be aware of the additional traffic on our roadways, drive safely, and be respectful of the other roadway users around you.

Dangerous Animal Ordinance

Following an attack on an 11 year old child in Wausau, the Wausau Police Department identified a number of areas where our previous protocols outlined in the former city ordinance regarding dangerous animals, were not completely effective. The old procedure did not allow sufficient quarantine time for the Police Department to investigate the matter and determine if the owner was willing or able to prevent future injuries and incidents.

The city, therefore, made changes to its Dangerous Animal ordinance (W.M.C. §8.08.200) distinguishing between dangerous animals and prohibited dangerous animals. The updated ordinance is the product of a number of roundtable work sessions between the Wausau Police Department, Marathon County Health Dept, Humane Society, City Attorney's office and alderpersons.

Dangerous animals are those that have bitten, injured, or approached or chased a person or other domestic animal in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack without provocation. Upon notice of the determination, these animals will be subject to various restrictions if the animal continues to reside in the City including: display of warning signs, registration with the City Clerk, duty to keep animal in a secure and humane pen when outside on owner's premises, and duty to keep animal muzzled and restrained on a short lead when off the owner's premises.

Prohibited dangerous animals are those that have killed another domestic animal, inflicted bodily harm on a person, have been declared dangerous by another municipality, or are not in compliance with dangerous animal restrictions. The new Prohibited dangerous provisions are applied to the most serious of cases where the event/injury is significant and the likelihood that another event may occur in the future is great due to the traits of the animal or the inability/unwillingness of the owner to prevent it. Prohibited dangerous animals will be ordered to be removed from City limits within 5 days of the determination. Appeal of a determination may be made before the Public Health & Safety Committee.

You may find the full Wausau Municipal Code pertaining to this on the City website: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Clerk/Documents/CodeBook/wau08tx.pdf>

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety and enforcement is an important issue at the Wausau Police Department and over the past several years we have continued to focus on traffic safety concerns by increasing our enforcement efforts through numerous grant funded activities. These grant funded patrols allow us the ability to have additional officers on the street specifically focusing on a variety of traffic safety concerns. Some of these focus areas include: speed enforcement, OWI enforcement, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, seatbelt enforcement, and child safety seat checks. In addition, the Wausau Police Department recently began working with the DDACTS program, which is an acronym for Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. This grant funded program pays for officers to work overtime traffic details in areas that have both high incidence of traffic violations and criminal activity. By increasing the number of visible patrols in these areas, we hope to reduce traffic violations, traffic collisions, and criminal activity.

The Wausau Police Department is focused on providing a safe environment for the motoring public, bicycles, and pedestrians and we work closely with our city engineering department, public works, and attorney's office to continually monitor, evaluate, and proactively address problem areas in the city.

The patrol officers of the Wausau Police Department wear many hats throughout the course of a work day and they are tasked with responding to calls for service such as car crashes, domestic disputes, animal complaints, parking complaints, retail thefts, etc. In addition to these duties, the department also puts an emphasis on ensuring that officers monitor and enforce the traffic laws when they are not assigned to other calls for service. The following statistics outline the traffic related incidents and enforcement activities handled by our patrol bureau in 2012:

- 6,228 total citations written for traffic violations, including,
- 810 speeding citations
- 141 red light violations and 29 yellow light violations
- 5,006 total written warnings for traffic violations
- 266 OWI arrests
- 1,537 overnight parking citations
- Officers responded to 1,136 traffic crashes

In order to ensure everyone's safety on the roadways, the Wausau Police Department asks that you make a concerted effort to drive safely and please be courteous to others on the roadway. Please do not drive distracted and always remember to buckle up!



Texting and Driving Statistics

Wisconsin's texting while driving law went into effect December 1, 2010. The law reads "No person may drive any motor vehicle while composing or sending an electronic text message or an electronic mail message." In addition, a new state law in effect since November 2012 prohibits driver's with an instructional permit or probationary license (which is many of our teenage drivers) from "using a cellular or other wireless telephone except to report an emergency".

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration states that texting while driving is the equivalent of driving after consuming 4 beers. Numerous other studies link texting while driving to a significant number of motor vehicle accidents, injuries, and deaths on our roadways each year.

- 1.6 million motor vehicle accidents annually (National Safety Council)
- 330,000 injuries annually (Harvard Center for Risk Analysis)
- 11 teen deaths every day (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)

Texting and the use of cell phones while driving has become a major contributor to many serious and fatal crashes each year. Please give your full attention to driving and stay safe.



We are losing 4000 High School students and 2000 college age students a year on our Nations roads, many from distracted driving and driver inexperience. Countless more adults succumb to inattentive or distracted driving as well. This is unacceptable as most of these crashes are preventable. The Wausau Police Department recently purchased a new virtual drive simulator to educate drivers about distracted driving. This includes texting, cell phone use, and inattentive driving. This portable unit uses a real vehicle and a virtual reality headset, putting drivers into very life like situations. This program will be available for schools, health fairs, work picnics, etc. For more information please call Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 715 261 7853.



Award Winner

At the Annual United Way Thank-You Banquet in January, Deputy Police Chief Bryan Hilts accepted the "Most Improved Campaign" Award. The Police Department earned this designation by increasing their employee participation in the United Way campaign from 10% to 27%.

In addition, Deputy Chief Hilts was presented with the United Way "Advocate of the Year" Award for his work with the Housing and Homelessness Coalition. Great Work!

New Park & Recreation Online Reservations & Registrations

In 2013, the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department entered into a business relationship with Active Network, an on-line, web-hosted reservation company. What does this mean to you? It means that campsite reservations can now be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from the convenience of your home and/or from any computer with internet access. It also means that beginning on MAY 1, you will be able to 1.) Register for youth swim lessons, and youth and family tennis lessons, and 2.) Reserve select shelter houses on-line. The great part about it is there are no additional fees to the customer for using this on-line service.

How do you reserve on-line?

Easy, just visit Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department website below to get familiar with the program(s) you are interested in reserving and then follow the links provided to complete your registration.

Go to:

- www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp
- On the right hand side of the page just click on the following type of reservation you'd like to make:
 1. Camping
 2. Shelters
 3. Swim Lessons
 4. Tennis Lessons

We will also continue to provide you with the opportunity to register for these services through the Park Administrative Office, 212 River Drive, Suite #2, Wausau. Feel free to call us with any questions you may have on the new on-line reservation system. REMEMBER: Swim Lessons, Tennis Lessons and Shelter Reservations go on-line MAY 1.

Calendar of Events - 2013

April

1	City's Yard Waste Site Opens <i>Sponsored by: City of Wausau</i>	9am
6	Hmong Heritage Month Kick-off Celebration at Wausau West H.S. <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association</i>	10am-3pm
13	Children's Festival Marathon Park at East Gate Hall <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department</i>	9am-3pm
13	Junior History Club, Yawkey House Tour & Picnic in Garden. For children ages 8-11. <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 715-842-5750</i>	10am-12pm
16	Antique Study Club - Program: Titanic <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 715-842-5750</i>	12:15pm-2:30pm
19	Marathon Co. Campgrounds Opening Day Call 715-261-1566 for Reservations <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department</i>	
20	Hmong Heritage Month Music Night (400 Block) . <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association</i>	5-7pm
20	Ghidorzi's Green & Clean Event, Corporate Cove <i>Contact Yvonne at 715-845-7282 for information</i>	9:15am
21	Genealogy Class-European Political Geography: The History of border and language changes <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 715-842-5750</i>	1:30pm
22	Spring Large Item Pick-Up Begins, Runs 2 Weeks <i>Department of Public Works 715-261-6960</i>	
25	Civil War Book Club w/Prof. Brett Barker - When the World Ended: The Diary of Emma LeConte <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 715-842-5750</i>	7pm
27	Hmong Heritage Month Annual Celebration Banquet (NTC) <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association</i>	4:30pm

May

1	Resident and Non-Resident Swim Lessons Registration. Walk-in, Mail-in accepted at Park Office, 212 River Drive, Ste #2 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	8am-4:30pm
1	Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park Opens <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	
4	5K/10K Run/Walk - Taking Steps Against Violence, State Park Speedway, Pre-registration fee \$20, after 4/19/13, \$25. <i>Sponsored by: The Women's Community, 715-842-5663</i>	9am
11	American Heart Walk, Marathon Park <i>Sponsored by: American Heart Assoc. 715-252-9950</i>	8am
13-17	Bike to Work Week: Bike to work with the Mayor on Monday, May 13. Call 715-261-6801 for details. <i>Sponsored by: City of Wausau</i>	8am
17-21	Challenger British Soccer Camp, Ages 4-high school <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	9am-4pm
18	Splash into Safety (Free), YMCA, Pre-registration required Call 715-847-2380 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	12:30pm
18	Monk Gardens Green Saturday <i>Sponsored by: Monk Gardens 715-359-9608</i>	8am-1pm
21	Antique Study Club - Program: Dresser Sets, Etc. <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 842-5750</i>	12:15pm-2:30pm
23	Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs/per adult, \$5 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	5:30-8pm
24	Marathon Junction Opens, Marathon Park <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co. Parks Department</i>	
25	Memorial Day Parade (from Marathon Park to VFW on River Drive) <i>Sponsored by: Veterans</i>	10:45am

June

1	Marathon County Splash Pad Opens Ages 10 and under accompanied by an adult \$.50 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	12-7pm Daily
1-2	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Whitewater, www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>	
7	Wausau Outdoor Pools Open (Kaiser, Memorial, Schulenburg) See Pool Schedule on left <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	
7-8	Relay for Life, John Muir Middle School, Call 715-848-2882 for more info. www.relayforlife.org/wausauwi <i>Sponsored by: American Cancer Society 715-848-2882</i>	6pm-8pm
10-28	Swimming Lessons Session 1 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	
6/10 to 8/1	Wausau Playground Programs Begin Four 1/2 day, supervised sites. \$29-Resident, \$37-Non Resident <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	
6/10 to 8/9	Wausau City Tennis Camp Ages 5-17 yrs Week long, half-day camps. Times and fees vary by age, res. Call for details 261-1550 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	
10-28	Family Tennis Lessons Session 1, Mon, Tue, Thursday Nights, \$60-Resident, \$80-Non Resident, Ages 5 and up. <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	6-7:15pm
14	Summer Kick-Off Celebration, Oak Island Park <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>	4-11pm
15	Splash into Safety (Free) Kaiser Pool, Pre-registration required Call 715-847-2380 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	9:30am
15	Wausau River Fest <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Whitewater, www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>	
16	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Whitewater, www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>	
19	Concert on the Square <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>	6-8pm
20	Marketplace Thursdays with Live at Lunch Series <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>	9-2 & 6-8pm
23	Genealogy Class w/Shelley Green - DNA Unraveled <i>Sponsored by: Marathon County Historical Society, 842-5750</i>	1:30pm
23	Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad, Marathon Park. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$5.00/person Proof of current vaccinations required <i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>	5:30pm-8pm
23	Wausau Buttercup Race, Whitewater Park <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Whitewater, www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>	
26	Concert on the Square <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>	6-8pm
27	Marketplace Thursdays with Live at Lunch Series <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>	9-2 & 6-8pm

Farmers Market on River Drive

The Farmers Market located at 400 River Drive will begin early in May and end mid-November, weather permitting. Products are available Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until vendors sell out or choose to close. Please contact Craig Carlson 715-443-6647 for further information.

2013 Wausau Outdoor Pools

Pool Locations:

Kaiser

900 E. Bridge Street
Open June 07 - August 18

Memorial

505 Memorial Park Road
Open June 07- August 11

Schulenburg

1533 Summit Drive
Open June 07 - August 11

2013 Pool Fees:

Daily Open Swim
(Pools are open, Thursday, July 4, 2013, however, no swimming lessons will be held)

- \$1.00 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
- Free Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:50 PM

Season Passes (Available to City of Wausau residents only)

- \$21 - Youth and Adult
- \$52 - Family

FREE Swim Wednesdays from 6 - 7:50 p.m. all 3 pools; no minimum age; everyone welcome!

There is no minimum age limit. Infants & toddlers who aren't toilet trained must wear swim diapers.

Pool Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
Swim Lessons 9:15 to 11:55 am
Open Swim 1 to 7:50 pm
 Saturday and Sunday
Swim Lessons None
Open Swim 1 to 7:50 pm

For Swim Lesson information contact the Parks Department at 715-261-1550 or check the City of Wausau website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us Go to "Departments" and click on "Parks".

Arbor Day Planting

The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow will once again be planting trees for Arbor Day. April 27th any area residents are encouraged to help us plant 300 more native pine trees on Sylvan Hill and other locations. Volunteers should meet at 10am, in the parking lot of Sylvan Hill.

Robert W. Monk Public Gardens 3rd Annual Green Saturday May 18, 2013

The Monk Gardens are hosting their 3rd Annual Green Saturday on May 18th, 2013 at the Monk Gardens at 1800 N 1st Av, from 8 am to 1 pm. Plants will be for sale showcasing some of the newest cultivars of perennials, herbs and shrubs. A unique part of the sale is the garden flea market. They're asking the community to clean out their garages, garden sheds and yards and donate new and gently used garden items, such as pots, yard furniture, garden tools, garden art, garden equipment like rotor tillers, etc. All donated items are tax deductible and the Monk Gardens will provide a tax donation receipt, if requested.

The Drop off locations throughout the community include:

- Wild Birds Unlimited, 4121 Rib Mountain Dr, Wausau, WI 54401 715-298-3140
- Garden Path Greenhouse, 8160 Greenhouse Rd, Wausau, WI 54401 715-845-2476
- The Master Gardener's booth at the Weston Farmer's Market 5500 Schofield Ave., Schofield, WI 54476 715-359-6114.
- Clearview Nursery, 6414 Schofield Av, Schofield, WI 54476 715-241-0654
- Marathon Town & Country, 1300 W Campus St, Wausau, WI 54401 715-675-1700
- Or, if the items are too big to handle or too numerous, volunteers will pick them up for you. You can call or email either Linda Peterson at 715-359-9608 lindaksp@aol.com or Barb Parlier at 715-443-9023 barbparlier@yahoo.com.

If people have left-over garden related items after their rummage sales, the Monk Gardens will take them, too. They have a shed they can store the items in until next year. Rather than put the items out on the curb for City of Wausau pick up, drop them at one of the drop points or call them and they will gladly pick them up!



Wausau Whitewater

In 1974, a group of individuals realized the potential for a race course on the east channel of the Wisconsin River in downtown Wausau. During the first thirteen years, the river channel itself was a primary focus of the work in bringing races to Wausau. The Wausau course now hosts competitors from around the world. The diverse skill levels of Olympic medalists, United States Kayak and Canoe Team members, up and coming junior team athletes, and local paddlers can be equally challenged by the course.

Wausau Whitewater provides:

- Whitewater paddling instruction for YMCA camp participants
- Mentoring for Boy Scouts Eagle projects
- Training to firefighters and swift water rescue personnel
- Hosting compassion events like First Descents young adults with cancer

They continue to bring new events to the Wausau area, enhance the river front, and be a strong presence in the sport of kayak and canoe, not only in Wisconsin but the nation.

The 2013 Season is another busy year as Wausau Whitewater proudly hosts 4 exciting events, 11 recreational releases, basic instruction classes, camps, freestyle clinics, and much, much more.

Recreational Releases are held 11 weekend days in 2013, up to 150 paddlers per release from the Midwest and Canada travel to Wausau to hone their skills and have fun. Instructional kayaking classes make the course accessible to new paddlers and give others the opportunity to attain that next level of performance. Recreational Releases are scheduled for June 1 & 2, 16, July 27, 28, August 10, 11 and September 7, 8, 21, 22, 2013.

Wausau Riverfest - In coordination with Wausau Area Events Summer Kickoff on Friday, June 14th, Wausau Riverfest continues with a weekend of summer fun, offering free Sea Kayak demonstrations, the RiverSplash Freestyle competition and a Hooligan race, which is something you don't want to miss.

Buttercup Slalom - Organizers of the Buttercup Series like to boast that four of the five top American women canoeists including reigning champ Hailey Thompson began their competitive careers here. But the Buttercup is so much more than a proving ground for elite paddlers. With venues in Wisconsin and Minnesota, the Buttercup has a loyal following of fans through the Upper Midwest. This year's Buttercup Slalom will take place on Sunday, June 23, 2013.

Please watch for the next Summer City Newsletter for more July and August Whitewater events or go to the Whitewater website at www.wausauwhitewater.org.

Woodson Art Museum 2013 Spring/Summer Exhibition Schedule

Sat., April 13-Sun., June 16, 2013

**Torqued & Twisted:
Bentwood Today**

Sat., April 13-Sun., June 16, 2013

**Beguiled by the Wild -
The Art of Charley Harper**

Sat., June 22-Sun., August 25, 2013

Plein Air Painters of America

Sat., Sept. 7-Sun., Nov. 10, 2013

Birds in Art Exhibit

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm
First Thurs. each month, 9am-7:30pm
Saturday-Sunday, Noon-5pm
Closed Monday and Holidays

Admission: Always Free Admission

Phone: 715-845-7010

Fax: 715-845-7103

Web: www.lywam.org

E-mail: museum@lywam.org or
abeck@lywam.org

Location: Franklin & 12th Street,
Wausau, Wisconsin

Mail: 700 N. 12th Street
Wausau, WI 54403-5007



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

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Private Well Permits

Deferred Payment Agreement

Spring Has Sprung

Engineering Excellence Award

Welcome...

Spring Watermain Flushing Schedule

Online Appointment Scheduling

Celebrate National Drinking Water Week

Wausau Water Works Accepts Electronic Payment

Annual Hydrant Flushing To Begin on May 13

Water utility employees will begin flushing fire hydrants on Monday night, May 13, 2013, as part of our annual maintenance program.

Flushing accomplishes two tasks; first, it cleans the mains of mineral buildup, and secondly, it ensures that all hydrants are in good operating order.

The majority of the flushing is performed during the evening hours from 9:00 p.m. until about 4:00 a.m. during which time approximately 1600 hydrants will be flushed. This process takes three weeks to complete. **A complete schedule is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.** Flushing in the Riverview, Highway U, Industrial Park areas, and the high pressure zone around 28th Avenue reservoir will take place during the day, the week of May 27.

Residents are urged to avoid water use when the flushing occurs near their neighborhood, especially for laundry purposes, as it may stain clothing. Water softeners should also be bypassed during this time. Some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process. As flushing occurs in your neighborhood, businesses and homes may experience dirty water for a short period of time.

Residents are also cautioned about driving in the area where the flushing is occurring. Water from hydrants is under extreme pressure, with approximately 1,000 gallons per minute being discharged. Although our employees use caution, damage to your vehicle can result if you drive through an area where hydrants are being flushed and slippery roads may exist depending on nighttime temperatures.

WWTP Improvements Prove Timely

Influent pump #4 was recently taken out of service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for scheduled maintenance by Midwest Valve Services. During that time a 20 year old Variable Frequency Drive (VFD), which controlled the speed on influent pumps 1 and 2, burned out leaving only influent pump #3 fully functional. These pumps are essential pieces of equipment at the WWTP as they pump the wastewater from the sewer mains up to a point where it then flows by gravity through the wastewater plant. WWTP staff checked with area suppliers to find a new VFD with a timely delivery. A Vacon drive was purchased through Linder Electric, and installed by VanErt Electric on an expedited schedule to ensure there would be no further failures. Staff has been very pleased with the new units as the pump motors are running quieter, cooler and more efficiently. The staff at the WWTP plant appreciates the local vendors, Midwest Valve Services, Linder Electric and VanErt Electric for their help in getting these important pieces of equipment quickly up and running.



Top Photo: Pat VanOuse, senior maintenance mechanic looks over the new Variable Frequency Drive which controls influent pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bottom Photo: Roy Kressman, maintenance mechanic, poses next to influent pump #4, which pumps wastewater from the sewer mains into the treatment plant at a rate of up to 9500 gallons per minute.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Private Well Permits

It's that time of year when we all hope spring comes soon so we can get out and do some yard work and get our gardens ready. With that in mind, Wausau Water Works reminds property owners that the WNDR requires permits for any property in the City of Wausau that has a private well. The cost of the permit is \$15.00 for five years. In order to obtain a permit, the well must be inspected and pass a bacteriological test. Owners of any property with a well that does not have a current permit should make arrangements to have the well inspected and permitted as soon as possible by a licensed well driller or pump installer. Any well that fails the bacteriological test twice must be abandoned by a licensed well driller or pump installer.

For more information on either permitting or abandoning a private well, please contact Bob Thompson at 715-261-7262.

Deferred Payment Agreements

Residents with past due or large water and sewer bills may request deferred payment agreements to help them pay off balances prior to bills being transferred to the property taxes. Inquiries regarding deferred payment agreements may be made by calling Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530. Please ask for either Deb or Terry.

Please note that proof of income and monthly expenses may be required to help set up an equitable payment agreement.

Welcome...

We would like to extend a big welcome to Nate Raduechel who recently joined Wausau Water Works as a Sewer Maintainer for the Wastewater Division.

Welcome aboard Nate!

Spring Has Sprung

Yes, spring has sprung, and with it comes home improvement projects. Homeowners who plan to install new siding are asked to contact our office at 715-261-6530 prior to removing the radio box from the home. Radio boxes that are found to be missing/damaged from the home will be billed to the property owners. (These units provide water meter usage information.)

Construction projects such as installing decks, fences and tree planting are another sign of spring. Homeowners are reminded to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig by simply dialing 811 from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at www.diggershotline.com. Homeowners are also reminded that they must allow 3 business days (not including the day the request is called in) for all their utilities to be located before they dig, and should plan their projects accordingly. There is no cost to the homeowner to contact Diggers Hotline, who will then inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area.

Becher Hoppe and City of Wausau Receive Engineering Excellence Award

Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc. and the City of Wausau have been recognized by the American Council of Engineers Companies of Wisconsin (ACEC WI) with a State Finalist Engineering Award in the completion of the Wausau Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) aeration system blowers and micro-turbines.

In 2010, the WWTP focused on sustainability and followed a holistic approach to wastewater treatment, which resulted in two major modifications at the plant. The first one focused on energy efficiency, including new technology blowers for aeration in the activated sludge process along with new flexible membrane diffusers and dissolved oxygen monitoring and control. The second modification involved the renewable component and featured the installation of two 65 kilowatt micro-turbines, biogas conditioning equipment and interconnections to allow the generated power to be used by the newly installed blowers. The micro-turbines are fueled by methane generated in the anaerobic digestion process. Electric energy savings of 900,000 kilowatt hours per year and 70,000 therms of natural gas per year are projected.

Becher-Hoppe worked closely with Brad Marquardt, Director of Public Works and Utilities, and their staff to finalize project plans, construction and operation of the new equipment. "Using the methane gas that is produced at the plant to run the micro-turbines makes a lot of sense" said Marquardt. "We are extremely delighted with the reduction in energy use we have noticed over the first year". Mayor Jim Tipple added, "incorporating the new blowers with the new membrane diffusers has helped the wastewater plant operate more efficiently".

The award presentation was held on March 22nd during the ACEC WI conference in Kohler.



Spring Watermain Flushing Schedule

Utility crews will flush watermains through the operation of hydrants from 9 p.m. until about 4 a.m. (except as noted below). You may want to draw a supply of water prior to your area being flushed. Please be aware adjacent neighborhoods to the area being flushed may experience dirty water for short periods of time.

Avoid water use during the scheduled flush, for laundry purposes especially. It is particularly important not to use bleach in your laundry as it may stain your clothing. It is also suggested that you bypass water softeners during this time. Please also be aware that some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process.

Flushing Schedule

West Side

Monday Night, May 13 - West Wausau Avenue north to City limits.

Tuesday Night, May 14 - Wausau Avenue south to Bridge Street and Pinecrest area to Stettin Drive, west to 48th Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue.

Wednesday Night, May 15 - Oak Street south to Sherman Street.

Thursday Night, May 16 - Rosecrans Street south to City limits.

East Side

Monday Night, May 20 - Steuben Street north to Sylvan Street; 6th Street to City Limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive

Tuesday Night, May 21 - Hamilton Street south to Forest Street

Wednesday Night, May 22 - Kickbusch Street south to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue

Thursday Night, May 23 - Town Line Road south to City limits.

Other Areas

(Flushing performed during the day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 28 - High Pressure Zone by 28th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U.

Wednesday and Thursday, May 29-30 - Riverview Area

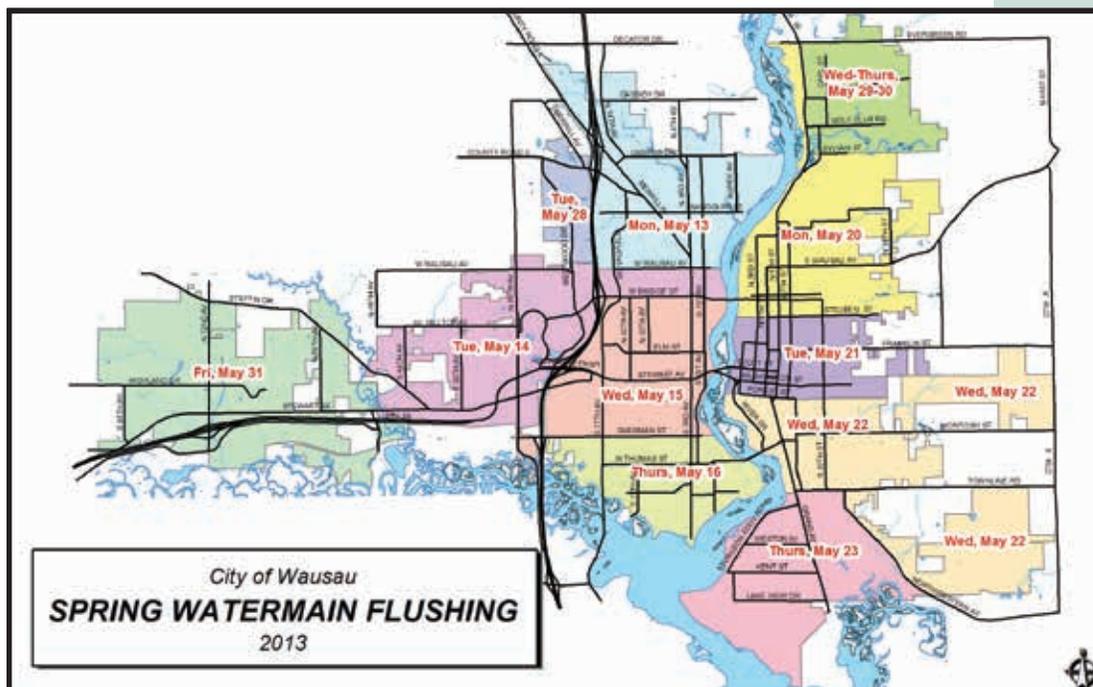
Friday, May 31 - 56th Avenue west to City limits

Online Appointment Scheduling Available

In an effort to continually provide better services for our customers, you can now use our website to perform a variety of online appointment requests. Log onto our website at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks.aspx to schedule final reading requests or appointments for meter exchanges. You'll find a link under Service Scheduling to perform these functions. We will confirm all service requests during our normal business hours.

You can also contact us through our email address of waterworks@ci.wausau.wi.us if you have questions about your account, water quality, etc.

Water and sewer bills can also be paid with a credit or debit card through the link that takes you to Official Payments (please note that a convenience fee is charged by Official Payments for this service). Also on our website you can view our newsletters or minutes and agendas for the Wausau Water Works Commission, or find other information relating to the City of Wausau. So, log on today!



Celebrate National Drinking Water Week

May 5-11 is National Drinking Water Week, a time to recognize our most valuable natural resource. Our tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, and supports our economy and the quality of life we enjoy. As a measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – these are all in some way related to access to safe water. We are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which past, present and future generations have and will depend, and each citizen of our city is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, and to practice water conservation.

During National Drinking Water Week, take the time to thank your local water utility professionals who are there to ensure that you have the highest quality drinking water 24/7, 365 days a year!

Amazing, Awesome Water Facts

- On a normal day, Wausau Water Works pumps approximately 5,000,000 gallons of water. During the summer months, that amount typically goes up to 7,000,000 or more.
- An average family of four uses about 24,000 gallons of water per quarter or almost 100,000 gallons annually.
- The average faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute. You can save up to four gallons of water every morning by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth.
- A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.
- Taking a bath requires up to 70 gallons of water. A five-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons.
- It takes seven and a half years for the average American residence to use the same amount of water that flows over Niagara Falls in one second (750,000 gallons).
- The City of Wausau has approximately 250 miles of water mains. In the United States and Canada there are approximately one million miles of water pipeline and aqueducts, enough to circle earth 40 times.
- If you drink your daily recommended 8 glasses of water per day from the tap, it will cost you about 50 cents per year. If you choose to drink it from bottled water, it can cost you up to \$1,400 dollars.
- More than 25% of bottled water comes from a municipal water supply, the same place that tap water comes from.
- Water can dissolve more substances than any other liquid including sulfuric acid.

Source: Wausau Water Works and water.epa.gov/learn/kids/drinkgwater/water_trivia_facts.cfm

Wausau Water Works Accepts Electronic Payments

Are you tired of writing out checks each quarter for your water and sewer bill? If so, Wausau Water Works has just the answer. You can pay your Wausau Water Works bill via electronic payments. To sign up for this service complete the shaded portion of the form below and return to Wausau Water Works, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403-4783 along with a VOIDED CHECK. Payments are deducted on the 20th of the month that the bill is due. You will still receive a copy of your quarterly bill showing the usage and billing amount. If you have any questions, please call our office at 715-261-6530.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL	
COMPANY NAME WAUSAU WATER WORKS	COMPANY ID NUMBER
I (we) hereby authorize WAUSAU WATER WORKS hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate entries and to initiate, if necessary, entries and adjustments for any entries in error to my/our account indicated below and the depository name below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to credit and/or debit the same to such account.	
DEPOSITORY NAME	BRANCH
CITY, STATE, ZIP	TRANSIT/ABA NUMBER
TYPE OF ENTRY (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEBIT	TYPE OF ACCOUNT (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS
This authority is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.	
NAME (please print)	
SIGNATURE	DATE
NAME (please print)	
SIGNATURE	DATE

Construction/Remodeling Projects...

If you are planning any construction or remodeling projects within the City of Wausau, we would like to remind you that permits are required for most projects. Some of the items requiring permits are:

- New construction or an addition to a building.
- Alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.).
- Construction of a detached garage, lean-to, storage building, gazebo, etc., or any additions or alterations thereto.
- Construction or reconstruction of a deck, stoop, porch, or ramp.
- Residing of a building. (Make sure house numbers get reinstalled upon completion.)
- Replacement of windows or doors, or installation of new windows or doors.
- Roofs: A building permit is required for the installation/replacement of all residential roofing in the City including reshingling.
 - Old shingles must be removed, unless the Building Inspector approves installation over one existing layer.
 - Metal roofs are NOT allowed on residential buildings in the City of Wausau unless they meet certain guidelines and are approved on an individual case-by-case basis by the City's Building Advisory Board. (Metal roofs using corrugated panels or exposed fasteners will not be approved for use on residential buildings.)
- Construction of a retaining wall (2' or more in height—from ground level).
- Demolition of a building.
- Separate permits are required for any plumbing or electrical work.

A more complete list is available on-line at:
<http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections.aspx>

Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and complies with City and State codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.

The Inspectors are typically in the office between 8:00-10:00 a.m. to issue permits and answer any questions you may have regarding your proposed project. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. However, if these times are not convenient for you, contact the Department of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780, and they are generally able to make other arrangements for you to meet with their staff.



Property Maintenance Reminders...

Exterior Property Areas:

- All exterior areas shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of items/garbage/debris/yard waste.
- Dog/animal excreta must be picked up on a daily basis, so as to minimize health hazards.
- Furniture intended for indoor use is not allowed on yards or open porches.

Trash Containers, Recyclable Containers and Trash:

- Trash containers, recyclable containers and trash shall not be set out for collection any sooner than 5:00 p.m. of the day before pickup, and all containers shall be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 8:00 a.m. of the day after pickup.
- Between pickups, trash and recyclable containers shall be stored inside or in an area where they would not be visible from the front or sides of the property.
- During winter months, trash containers must not be placed on snow banks.
- Trash containers must be of substantial construction with tight-fitting covers and strong handles on the outside, they must be watertight and flyproof, and shall not exceed a capacity of 35 gallons. Any container when filled shall not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Landlords must provide a sufficient number of containers to hold the recyclable and nonrecyclable solid waste for their properties.

Vehicles:

- Parking of vehicles on the grass in the City is not allowed—vehicles must be parked on established driveway/parking areas that are hard-surfaced (on blacktop, concrete, or brick or grass pavers that are approved by the City). Adding more parking area on residential properties using gravel is not allowed.
- Vehicles that are inoperative, abandoned, unregistered or unlicensed, or in any state of major disassembly, disrepair or dismantlement are not allowed on residential properties.
- Working on vehicles on residential properties is not permitted.

Recreational Equipment:

- Motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, utility trailers, etc. cannot be parked or stored in any required front yard or corner side yard of any residential property, except for on a designated driveway which meets the City's hard-surfacing requirements.
- Equipment or trailers that are longer than 30' (measured from back bumper to tongue) must be parked within enclosed structures.

Signs: Rummage sale, garage sale, real estate, advertising, or other such signs cannot be placed on boulevards, other public right-of-ways, or attached to public utility poles.

If you have any questions or wish to report any violations, call the Department of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780.

Yard Waste Site Opens Monday, April 1, 2013

The City of Wausau Yard Waste Site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street.

Hours of Operation 2013

The Yard Waste site will be open from Monday, April 1 through Sunday, November 17th during the following hours:

Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Important:

The City of Wausau residents must obtain a bar code sticker (free of charge) at the waste site. This sticker will be placed on your vehicle and help the attendants in identifying illegal dumping from other municipalities. Photo ID and/or proof of Wausau residency is required. *Anyone with a current registered bar code sticker with a number lower than 22000 will need to re-register to obtain a new bar code sticker.*

The Yard Waste Site will be **CLOSED on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.** Please note that the site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours. Citations will be issued to parties who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

Materials Accepted:

Garden & flower debris, Grass, Leaves, Tree branches/brush

Materials That Will Not Be Accepted:

Tree stumps, Root balls (*Stumps and root balls less than 60 lbs. can be placed at the curb with your normal garbage for pickup.*)

The City of Wausau appreciates your cooperation. Call The Department of Public Works at 261-6960, if you have any questions, Office hours are: Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

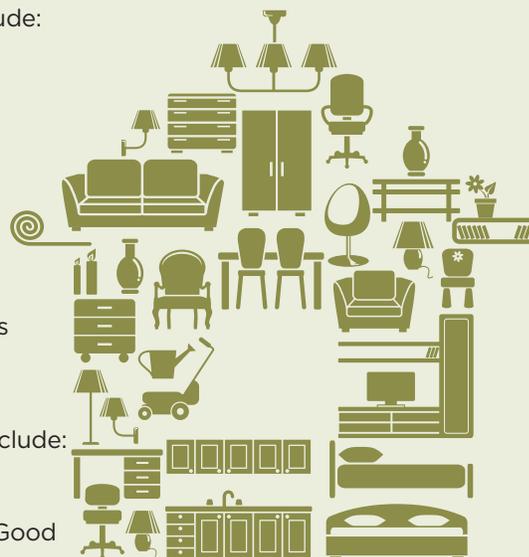


Annual Spring Large Item Pick-Up April 22 - May 3, 2013

This service begins **Monday, April 22, 2013 and runs two weeks through May 3rd, 2013** per the schedule listed below. This program is intended to help residents dispose of LARGE, unwanted items. **ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE CURB FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS ONLY. ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Items that **will be picked up** include:

- Bathroom Sinks and Fixtures
- Carpeting
- Cabinets and Countertops
- Dining Room Tables/Chairs
- Large Furniture - Overstuffed chairs, sofas, end tables
- Mattresses
- Grills
- Large metal items
- Lawnmowers and small engines (gas & oil removed)
- Water heaters



Items that **won't be picked up** include:

- Appliances
- Electronics: TV's, Computers, Monitors, Stereos (check with Good News Project or Best Buy)
- Tires (Dispose at tire dealership for a nominal fee)
- Chemicals: Paint, Pesticides, Oil, Hazardous toxic material (Call Marathon County Solid Waste & Recycling 1-877-270-3989)
- Large quantities of building material and roofing shingles (Use a commercial dumpster or haul privately to Marathon County Landfill)
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Medicines, Sharps, Needles, Syringes (Call Marathon County Solid Waste at 1-877-270-3989)
- Brush, yard waste, root balls, stumps (Take to Yard Waste site)
- Newspaper, paper, aluminum cans, glass, plastic (place in recycle bin for bi-weekly pick-up)

If you have questions about what is acceptable or unacceptable, please call 715-261-6960. All material should be placed at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day. If your property is missed, please call 715-261-6960 on the day after your scheduled pick-up.

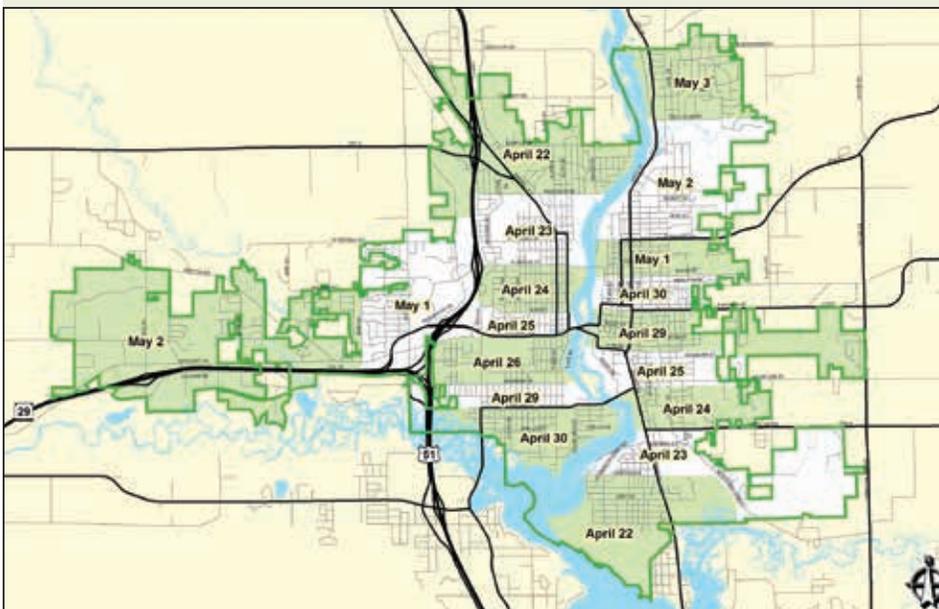
DO NOT place items for Large Item Pick-Up at the curbside until the day before the scheduled pick-up day. Doing so can create an unsightly, hazardous situation and increases the city's disposal costs if items get waterlogged. Store the material in a garage or elsewhere until that time.

Persons placing material at the curbside more than 24 hours prior to their collection day shall be subject to a fine of up to \$200.00 for each offense (each day a violation occurs), or shall be subject to having the material removed at a cost to the property owner. No person may bring material for disposal into the city from property outside the city. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$200 for each offense.

*****Please note: Another opportunity to dispose of Unwanted Large Items free of charge will take place at the end of summer/early fall at the "Clean it up, Wausau" event at the Wausau Yard Waste site. Watch for details in the Summer Newsletter edition.**

This Pick-Up Service is for Large Items Only and Will be Strictly Enforced

	East Side of Wisconsin River	West Side of Wisconsin River
April 22	South City Limits to Weston Avenue	North City Limits to Randolph Street and Hwy U west of USH 51/139, Merrill Ave to Westwood Dr.
April 23	Weston Avenue to Town Line Road	Randolph Street to Bridge Street between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
April 24	Town Line Road to Thomas Street	Bridge Street to Elm Street between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue
April 25	Thomas Street to Forest Street	Elm Street to Stewart Avenue between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue
April 26	All of Grand Avenue from South City Limits	Stewart Avenue to Sherman Street between USH 51/139 to Forest Street and 1st Avenue
April 29	Forest Street to Franklin Street	Sherman Street to Thomas Street between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
April 30	Franklin Street to Stark Street	Thomas Street to South City Limits between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
May 1	Stark Street to E. Wausau Avenue	USH 51/139 to 36th Avenue
May 2	E. Wausau Avenue to to Golf Club Road	36th Avenue to West City Limits
May 3	Golf Club Road to North City Limits	



Residential Driveways and Parking Areas Must Be Hard-Surfaced

Deadline - September 30, 2014

Each year the City's street sweeping equipment removes approximately 5,000 cubic yards (8,250 tons) of material from the roadways. A large quantity of this material is soil, sand and gravel that gets tracked or washes away from unpaved driveways and parking areas. In 2008, as a means to reduce airborne dust and the amount of material that enters the storm sewers, and improve surface water quality, the City of Wausau Common Council adopted an ordinance requiring that all residential driveways and parking areas be hard-surfaced by **September 30, 2014**. The six-year grace period was given to allow sufficient time to notify property owners of the requirement and for them to complete the necessary hard-surfacing.

What is an appropriate hard-surface for parking? A dustless all-weather material capable of carrying a wheel load of four pounds, generally consisting of:

- Asphalt (blacktop) - two inches of asphalt on a four-inch base;
- Concrete - five inches of Portland cement on a four-inch base;
- Solid brick pavers approved for vehicle use and installed according to manufacturer's specifications, laid end-to-end and side-to-side; or
- Grass pavers approved for vehicle use and installed according to manufacturer's specifications, which allow grass or other suitable vegetation to grow through openings in them.

Hard-surfacing of any drive approach, which is that portion of the driveway that is located from the property line to the street, must be completed by a contractor who is licensed and bonded with the City. A list of licensed contractors can be obtained from the Engineering Department or is available on-line at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Engineering>.

To restate, all driveways and parking areas on residential properties must be hard-surfaced by **September 30, 2014**.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact the Department of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780.



Assessment Department Dates to Remember

2013 Change of Assessment Notices To Be Mailed: **May 3, 2013**

2013 Open Book Period:
May 6th thru May 10th, 2013

1st Meeting of the Board of Review:
June 5th, 2013

Who will receive a 2013 Change of Assessment Notice?

We will mail you a notice if your assessment is to be higher or lower than it was the previous year.

What is Open Book?

Open Book is when the Assessment Roll is first available for public review. It is also a period when you can make appointments to come in, review your property record card and discuss any valuation concerns you may have with the property appraiser assigned to your area. Most assessment questions can be answered during the informal "Open Book" process.

What if I disagree with my Assessment?

If your opinion of value for your property differs from your Assessment, please come in and discuss the matter with us.

After talking with us, if you still find a significant difference between your assessment and what you feel is your property's market value, you may file a formal objection. This objection for the Board of Review must be filed in writing with the City Clerk. For complete details on the appeal process visit: www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf to view "The Guide for Property Owners" published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of State & Local Finance, Bureau of Assessment Practices.

What is the Board of Review?

The Board of Review consists of citizens appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The Board of Review is responsible for correcting any assessment errors. It conducts its hearings in a manner similar to a court.

2013 Major Road Construction Projects

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will have the following construction projects in the City of Wausau:

US 51/Marathon County U and K interchange

Schedule: April 2013 - November 2014

Description: The \$28 million reconstruction of the interchange is scheduled to begin as early as April 1. The start date is dependent on favorable weather conditions.

The prime contractor for the reconstruction project is Michels Corporation of Brownsville. Crews will:

- Repave US 51 from West Wausau Avenue to Decator Drive
- Replace the deck on the existing US 51 bridges over County K/Business 51 and the southbound US 51 bridge over Decator Drive
- Replace the County U bridge over US 51
- Reconstruct the US 51/County U/County K/Business 51 interchange as a single diamond interchange at County K/Business 51 with a half diamond interchange at County U. Roundabouts will be constructed at the County K/Business 51 interchange ramps.
- Reconstruct County U from Westwood Drive to Business 51 as a four-lane urban roadway
- Install traffic signals at the County U/College Drive/Business 51 intersection
- Pave Overlook Drive from County U to County K
- Construct a multi-use path from the cul-de-sac at 14th Avenue through Northcentral Technical College's property and ending at the College Drive/Business 51 intersection.

Traffic Impacts:

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on US 51 during peak travel hours.
- There will be a four-night closure of US 51 to remove the County U bridge over US 51. Traffic will be detoured via the existing interchange ramps. The contractor is tentatively scheduling this for April 1 through April 4, 2013.
- County U will be closed to traffic beginning April 1, 2013 for approximately six months. During the closure, traffic will be detoured via Westwood Drive and Bridge Street. Local traffic will be maintained.
- Periodic 15 to 20 minute closures of US 51 for blasting operations and beam placement. Blasting operations are tentatively scheduled to start in mid-May 2013.
- Periodic, temporary closures of interchange ramps.
- County K traffic will be detoured to through traffic for approximately six months in 2014. Traffic will be detoured via County U and Overlook Drive.

Residents and motorists are encouraged to check the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website for the latest traffic bulletins and updates.

Overnight Parking

From December 1 through March 31, no overnight parking is allowed on city streets. Overnight parking downtown is restricted all year long.

For the rest of the City of Wausau, parking is allowed on the odd or even side of the street from April 1 through November 30. On odd calendar days, parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd house numbers. On even calendar days, overnight parking is permitted on the even side of the street.

The following city streets are anticipated to be reconstructed in the summer of 2013:

- **Werle Avenue from Garfield Avenue to West Street**
- **Spring Street from North 6th Street to North 13th Street**
- **Kent Street from Grand Avenue to Curling Way**
- **Westwood Drive from Bridge Street to Pine Ridge Boulevard**
- **2nd Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street**
- **Clark Street from 2nd Avenue to the cul-de-sac**

Description: The street reconstructions will include removing the existing street surface, installing new sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, curb and gutter and pavement. Sanitary sewer and water laterals will also be replaced where required.

Traffic Impacts: The streets will be closed to thru traffic during construction. Residents should have access to their driveways for a majority of the project.

Schedule: May - October

If you have any questions regarding the reconstruction of the city streets, please call the Engineering Department at 715-261-6740.



Future Wisconsin Dot Projects Update

Grand Avenue: Kent Street - Division Street

Schedule: Summer 2014

Description: The project will involve a pavement rehab to extend the life of the exiting pavement. The project will include spot replacement of deteriorated concrete, diamond grinding the concrete pavement, and an asphalt overlay. The project will include removing the existing interior mountable median. The removal of the median will allow a wider outside lane for bicycle accommodations. The project will also involve replacing the existing street lights along Grand Avenue in this corridor.

Traffic Impact: Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the project.

Stewart Avenue: 1st Avenue - 17th Avenue

Schedule: Summer 2015

Description: The project will involve a pavement rehab to extend the life of the exiting pavement. The project will include spot replacement of deteriorated concrete and an asphalt overlay. Safety improvements to pedestrian crosswalks will also be addressed with this project.

Traffic Impact: Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the project.

If you intend on parking overnight on a city street, please remember that the calendar day changes at midnight. For example, if you park your car on the street on September 1 at 9:00 PM and intend to leave it overnight, you must park on the even side of the road. At 3:00 AM, the date is actually September 2 and the overnight parking ordinance restricts the parking on city streets between the hours of 2:30 AM and 6:00 AM. Think ahead when parking overnight.

Red Flags

Signs of the Unprofessional Remodeler:

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) says it's important to know the warning signs for unscrupulous home remodelers and offers the following red flags to keep in mind when searching for a contractor:

Doesn't have license and insurance.

All professional home remodelers should be insured and able to show their certificate proving such insurance. The State of Wisconsin requires that contractors have a Dwelling Contractor credential (to verify proof of responsibility and minimum insurance limits) and that one of their employees holds a Dwelling Contractor Qualifier credential (minimum continuing education requirements to maintain some level of contractor competency).

Doesn't write contracts.

Professional home remodelers have clear contracts that outline the job, process, the cost, and helps clarify how problems will be managed. If you don't have a contract, neither the remodeler nor the homeowner are protected when something goes wrong.

Requires cash or payment in full before starting the job.

Shady home remodelers demand cash and then run with the money. Many homeowners have been stranded by paying in full up front.

Vastly underbids all other contractors.

They may have the best price, but that doesn't guarantee the best work. Such contractors may cut costs on quality for your home remodel, which can end up costing more when the homeowner has to redo the work.

Cannot provide customer references.

Professional home remodelers should have current references they can provide from current and past clients.

Poor credit.

A bad credit report suggests bad business practices that could harm your remodeling project.

Difficulty contacting the home remodeler.

Professionals have a physical office, mailing address, phone, and email. They should respond to your queries in a timely manner.



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Community Non-Profit Spotlight RBM (Recycled Building Materials) 500 South 38th Avenue, Wausau, WI • 715-848-5042

What is RBM?

RBM is a facility by *Habitat for Humanity (HFH)* of Wausau that sells gently used and new building material, appliances, fixtures, and more. They offer both OLD (think antique) to NEW items for sale. All proceeds of sales allow HFH of Wausau to continue building homes in the Wausau area. Anyone can donate to RBM and HFH may even be able to pick the items up. Donations they accept include:

- Appliances in 100% working condition (Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, etc)
- Cabinets and Countertops (Kitchen and bath cabinets in sets or individual pieces)
- Doors (Interior, exterior, storm, patio with complete frames) No hollow core doors
- Windows (Insulated glass only, no single glass)
- Plumbing (Kitchen and bathroom sinks, fiberglass tubs, claw foot tubs, no chips, rust or stains. No toilets unless new in box)
- Flooring (Unused NEW carpet and tile. New and reclaimed hardwood and laminate flooring)
- Furniture (Hutches, tables, chairs, bed, dressers, desks, couches - overall good condition)
- Wood (Baseboard, casing molding, framing lumber - Nothing less than 6 feet in length, no nails or concrete, no scrap wood)
- Miscellaneous (Architectural elements, mantels, columns, stained/leaded glass, shutters - free of structural damage, water damage or mold)

The also recycle electronics for a \$5 - \$10 donation per item. The electronics they will take include:

- Televisions (portable as well as consoles)
- Microwaves
- Computers, Monitors
- Keyboards, Mice
- Printers/Fax/Scanners
- DVD Players, Stereos, VCR's
- Video Game Consoles, MP3/Ipods
- Copiers (all sizes)
- PDA and Cell Phones, Cameras
- Satellite Dishes

RBM is open to the public on Saturdays from 9:00am - 1:00pm. To donate call 715-848-5042.

