


WAUSAU WATER WORKS

FOR YOU!

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Wausau to Sell Water to Brokaw



Thursday, March 13, 2008 marked the date that started a new relationship between the City of Wausau and the Village of Brokaw when Mayor Jim Tipple and Village President Jeffrey Weisenberger jointly signed an agreement for the Village to purchase drinking water from Wausau.

Negotiations had been in the making for a number of years after Brokaw learned that one of their wells was contaminated, and the Wisconsin DNR ordered Brokaw to find an alternate water source. Village officials pursued a number of options, including purchasing water from Wausau. Wausau and Brokaw will cost share in the building of a new booster station that will be built on the northwest side of the City. From there, a pipeline will be installed by Brokaw to serve the residents and businesses in their Village. This booster station will also allow Wausau Water Works to loop existing mains in the area to provide redundancy in the water supply.

It is anticipated that Brokaw will purchase approximately 40,000 gallons of water per day, which is currently less than many of our industrial customers. Wausau's daily average is normally around 5 million gallons per day. This is a great opportunity for two communities to share resources for the mutual benefit of both.

Annual Hydrant Flush Begins Apr. 21

Utility crews will begin flushing fire hydrants Monday night, April 21, 2008, as part of an annual maintenance program. In the past, this procedure was completed during the fall, however, starting this year we will be changing to a spring flush.

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 more than 1500 hydrants will be flushed. This process takes approximately three weeks to finish. **A complete schedule is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.**

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. Flushing in the Riverview, Highway U, Industrial Park, and the high pressure zone around 28th Avenue reservoir will take place during the day, the week of May 5-9, 2008.

24th Avenue Lift Station Replaced by Wis. DOT



The Lift Station on the corner of 24th Avenue and Sherman Street has been replaced by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as part of the work associated with the Highway 51/29 interchange upgrade. The old station, shown above, has been decommissioned, and a new station, shown below,



has been built as a replacement, and went into service in mid-March.

The original lift station was built in 1966, by the Town of Stettin Sanitary District, but was turned over to Wausau Water Works back in the mid-1980s when that portion of Stettin annexed to the City of Wausau.

The purpose of this lift station is to take the sewage from the Stewart Avenue area, and lift it so that it can flow by gravity to the wastewater treatment plant.

Happy Retirement

Jim Gaulke, meter reader with Wausau Water Works, retired on February 1, after almost 30 years with the Utility. We wish Jim the very best in his retirement!

Welcome...

We would like to extend a big welcome to Eric Smith who joined Wausau Water Works as a Distribution Maintainer-Operator as of February 25. Eric transferred from the Department of Public Works where he had been employed since December 2006.

Wow, What a Winter that Was!

The winter of 2007-2008 turned out to be great for those who enjoy skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing, but it was a challenging winter for our Water Distribution Crew. Between the cold and the snow, crews were kept busy repairing main breaks and trying to keep fire hydrants clear.

Thanks are extended to the many residents who kept their hydrants clear of snow. The time it takes to locate and clear a buried fire hydrant in the event of a fire emergency can mean the difference between saving and losing a home. There are nearly 1600 fire hydrants throughout the City of Wausau, and although Wausau Water Works makes every attempt to keep these hydrants clear, the help of our residents is greatly appreciated.



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 261-6530 prior to removing the radio box from the home. Radio boxes that are found to be missing from the home will be billed to the property owner.



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 days 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 Digger's Hotline, who will inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as the water, sewer, gas, and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry!

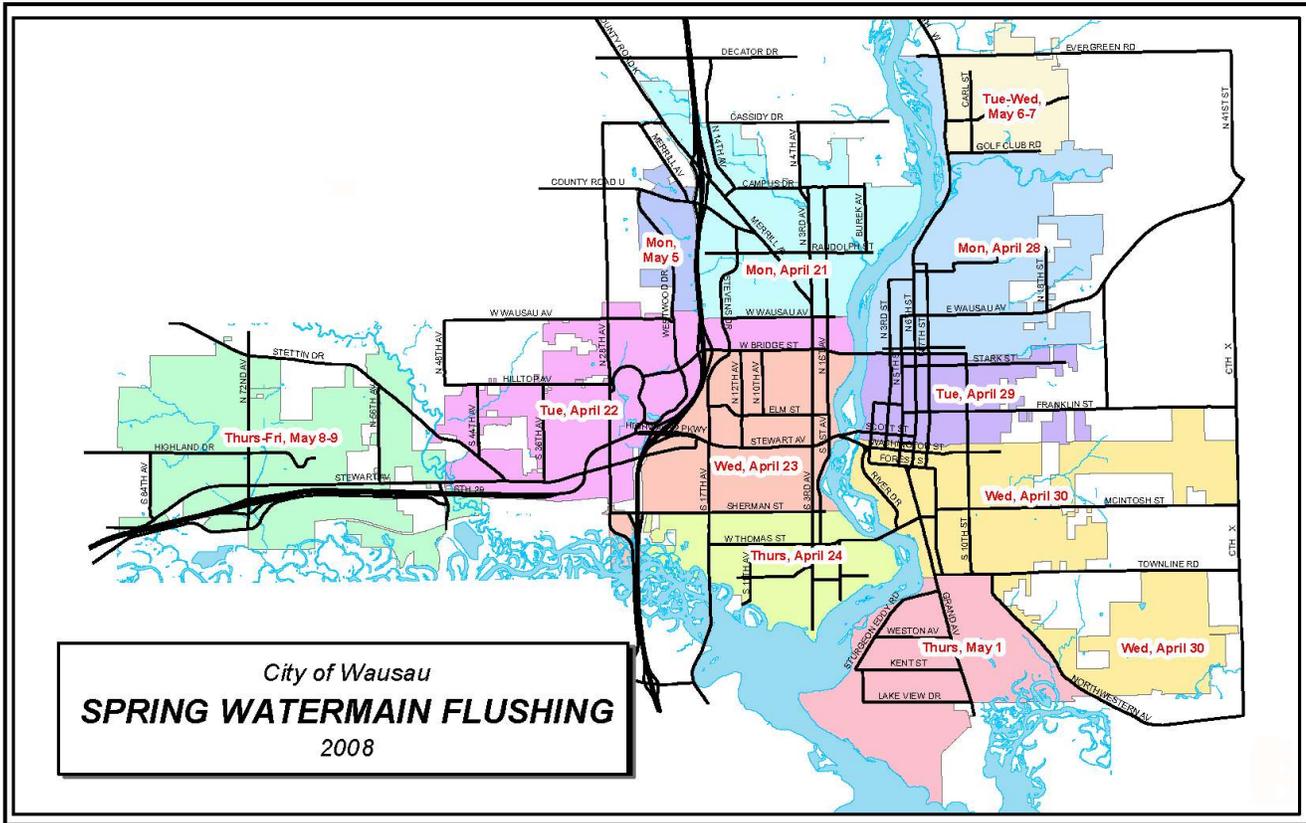


**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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, and the use of bleach in your laundry should also be avoided, as it may stain your clothing. It is also suggested that you bypass water softeners during this time. Please be aware that some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process.



FLUSHING SCHEDULE - WEST SIDE

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| Monday night, April 21 | West Wausau North to City Limits |
| Tuesday night, April 22 | Wausau Avenue South to Bridge Street and Pinecrest Area to Stettin Drive, west to 48 th Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue |
| Wednesday night, April 23 | Oak Street South to Sherman Street |
| Thursday night, April 24 | Rosecrans Street South to City Limits |

EAST SIDE

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| Monday night, April 28 | Bridge Street North to Sylvan Street and 6 th Street to City Limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive |
| Tuesday night, April 29 | Bridge Street South to Jefferson Street |
| Wednesday night, April 30 | Jefferson Street South to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue |
| Thursday night, May 1 | Town Line Road South to City Limits |

OTHER AREAS - (Flushing Performed during the day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

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| Monday, May 5 | High Pressure Zone by 28 th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U |
| Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6-7 | Riverview Area |
| Thursday and Friday, May 8-9 | 56 th Avenue West to City Limits |

Water Works Rate Schedule

Rates Effective March 1, 2006

Water Rates

Quarterly Service Charge

(based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$ 15.00
3/4 inch meter	15.00
1 inch meter	24.00
1-1/4 inch meter	36.00
1-1/2 inch meter	42.00
2 inch meter	63.00
3 inch meter	114.00
4 inch meter	162.00
6 inch meter	306.00
8 inch meter	468.00
10 inch meter	687.00
12 inch meter	906.00

Plus Volume Charge below:

First 6,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.64 per 100 cubic ft.
 Next 54,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.49 per 100 cubic ft.
 Over 60,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.13 per 100 cubic feet.

Sewer Rates

Quarterly Service Charge

(based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$ 13.90
3/4 inch meter	15.60
1 inch meter	20.10
1-1/4 inch meter	24.20
1-1/2 inch meter	28.40
2 inch meter	43.00
3 inch meter	72.00
4 inch meter	113.00
6 inch meter	218.00

Plus Volume Charge below:

All volume, as recorded by the water meter each quarter, shall be charged at the rate of \$1.88 per 100 cubic feet. Unmetered sewer rate is \$64.38 per quarter outside the City of Wausau.

Private Fire Protection

(based on size of connection)

2 inch connection	\$12.00
3 inch connection	22.00
4 inch connection	37.00
6 inch connection	74.00
8 inch connection	117.00
10 inch connection	176.00
12 inch connection	256.00

Public Fire Protection

(based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$8.70
3/4 inch meter	\$8.70
1 inch meter	\$21.60
1-1/4 inch meter	\$31.80
1-1/2 inch meter	\$42.90
2 inch meter	\$69.00
3 inch meter	\$129.00
4 inch meter	\$216.00
6 inch meter	\$432.00
8 inch meter	\$684.00
10 inch meter	\$1026.00

Payments must be received in the office of the Clerk/Customer Service, City Hall, by the 20th of each month. Payments received after the 20th of each month are subject to late payment charges, in the amount of 1% of the outstanding balance.

Payments made at grocery stores, electronically, or through the mail via the Milwaukee lockbox address should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the due date to ensure timely receipt.

