

# Wausau Works

*For you!*

Spring/Summer 2006



*James E. Tipple*

## Mayor Tipple's Message

The City of Wausau is "Springing" into action! I would like to sincerely thank the former City Council members for their years of selfless dedication, public service, and willingness to provide representation to the constituents of their districts. It is with pleasure that I welcome new members of the City Council to an exciting future working together as we continue to make the Wausau community a first class city.

The Dudley Office Tower has broken ground and we are excited to watch the continued progress in the downtown area. This development is great for the local economy. Not only for creating new business opportunities and retaining jobs, but it uses all the local and state resources we have available from building supplies, products, and services required for a development of this magnitude.

Construction is underway on the new Wausau Business Development Center, located at 100 N. 72nd Avenue in the Wausau West Industrial Park. When completed in July, the building will be a 43,900 square foot mixed-use facility, replacing the existing Incubator on Cleveland Street. The development center is designed to serve start-up businesses needing space in light manufacturing, office, and high tech industries.

The N2N (Neighbor to Neighbor) Committee continues to work hard at creating awareness of the need for neighborhood revitalization as it relates to crime, safety, and clean neighborhoods with social connectedness. A "Drugs in our Community" seminar was recently held on a sunny Saturday morning and information was shared with local homeowners, landlords, and tenants. If you are interested in starting a new neighborhood association, please give my office a call (261-6800) and we'll provide the necessary information. Watch for an opportunity to help in another city-wide neighborhood clean-up event again this summer. With Earth Day approaching on April 22nd, I encourage your church/youth groups, neighborhood associations, company co-workers, and partners to choose a day during that week to designate an area for clean-up. Helpful hands make for great rewards, so please pitch in and do your part to keep our community clean!

The new WATS bus service to Weston is another positive step toward sharing services and saving your tax dollars. I am proud to report that ridership is exceeding expectations and we continue to work hard at looking for ways to provide quality service at a reasonable cost.

We live in a world of change and with change there will be inconvenience. With spring approaching and the ultimate arrival of summer, I'm optimistic that the major road construction projects in the area will be but a brief inconvenience. As our city crews and the State DOT work together, I ask for your continued patience making our infrastructure improvements. Please refer to the **2006 Major Road Projects** article in this publication for information on affected areas and the impact on various everyday routes.

Enjoy the newsletter and please be sure to read about the new important **Yard Waste** and **Hazardous Waste** information. Also, remember to save the attached pull-out section listing the fun **Calendar of Events** that make Wausau a great place to live. Be safe on your summer travels and enjoy the upcoming warmer months!

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## Safety City to be Held

Safety City will again be held this summer at **Thomas Jefferson School**, starting June 12th and running for three weeks. The program is targeted for children that are 5 years old, and scheduled for Kindergarten in the fall of 2006. Youngsters are trained in such areas as bicycle and pedestrian safety, safety around strangers, safety from poisons, and bus safety. Safety City is run jointly by the Wausau School District and the Wausau Police Department.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Wausau Police Department or at a Wausau School District Elementary School/Preschool. There is no cost for the program, but children need to live within the Wausau School District. Completed forms must be returned to the Wausau Police Department and the earlier you are able to do this, the better, as classes are limited. Parents will then be contacted as to which week their child will attend.

There are three sessions per day with each being 1½ hours long and the program runs for one week. Session times are as follows:

8:30-10:00 a.m.      10:30 a.m.-12 Noon      1:00-2:30 p.m.

Please call Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 261-7853 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to answer any questions regarding Safety City.

## 2005 Wisconsin Act 106 Child Safety Restraints, Booster Seats, and Safety Belt Requirements

(NEW LAW EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST, 2006)

Act 106 creates a tiered structure, according to age and size, of restraint requirements for transporting children under the age of eight in a motor vehicle. Under the Act, a child who is:

1. Less than one year old or who weighs less than 20 pounds must be "properly restrained" (defined in the Act) in a rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat of the vehicle if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
2. At least one year old and weighs at least 20 pounds, but is less than four years old or weighs less than 40 pounds, must be properly restrained in a forward-facing child safety seat in the back seat of the vehicle if the vehicle is equipped with a back seat.
3. At least four years old but less than eight years old, weighs at least 40 but not more than 80 pounds, and is no more than 57 inches tall must be properly restrained in a "child booster seat" (defined in the Act).
4. Under the age of eight and exceeds the weight or height limits specified in item 3 above, must be properly restrained by a seat belt.

Safety inspections of child restraints are held by appointment at the Wausau Police Department. Please call Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 261-7853 for an appointment.

Safety inspections and sales of approved child restraints are held as follows:

1st Wednesday of each month  
**Aspirus Wausau Hospital**  
New Beginnings Birthing Center  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of each month  
**Saturn of Wausau**  
20th Avenue off of Hwy K  
11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

\*Reduced costs and financial assistance/payment plans are available\*

# City's Yard Waste Site

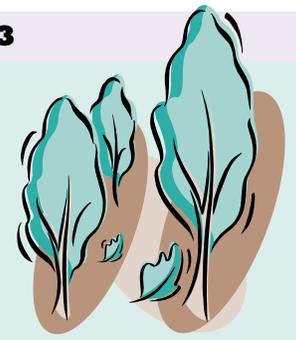
The City's Yard Waste Site has opened for the season at 105 East Chellis Street (located three blocks south of Thomas Street and two blocks east of Cleveland Avenue). Materials accepted at the site include leaves, pine needles, grass, garden and flower debris, tree branches and brush. Tree stumps and root balls weighing less than 50 pounds **SHOULD NOT** be brought to the Yard Waste Site but can be left at the curb for weekly garbage pick-up. Tree stumps and root balls weighing more than 50 pounds must be divided into smaller, more manageable pieces and disposed of at the curb for weekly garbage pick-up. Please seek professional contracted services for root ball/stump removal and disposal.

Hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **CLOSED: Every Thursday**, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, and site will remain open until Sunday, November 19. **The site is for use by City of Wausau residents only.** Residents are not allowed to drop off materials at the site except during the open hours.

**IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION . . . In order to provide easier access to the Yard Waste Site, Public Works employees will place an "Annual Access Sticker" on the vehicle that is used to bring debris to the site. The stickers will then be scanned during future visits expediting the identification process. Stickers are available at the Department of Public Works, 400 Myron Street, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at the site during open hours. There is no charge for the stickers. Please bring an official form of identification (driver's license, tax bill) confirming you are a resident of the City of Wausau.**

Residents whose yard waste is taken to the site by relatives or friends who are not city residents, should obtain a sticker for use on their behalf.

The Yard Waste Site is equipped with security cameras to monitor unwanted or illegal dumping of materials. Periodic spot checks of addresses will take place to verify where materials come from. **Remember, there is a \$200 fine for illegal dumping.**



## Onyx Yard Waste Collection Service Alternative

The Onyx Yard Waste Curbside Pick-Up Program will assist those individuals who are inconvenienced by taking yard waste to the drop-off site or who are physically unable to do so. The seasonal fee for Onyx to pick up yard waste at your curb between mid-April to mid-November is \$61.25.

### How does this program work?

- 1) Call Onyx Waste Services at 359-6637 and tell them you would like to participate in their Yard Waste Curbside Pick-Up Program.
- 2) Onyx will provide you with a yard waste container on wheels which will be delivered to your door. **Do not use plastic bags.** Simply dump your yard waste into the waste container.
- 3) Onyx will pick up your yard waste curbside every week as follows: on the west side of the river on Mondays; the east side of the river and north of Franklin Street on Wednesdays; and on the east side of the river and south of Franklin Street on Fridays.

**Please be advised that the following items will NOT be accepted and should NOT be placed in your yard waste container for curbside collection: garbage, food waste, animal waste, root balls/tree stumps, and tree limbs.**

# City Of Wausau Large Item Pick-up

The City of Wausau Large Item Pick-Up Program is intended to help residents dispose of LARGE, unwanted items. It is not a program to be used for cleaning out all sizes of unwanted items on an annual basis. **ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS ONLY. ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.**



## Examples Of Large Items Which Will Be Picked Up

Bathroom Fixtures	Hot Water Heaters	Lawn Mowers (gas & oil removed)	Pool Tables
Carpeting	Large Furniture Items	Mattresses	Sinks
Cabinets and Countertops	Large Grills	Overstuffed Chairs	Sofas
Dining Room Tables	Large Metal Items	Pianos	Televisions
Small Engines (gas & oil removed)			

## Household Trash And Small Items Will Not Be Picked Up And Should Not Be Placed At The Curbside

The city will not pick up small items which can be placed at the curb or in trash containers for weekly garbage collection. In addition, up to 60 pounds of construction materials can be placed curbside every week for Onyx to collect. **SMALL ITEMS AND TRASH WILL NOT BE COLLECTED AND THE ITEMS WILL BE TAGGED INFORMING THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE PROPER METHOD OF DISPOSAL.**

## Items Which Will Not Be Picked Up At Large Item Pick-up

**SMALL ITEMS AND MATERIALS** such as vacuum cleaners, humidifiers, dining room chairs, water hoses, luggage, toys, clothing, blankets, plastic pails, radios, toasters, broken window panes, up to 60 pounds of construction materials. Put out for weekly garbage collection.

**APPLIANCES** such as refrigerators, air conditioners, microwave ovens, ranges/stoves, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, vending machines, computers and monitors, water purifiers, dehumidifiers. Onyx will pick up appliances for a fee, 359-6637.

**TIRES.** Residents may dispose of tires at tire dealers for a nominal fee.

**HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.** Put out for weekly garbage collection.

**BRUSH, TREE LIMBS AND OTHER TYPES OF YARD WASTE.** Take to the Yard Waste Site at 105 E. Chellis Street, or contact Onyx at 359-6637 to participate in the Yard Waste Pick-Up Program.

**ROOT BALLS/STUMPS.** NO Root Balls/Stumps of any size.

**LARGE QUANTITIES OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND ROOFING SHINGLES.** Use a commercial dumpster or haul privately to Marathon County Landfill or the Transfers Station at Onyx in Weston, call 359-6637.

**ALUMINUM CANS, NEWSPAPER, OIL, CAR BATTERIES, GLASS CONTAINERS, MAGAZINES, PLASTIC CONTAINERS, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD.** Recyclable items must be placed in the green recycling container for bi-weekly pick-up.

**FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS; HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES; LIQUID, HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL.** A collection facility is located at 301 Alderson Street in Schofield and is open the 2nd and 4th Friday and Saturday of each month beginning April 14th extending through October. The hours are 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. This facility may now be used at **NO COST** to city residents and is financed through a joint effort between Onyx Waste Services, Marathon County, and the City of Wausau. Call 261-1922 if you have questions on household hazardous waste disposal.

**TRASH BAGS, CONTAINERS, DRUMS OR BARRELS CONTAINING UNKNOWN MATERIAL.** Dispose of properly as noted above.

**MEDICAL WASTE,** specifically home-generated Sharps waste, may be disposed in Sharps containers available at participating pharmacies. Medical waste may not be deposited in garbage containers or recycling bins.

If you have questions about what is acceptable or unacceptable, please call 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 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. 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 17	South City Limits to Weston Avenue	North City Limits to Randolph Street
April 18	Weston Avenue to Town Line Road	Randolph Street to Bridge Street between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
April 19	Town Line Road to Thomas Street	Bridge Street to Elm Street between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue
April 20	Thomas Street to Forest Street	Elm Street to Stewart Avenue between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue
April 21	All of Grand Avenue from South City Limits to Forest Street	Stewart Avenue to Sherman Street between USH 51/139 and 1st Avenue
April 24	Forest Street to Franklin Street	Sherman Street to Thomas Street between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
April 25	Franklin Street to Stark Street	Thomas Street to South City Limits between USH 51/139 and Wisconsin River
April 26	Stark Street to E. Wausau Avenue	USH 51/139 to 36th Avenue
April 27	E. Wausau Avenue to Golf Club Road	36th Avenue to West City Limits
April 28	Golf Club Road to North City Limits	

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Disposing of household hazardous waste properly can be a big and expensive headache! Unused solvents, poisons, and lawn & garden chemicals don't belong in the landfill, are dangerous if stored at home, and can cause serious clean-up problems if improperly disposed of.

Marathon County has operated a hazardous waste collection facility for several years to allow residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. The facility was financed by landfill tipping fees so it was not available to Wausau residents after the city contracted with Onyx to take garbage to a private landfill. **Onyx Waste Services, Marathon County, and the City of Wausau have now worked out an agreement to again allow Wausau residents to use the Marathon County Hazardous Waste Facility.**

The facility is located at 301 Alderson Street in Schofield and is open the 2nd and 4th Friday and Saturday of each month beginning April 14th and extending through October. The hours are 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Contact the Marathon County Health Department at 261-1922 if you have questions on household hazardous waste disposal.



# 2006 Major Road Projects

For up to date information regarding the USH 51/STH 29 corridor projects, please go to [www.5129wausau.com](http://www.5129wausau.com) or review the Sunday Wausau Daily Herald for construction maps.

## PROJECT: Thomas Street Railroad and Wisconsin River Bridges

**SCHEDULE:** Ongoing thru November, 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** The railroad bridge will be replaced with a five-lane bridge, two westbound lanes and three eastbound lanes. The Wisconsin River Bridge will be widened and repaved. The bridge will have one lane in each direction. An 8-10 foot sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of the bridge and will be separated from traffic by a parapet wall. There will be no sidewalk on the south side.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Railroad Bridge –Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction from Grand Avenue to River Drive. Semi trailer traffic will be restricted from turning from Grand Avenue onto Thomas Street.

Wisconsin River Bridge –Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to only one lane. Temporary traffic signals will be placed on the west side of the bridge and at River Drive. McCleary Street will be closed. Motorists can expect to sit at a red light approximately three minutes while traffic from the opposite direction clears. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes.

## PROJECT: Stewart Avenue at 32nd Avenue

**SCHEDULE:** Summer 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** The contractor will remove the STH 29 overpass and finish the roadway and sidewalk in the same area. The new intersection will connect the new STH 52 with the new on and off ramps for STH 29. After construction eastbound traffic on Stewart Avenue will not be able to turn north onto 32nd Avenue. Also, southbound traffic on 32nd Avenue will not be able to turn east onto Stewart Avenue.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** One lane of traffic in each direction will remain open during construction. However, Stewart Avenue will be closed to all traffic at night for approximately one week in order to remove the existing Highway 29 overpass.

## PROJECT: New STH 52 West from 18th Avenue

**SCHEDULE:** March 2006 to November 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** A new four lane road with sidewalk will be constructed from 18th Avenue along the existing WI 29 roadway. The new street will intersect 28th Avenue where Westwood Drive currently intersects 28th Avenue. The street will continue west and south and intersect Stewart Avenue at the newly constructed intersection from last year.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** 28th Avenue at Westwood Drive will be reduced to one lane in each direction while the intersection is under construction. Westwood Drive and West Ridge Drive will be closed to all traffic south of Wausau Insurance. The new STH 52 will also carry STH 29 traffic until the ramps connecting STH 29 to USH 51 are completed.

## PROJECT: STH 52 & 18th Street Intersection

**SCHEDULE:** June 2006 to August 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** The intersection will be reconstructed with new pavement. Turn lanes will be added on both streets. Conduit will be installed for future traffic signals.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** The intersection will remain open at all times to thru traffic. Eastbound traffic will be detoured onto 15th Street to Park Avenue to 18th Street for a portion of the project.

## PROJECT: USH 51 Overpass at Stewart Avenue

**SCHEDULE:** October 2006 to November 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** New piers will be installed for the future installation of the new overpass over Stewart Avenue.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Stewart Avenue will be closed to all traffic from just west of 24th Avenue to just east of 26th Avenue. The intersection of 24th Avenue and Stewart Avenue will remain open to traffic.

## PROJECT: Bridge Street Relocation

**SCHEDULE:** August 2006 to November 2007

**DESCRIPTION:** The Bridge Street Bridge over USH 51 will be removed and relocated slightly to the south. Bridge Street will be reconstructed from 17th Avenue to Westwood Drive, aligning with the intersection of Pine Ridge Boulevard. Sidewalks will be constructed along this segment.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Starting in August 2006, the northbound off and on ramps will be closed. Starting late October 2006, southbound off and on ramps will be closed. Also starting in October 2006, **Bridge Street will be closed to all traffic** from 17th Avenue to Westwood Drive. The intersection of 17th Avenue and Bridge Street will be open at all times.

## PROJECT: Street Reconstruction—Sturgeon Eddy Road from Grand Avenue to Kent Street

**SCHEDULE:** Summer 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** Sturgeon Eddy Road will be reconstructed with new curb, gutter and asphalt pavement.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** The street will be closed to thru traffic. Property owners should have access to their driveways for most of the construction.

## PROJECT: Curb, Gutter & Pavement Projects: 56th Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Stettin Drive; and 8th Street from Bridge Street to E. Wausau Avenue

**SCHEDULE:** Summer 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** The streets listed above will have storm sewer, curb and gutter, and asphalt pavement installed.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** The streets will be closed to thru traffic. Property owners should have access to their driveways for most of the construction.



## Mayor's Youth Action Council Members

pose February 25th after participating in the annual **Polar Plunge** at White Water Park to raise funds for Special Olympics of Wisconsin... BRRR!



## HELP WANTED ELECTION POLL WORKERS

**Hiring Poll Workers** to provide services on election day two - four times per year. Job Duties include: registering new voters, poll list check in, ballot issuance, counting ballots, etc.

**Job Requirements:** Good with people, detail orientated, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of six polling sites located throughout the city. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., but we do offer half-day shifts. Training is provided. Pay is \$8.00 per hour. Applications are available on the city's web site at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us)

Click on the following from the home page: [GOVERNMENT] [DEPT & SERVICES] [CLERK/CUSTOMER SERVICE] [INFORMATION PAGE]. The application is located under election resources online and is titled: Pollworker Application.

Kelly Michaels-Saager  
City Clerk

## United Way's FIRST CALL is now United Way's 2-1-1.

The next time you have a question, need information about community services, are looking for help with personal or family matters, or have other concerns, simply dial **2-1-1\*** and **GET CONNECTED and GET ANSWERS.**

Trained information specialists are available **24 hours/day, 7 days/week** to offer non-emergency **free and confidential** information and referrals to community services.

You may also search for community services online at [www.unitedwaymc.org](http://www.unitedwaymc.org), click on 2-1-1, then click at "SEARCH ONLINE". Select the first letter of your subject (for example: D for DONATIONS, P for PRESCHOOLS, S for SUPPORT GROUPS, U for UTILITIES AND FUEL ASSISTANCE), and click on the subject to see programs in that category.

\*NOTE: Some cellular phone users may still need to dial 848-2255 as not all wireless providers have programmed their systems to transfer 2-1-1 calls.

## Congratulations Runkel Abstract & Title, Inc.

on your renovation. Marvin and Mary Jane Pilgrim recently completed an addition and total renovation of their property at 522 Scott Street with assistance from the City of Wausau Community Development's Commercial Loan Program. Thanks for your investment in Downtown Wausau!



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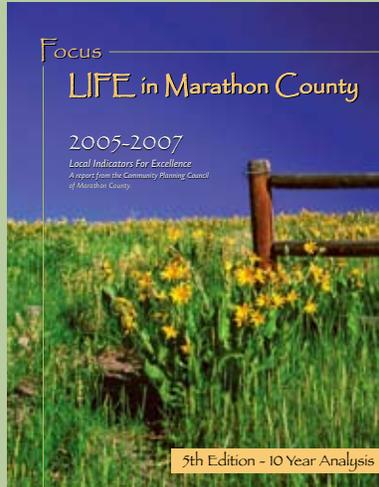


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## Mission Statement

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.



The **2005-07 LIFE in Marathon County** report was released this January. The report provides an analysis of data on 82 indicators that define different aspects of the quality of life in Marathon County. Published biennially, this report represents the fifth edition enabling us to look at ten year trends of progress and challenges.

The report informs the community about issues and priorities and encourages community-wide action. There are ten priorities identified in the 2005-07 report that fall in six general areas: **health care, children and families, crime, aging, diversity, and poverty.**

In addition to helping set a community agenda for action, the report is used by groups in setting their priorities and documenting needs when they write for grants and

recruitment. This report points out the community also has many strengths helping people see that Marathon County is a great place to live.

The LIFE report is made possible thanks to 15 private and public sponsors, including the City of Wausau. The new report is available on line at [www.unitedwaymc.org](http://www.unitedwaymc.org) or by contacting United Way at 137 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403.

## WATS Discontinues Services During Summer Months

The Wausau Area Transit System will discontinue the following services during the summer months:

Saturday bus service and WATS+ Paratransit Service will be discontinued after May 20th. Saturday service will resume on September 9th.

All "Express Routes" will be discontinued when the school year ends in June. "Express Routes" will be provided again when Wausau School District classes resume in September.

For information regarding bus routes, schedules, fares, or WATS+ Paratransit Service, call WATS at 842-9287.



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