

Wausau Works

for you!

Fall/Winter 2007



James E. Tipple

Mayor Tipple's Message

Autumn is in the air and the colorful trees are beautiful. Development is occurring in all parts of our City and that is good news for our Wausau residents. Many of you stop me with questions regarding the **TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Districts**. I would like to take this opportunity to explain how this tool benefits our community.

Tax Increment Financing is a tool which has been used for redevelopment and community improvement projects throughout the United States for more than half a century. With federal and state resources for redevelopment generally less available, TIF has become an often-used financing mechanism for municipalities. Only City residents are responsible for paying for the public improvements, therefore the law allows those City residents to have the taxes to pay for the debt until it is paid off, when the taxes are again shared.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) allows cities to create special districts and to make public improvements within those districts that will generate private-sector development. During the development period, the tax base is frozen at the predevelopment level. Property taxes continue to be paid, but taxes derived from increases in assessed values (the tax increment) resulting from new development go into a special fund created to retire debt issued to finance the development. The City of Wausau 2006 property tax rate of \$8.85 is combined with the tax rates of the Wausau School District, \$10.11; Northcentral Technical College, \$2.02; and Marathon County, \$5.86 to provide for \$26.84 per \$1,000 of valuation for the retirement of debt.

A Tax Increment Financing District is created by the adoption of a plan by the Joint Review Board. The board consists of representatives of each participating government entity along with one citizen member. The assessed value of the property within the district is then determined according to the last tax roll and represents the "original" (pre-redevelopment) or base value of the Tax Increment District. Each of the taxing jurisdictions (municipality, county, school district, and technical college) continues to receive its share of the taxes collected on the base valuation, just as though the district had never been created and there had been no change in the valuation of the area.

The length of a Tax Increment District's life is determined by state statutes depending upon its redevelopment goals. At the end of that period, taxing jurisdictions finally enjoy the benefit of increased property values.

City Staff and the Common Council continue to challenge themselves in meeting the needs of the public. Please feel free to contact me as I welcome your input on issues affecting our community. Enjoy the splendor of the changing seasons!

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.

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Overnight Parking

is NOT allowed in City streets. The issue is currently under review; however, until further notice the fine is \$25.00 per violation. If on occasion, overnight parking is needed, please call the Non-Emergency Dispatch number at 849-7796.

Trick or Treat Hours

"Trick or Treat" hours are 4-7:00 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 31st. Wausau Police Department, along with the YMCA, will be hosting a Halloween Pool Party on Saturday, Oct. 27th from 1-3:00 pm at the YMCA in downtown Wausau. This event is FREE to the public, you DO NOT need to be a member of the YMCA to participate.

Child Passenger Safety Law

The Wausau Police Department would like to remind you to always buckle up and that your children are safest in the backseat. The law as it relates to child passenger safety is as follows:

Rear-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:

- is less than 1-year-old
- weighs less than 20 lbs.

Forward-facing child safety seat in the back seat is required when the child:

- is at least 1-year-old but less than 4-years-old
- weighs at least 20 lbs. but less than 40 lbs.

Booster seat is required when the child:

- is at least 4-years-old but less than 8-years-old
- weighs at least 40 lbs. but less than 80 lbs.
- is less than 57 inches (4-feet, 9-inches) tall

Safety belt is required when the child:

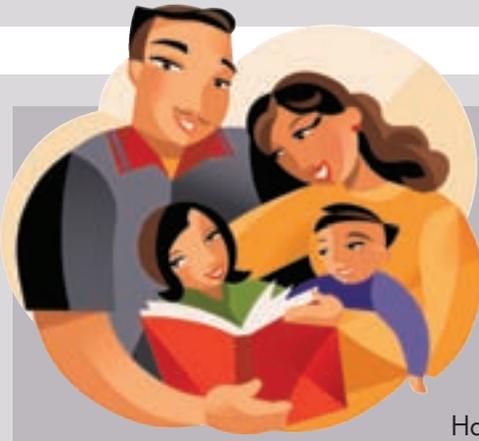
- is 8-years-old or older, or
- weighs 80 or more pounds, or
- is 57-incher or taller

Under the law, drivers may be cited for allowing passengers of any age to be unbelted in their vehicle.

FREE child passenger safety seat checks are available with trained Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians on the first Wednesday of each month at Aspirus Wausau Hospital's Birthing Center from 4-6:00 p.m. The checks are offered on the third Wednesday of each month at Saturn of Wausau (20th Ave., past Fleet Farm) from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and again from 4-6:00 p.m. Child passenger seat and booster seats are sold at a reduced rate. If you have any questions, please contact Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 261-7853.

Police Department Neighborhood Meetings

This year the Wausau Police Department will be conducting two neighborhood meetings. The east side meeting will be at Wausau City Hall, in the Council Chambers, at 6:00 pm on January 21, 2008. The west side neighborhood meeting will be held in the auditorium of John Muir Middle School on February 25, 2008, at 6:00 pm. Command Staff from the Wausau Police Department, along with officers that are assigned to your neighborhood, will be available to answer questions and address concerns.



Family Fun is Happening in Wausau!

October 27, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.
 "Thrillville" Events at the Great Hall – Join in the Halloween Fun!

October 27, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. "Thriller" a Dance Spooktacular at the Grand Theater – Contact the Performing Arts Foundation at 842-0988 for ticket information.

November 30, 6:10 p.m. NEW "Holiday Hustle" Fun Run – Contact Wausau Area Events at 843-0748 for information and registration.

November 30, 6:30 p.m. Wausau "Holiday Parade" – Marathon Park, down Stewart Ave., to City Square. Contact WEA at 843-0748 for float registration.

December 1 & 2
 "The Nutcracker" at the Grand Theater – Contact PAF at 842-0988.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Exhibition Schedule

Now - November, 2007
Big Red: Carved in Stone, featuring Marathon County's world famous Wausau Red Granite as the medium

Now - November 11, 2007
Birds in Art
Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet

Nov. 17 - Jan. 20, 2008
Rivers, Sea and Shore: Reflections on Water

Nov. 17 - Jan. 20, 2008
Sailing Wisconsin's Blue Jewel: Photographs by Bruce Thompson

Feb. 2 - Apr. 13, 2008
Wendell Minor: In the American Tradition
Denise Fleming: Painting with Paper

Note: The Woodson Art Museum will be closed to the public from Monday, January 21 through Monday, January 28, 2008, to allow refinishing of all gallery floors

Location:
 Franklin & 12th Street, Wausau (700 N. 12th Street, Wausau, WI 54403)

Hours:
 Tues.-Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sat.-Sun. Noon - 5:00 pm

Open Thursdays until 7:30 pm during "Birds in Art."

Closed Mondays and Holidays

Admission: Always FREE
 Phone 715-845-7010

Web:
www.lywam.org

Cut out and keep for future reference.

Winter Recreation Contact Information

Biking (Mountain)	Wausau Wheelers	359-0187
Boys and Girls Club		845-2582
Boy Scouts		355-1450
Cross Country Skiing	Trails/Conditions	261-1550
	Nordic Ski Club	845-1637
Curling Club		842-3614
Downhill Skiing	Rib Mtn Ski Club	359-9081
Girl Scouts		355-9850
Hockey Leagues	Youth & Rec	845-3316
Figure Skating	Timberlines	845-9060
	6.0	849-8646
	Adult Lessons	261-1550
Senior Exercise	ADRC	261-6070
Snowmobile	Trails/Conditions	261-1550
	Safety Classes	261-1224
Speed Skating		848-6046
Sylvan Hill Tubing	Rentals & Public Hours	261-1550
	Chalet Phone (Seasonal)	842-5411
Water Exercise	Adults	261-1550
YMCA		845-2177
YWCA		842-3381

For specific Park Department program information and scheduling, please call 715-261-1550, or visit their web site at www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp.

Job Opportunities

Crossing Guard Applicants

Responsible applicants are needed for Crossing Guard positions within the City of Wausau Police Department to direct and maintain safe pedestrian street-crossing for school children.

Must be of good character, as background check will be performed, and have experience working with school age children. Approximately 15 hours per week during school year. Starting pay: \$9.58/hr. with regular increases, per Local 1287CH AFSCME labor agreement. For more information or application materials contact:

City of Wausau Human Resources Dept.

407 Grant Street,
Wausau WI 54403
Phone: 715-261-6631
Fax: 715-261-4141

Email:

tlvanorder@mail.ci.wausau.wi.us

Equal Opportunity Employer



Poll Worker Recruitment...

You can be a Poll Worker for the City if you are currently working, a stay-at-home constituent, or a retiree. Please consider this honored duty today!

Can I be Excused from my Regular Job to be a Poll Worker?

Check with your employer first, however many employers will allow you to take a day of paid vacation from your regular job to work at the polls on Election Day. This is a great way to make a little extra cash for your Christmas gift list. Also Wisconsin law requires every employer to grant an unpaid leave of absence to each employee who is appointed to serve as an election official, if the employee who serves as an election official provides his or her employer with at least 7 days' notice. The leave is for the entire 24-hour period of each election day in which the employee serves in his or her official capacity as an election official. Upon request of any employer Municipal Clerks must verify appointments.

Are Poll Workers Compensated?

Yes, Poll Workers are compensated for working at polling places at a rate determined by the appropriate municipal governing body, and, in some municipalities, are also compensated for attending any required training sessions. Poll Workers may also choose to volunteer their services by filing a written declination of compensation with the Municipal Clerk the City of Wausau pays \$8.00 per hour.

What are the Hours of Work?

Polling places are open statewide from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Poll Workers can work a full day, generally from 6:00 am until approximately 10:00 pm or later in the case of November elections. In many municipalities, Poll Workers can work a split shift if there are enough workers to provide coverage to do so.

What Are the Responsibilities of a Poll Worker?

Poll Workers conduct assigned duties at a polling site on Election Day. Duties can include issuing ballots to registered voters, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment, explaining how to mark the ballot or use the voting equipment or counting votes.

What are the Training Requirements for Poll Workers?

Municipal Clerks are required by state law to provide training. This training provides all of the necessary information and knowledge to be a successful Poll Worker.

What are the Specific Qualifications to be a Poll Worker?

To be a Poll Worker, a person must:

- ✓ Be a *qualified elector* of the municipality in which the polling place is established (i.e., an adult citizen of the United States who has resided in the election district for 10 days and is not otherwise disqualified to vote)
- ✓ Be able to speak, read, and write fluently in the English language
- ✓ Have strong clerical skills
- ✓ Be able to solve problems
- ✓ Be an effective communicator
- ✓ NOT be a candidate for any office to be voted on at the polling place at that election
- ✓ Be able to sit or stand for long periods of time



To Apply to Work as a Poll Worker Contact the City Clerk at 261-6620

City of Wausau Information

regarding Waste Disposal & Recycling

The City provides curbside pick-up of household garbage weekly, recyclables bi-weekly, and a special Spring Large Item Pick-Up, Fall Leaf Pick-Up, and seasonal Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

Weekly Garbage Pick-Up Service



The city contracts services with Veolia Environmental Services for weekly collection of trash and bi-weekly collection of recyclables.

The following are specific items regarding their services:

- For safety purposes, Veolia would prefer that you place your trash in containers no larger than 35 gallons, with a tightfitting, waterproof cover and strong handles. When loaded, **each of your garbage containers cannot weigh more than 75 pounds.** This 75 pound weight restriction also applies to plastic bags. **If you have more than 75 pounds of trash, please use more than one container or plastic bag.**
- Those residents who have a larger amount of waste have the option of renting a 95-gallon container from Veolia. The rental rate is \$2.75 per month per tote. This specially adapted, two-wheel tote allows Veolia to use a hydraulic lift on the garbage truck to dump the containers. This is much easier on the collector's back.
- Remember, **do not place loose trash at the curb**; place it in a sealed plastic or metal container. Also, **do not place trash at the curb in paper grocery bags or boxes.**
- There is no limit on the amount of trash that you may place out at the curb on a weekly basis. However, the trash must be in containers that allow for collection crews to pick it up in a safe and efficient manner. (Again, use plastic bags, not paper bags or cardboard boxes.)
- If you have larger trash items, such as a floor lamp, storm door, or window screen that will not fit in a garbage bag or trash container, place them neatly at the curb for pick-up. These items must each weigh less than 75 pounds and cannot be larger than 4 feet by 4 feet.

Christmas Trees

Please place your Christmas trees curbside with your trash for pick-up. Tree sections CANNOT exceed 4 feet in length, so trunks may need to be cut. There is NO recycling program for trees.

NEW Holiday Schedule for Garbage and Recycling Pick-up

When a holiday occurs on a weekday, the Garbage and Recycling Pick-up Schedule will be a "One-Day Delay" pick-up. There will be NO pick-up the day of the holiday and for example, if the holiday is on a Tuesday, Monday customers will have regular service, Tuesday will have NO service, and will have their pick-up on Wednesday. Wednesday customers will be picked-up on Thursday; Thursday on Friday, and Friday customers will have service on Saturday. The six holidays in 2008 that affect the schedule are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

SAVES

The following standard provisions for trash collection are as follows:

Residents must put their container(s) curbside prior to 5:45 am of pick-up day but not prior to 5:00 pm the day before pick-up. Containers must be removed from curb by 8:00 am the day after pick-up.

Containers must be stored out of view from the front of your house.

Yard waste will NOT be picked up with garbage.

Up to 60 pounds of construction debris, roofing, lumber, wallboard, etc. may be placed curbside every week.

Small furniture items (but not most electronic items such as microwave ovens, televisions, computer equipment, etc.) will be collected with weekly trash. Please call the City Hall Information Desk, at 261-6500, with any questions about these items.

If you have garbage or recyclables service problems, call Veolia at 359-6637 or the City Hall Information Desk, at 261-6500.



Recycling Works in Wausau!

Your participation in the recycling program is important for Wausau. Not only is recycling important to the environment, but it is mandated by the state and we receive financial grants based on the amount we collect. If the recycling amount goes down, so does our financial assistance. Residents must use a recycling container that can be identified by the collection drivers. Following is information on the recycling program, if you have specific questions, please contact the City Hall Information Center at 261-6500 or Veolia Environmental Service at 359-6637.

Veolia also has a Recyclables Drop-off Center at their facility at 5509 Fuller Street, Village of Weston. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, Monday-Friday and 8:00 am to Noon on Saturday.

Material Accepted for Recycling

#1 AND #2 PLASTICS BOTTLES - (LOOK AT BOTTOM OF CONTAINER FOR NUMBER). These plastics include pop bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, and some pails. Rinse, remove cap and ring, and crush if able. Labels may be left on. Place inside green recycling container. **#3 through #7 PLASTICS** and foam polystyrene packaging should be put in your regular garbage. **DO NOT tie plastics together!**

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS - Clear and colored. Rinse and remove metal rings and caps. Labels may be left on.

ALUMINUM CANS - Rinse and DO NOT CRUSH.

STEEL & BI-METAL CANS - Rinse and remove labels from can, cut out both ends and flatten. Some tin, steel and bi-metal cans have rounded bottoms that cannot be removed. Therefore, remove the top, rinse, and place inside green recycling container.

Please co-mingle glass, plastic, aluminum, and metal cans in your recycling bin. Do not place these in bags. All other items MUST BE separated!

All cardboard, glossy papers, and newspaper MUST BE bundled and tied with twine or put in a brown paper bag and secured before placing inside or alongside your recycling bin.

NEWSPAPER - Remove glossy inserts, stack, bundle and tie with twine. (Glossy inserts from newspapers should be placed with magazines for recycling.)

MAGAZINES & GLOSSY INSERTS - Tie with twine in bundles of not more than 9 inches in height.

JUNK MAIL - Any type of paper. Put in a paper grocery bag and secure so it will not spill. Place inside or alongside your green recycling container. Veolia WILL NOT accept more than two bags with pick-up. (This is voluntary, not state mandated.)

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD - Flatten boxes and tie with string in 12 inches high bundles no bigger than 3' x 3'. Pizza boxes, cereal, or other heavyweight paper should be put in garbage.

LEAD ACID AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES - Place next to green recycling container.

WASTE OIL - Store in a sturdy, sealed, one-gallon container with a screw on top. Make sure to label the container if oil is

not in it's original container and place next to green recycling container. Oil cannot be discarded in glass containers. Empty plastic containers that have held motor oil cannot be recycled because they are still contaminated with oil.

Non-Recyclables

These items should go in your trash: plastic bags, packing peanuts, foam cups, styrofoam, plastic utensil, #3 thru #7 plastics, toys, plastic wrap, plastic pails, window pane glass, auto glass, Pyrex dishes, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, broken glass, cardboard or paper coated with wax, plastic or foil, books, paper plates, towels, Kleenex, carbon paper, hard papers (often mistaken for cardboard which include soda and cereal boxes), oil containers, pizza boxes, flashlight batteries, clothes hangers, and cooking oil.

APPLIANCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, these include microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, etc. However, waste disposal companies can be contacted to remove these items at a cost to the owner or occupant.

FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES & FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS cannot be recycled and can be discarded with your household trash.

MEDICAL WASTE - Sharps containers are available at Young's Drug Store, County Market, Walgreens, and Shopko (North) pharmacies participating as Sharps collection stations for home generated Sharps waste. **Do not deposit medical waste in garbage or recycling containers.**

Please call Veolia Environmental Services at 359-6637 to schedule a special pick-up for items such as appliances, medical wastes, computer equipment, furniture, mattresses, other large items, or construction material in excess of 60 pounds. There is a fee for those services.

Recycle Bins For Sale at City Hall

Residents are recommended to use the City authorized green recycling bin for their recyclables or a brightly colored container labeled recycling. The green recycling containers are available at Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street for \$10.00 each as well as a pull cart recycling bin with wheels for \$17.00.

2007 Leaf Collection Schedule

This schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions.

Please **DO NOT** rake leaves into the gutter until the weekend before your scheduled collection date. The leaves may wash into the storm sewer, clogging inlets and sewer pipes. Also, the additional amount of leaves traveling through the storm sewers add to the amount of leaves in the river, thereby creating an undesirable effect on the environment by increasing the organic matter in the river. **PLEASE COOPERATE!**

Residents wishing to dispose of leaves prior to their collection date may deposit leaves in the dumpsters at the Yard Waste Site at 105 East Chellis Street. Leaves should not be raked into gutters after the scheduled collection date. After the scheduled date all remaining leaves should be taken to the Yard Waste Site for disposal.

The Yard Waste Site will close at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2007!

WEST SIDE

Monday, October 22
Tuesday, October 23
Wednesday, October 24
Thursday, October 25
Friday, October 26
Monday, October 29
Tuesday, October 30
Wednesday, October 31
Thursday, November 1
Friday, November 2

West City Limits to 28th Avenue
North City Limits to Randolph Street
Randolph Street South to Union Avenue
Union Avenue South to Bridge Street
Bridge Street South to Spruce Street
Spruce Street South to Callon Street
Callon Street South to West Street
West Street South to Rosecrans Street
Rosecrans Street South to Chellis Street
Chellis Street South to Lake Wausau

EAST SIDE

Monday, October 22
Tuesday, October 23
Wednesday, October 24
Thursday, October 25
Friday, October 26
Monday, October 29
Tuesday, October 30
Wednesday, October 31
Thursday, November 1
Friday, November 2
Monday, November 5
Tuesday, November 6

North City Limits South to Marquardt Road
Marquardt Road South to Golf Club Road
Golf Club Road South to Spring Street
Spring Street South to E. Wausau Avenue
East Wausau Avenue South to Stark Street
Stark Street South to Franklin Street
Franklin Street South to Kickbusch Street
Kickbusch Street South to Single Avenue
Single Avenue South to McDonald Street
Sturgeon Eddy Road South to Weston Avenue
Weston Avenue South to Kent Street
Kent Street South to the South City Limits

If collection progresses faster than anticipated, areas will be checked again on the scheduled date. Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 261-6960.

Property Maintenance Reminders...

- All exterior property areas should be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.
- 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 with either concrete, blacktop or approved paving bricks. Also, vehicles in any state of disrepair, dismantlement or disassembly are not permitted to be parked on residential properties, and only one operable, unregistered vehicle is allowed per property.
- Garbage containers, recyclable containers and trash should not be set out for collection any sooner than 5:00 pm of the day before pick-up, and all containers should be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 8:00 am of the day after pick-up. Between pick-ups, garbage and recyclable containers should not be kept in any required front yard or corner side yard, or in an area where they would be visible from the front of the property.
- Garbage containers should be of substantial construction with tight-fitting covers and strong handles on the outside, they should be watertight and fly-proof, and they should have a capacity not to exceed 35 gallons. Any container when filled should not weigh more than 75 pounds. Landlords should provide a sufficient number of containers to hold the recyclable and non-recyclable solid waste for their properties.
- Removal of dog/animal excreta: Minimum standards of sanitation for both indoor and outdoor enclosures, including yards, shall include daily cleaning to remove excreta and other waste materials, dirt and trash so as to minimize health hazards.

If you have any questions or wish to report any violations, call the Department of Inspection and Electrical Systems at 261-6780.

Snow/Ice Removal from Public Sidewalks

With the winter season soon upon us, we would like to remind citizens that public sidewalks abutting their property must be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours after each snowfall. The sidewalks and any adjoining public corners should be cleared for the full width of the walk. Sidewalks that are not cleared create a great deal of inconvenience to persons using them, and is a considerable safety hazard.

If a property owner or tenant fails to clear the sidewalk abutting their property, the City will give notice to do so. If the notice is not complied with, the City will remove any snow and/or ice and charge the property owner for such removal, at a minimum cost of approximately \$75 per job. Only one notice will be issued for any given property during the season; any subsequent failure to clear a walk within 24 hours after a snowfall will automatically result in the City crews clearing the walk. The City may also impose a fine or penalty for neglecting to keep sidewalks clear of snow and/or ice.

2008 Recycling Collection Calendar

Refer to the table and the calendar to determine your recycling and garbage pick-up day. If you have any questions as to whether you live in a blue or yellow collection area, call the Information Center at 261-6500. Residents are recommended to use the City authorized green recycling bin for recycling to be identified by the drivers. Recycling bins should be set out with garbage containers between the hours of 5:00 pm the day before pick-up and 5:45 am the day of 2008 collection, and containers should be removed from the curbside area by 8:00 am the day after pick-up. Between pick-ups, bins and containers should be kept where they are not visible from the front of your property. Keep this schedule for future reference and watch for any holiday schedule changes published one week prior to holiday.

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WEST SIDE OF WISCONSIN RIVER:		
North of W. Wausau Ave.	Monday	Blue
North of Elm St., South of W. Wausau Ave. & East of USH 51	Monday	Yellow
South of Elm St. & North of Stewart Ave. including entire area West of USH 51	Tuesday	Blue
South of Stewart Ave. & North of Thomas St.	Tuesday	Yellow
South of Thomas St.	Wednesday	Blue
EAST SIDE OF WISCONSIN RIVER:		
North of Marquardt Rd. & East of railroad tracks	Wednesday	Blue
North of Nina Ave. & South of Marquardt Rd. including homes West of the railroad tracks to Evergreen Rd.	Wednesday	Yellow
South of Nina Ave. & North of Hamilton St.	Thursday	Blue
South of Hamilton St. & North of Kickbusch St.	Thursday	Yellow
South of Kickbusch St., North of McDonald St. & East of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Blue
South of McDonald St. & entire area West of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Yellow



Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Emerald Ash Borer is an insect that was imported to the United States from Asia. It was first discovered near Detroit in southeastern lower Michigan in 2002. Since that time it has spread to Ontario Canada, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois just south of the Wisconsin border. EAB kills trees by burrowing under the bark and eating the outer layers of wood and inner bark of the tree. By destroying the water and food conducting tissue the tree eventually dies. This insect pest will attack all native Ash trees (white, green and black ash) growing in central Wisconsin. To date the insect has not been found in Wisconsin, but it will eventually find its way here.

The City of Wausau stopped planting Ash trees in 2004 after quarantine efforts in Michigan failed to stop the spread of the insect. In preparation of the eventual arrival of EAB, the City of Wausau has started to inventory the street tree population (all those trees planted between the sidewalk and curb or adjacent to Wausau City streets) as well as those in City Parks. The Street Tree Survey was completed in the Spring of 2007 and the City Park Survey is close to completion. The Street Tree Survey showed a total of just over 6,000 Ash trees or approximately 25% of the street tree population of 24,000 trees. The City Park Ash tree population will be a much

Fern Island – Covered in Buckthorn?

"I remember walking here with my friends, and you could hide in the ferns, they were so thick and so tall", reflected Rich Warosh, member of Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. "Your friends would walk right by and not even see you. That's why they called it 'Fern Island'."

On October 19th and 20th, students and community members will again converge on Fern Island to battle Buckthorn and non-native Honeysuckles. Both are invasive plants that make it hard for the ferns, and other native plants, to grow on the island.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. and the North Central Chapter of Wisconsin Woodland Owner Association (WVOA) are inviting Community members to join in the work to return Fern Island to its former beauty.

The weekend event will start Friday, October 19th, with high school students from Wausau East and DC Everest taking a field trip to the island to learn how to identify Buckthorn and Honeysuckle and how to eradicate it through cutting and pulling the plants.

It is hoped many community members will participate in the Community Work Party on Saturday, October 20, where the work started by students' the previous day will continue.

Last year, 7 of the 12 acres on the island were positively affected by the volunteers' hard work. This year the goals are to finish going over the rest of the island for Buckthorn, check the area worked on last year for re-growth, and tackle non-native Honeysuckles. Just as last year, there will be a short instructional session to help volunteers identify the two invasive species.

When: **October 19 & 20, 2007 – Come one or both days & dress for the weather!**

19th—8:30 am to 2:30 pm

20th—9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Oak Island Park Shelter, Wausau

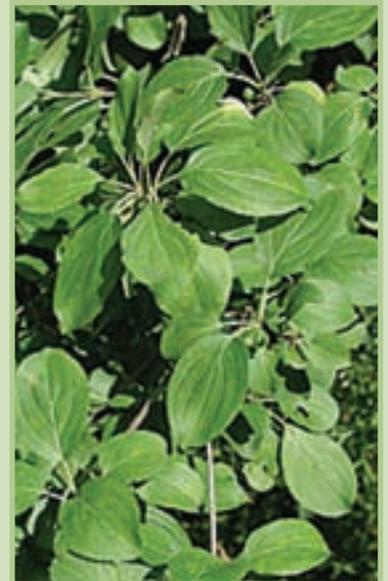
Why: Field work to eradicate Buckthorn & non-native Honeysuckles

What to bring: Work Gloves, Pruning Shears*, Loppers*, Chainsaw*

Cost: FREE!

Contact Person: Amy Thorstenson, Golden Sands RC&D
715-346-1264 or
thorstea@co.portage.wi.us
www.goldensandsrcd.org

Some equipment on hand, but bring those noted if you have it

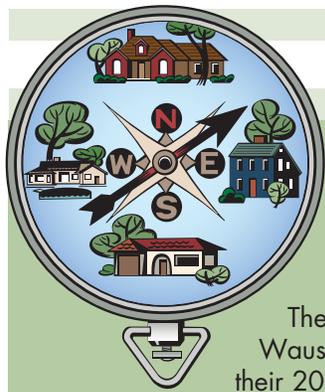


lower percentage than the street tree population.

To lessen the eventual impact of EAB, the City of Wausau has chosen to remove Ash trees that are being heavily impacted by construction projects, those that are growing under high voltage

electrical lines, and are those that are growing in otherwise undesirable locations. This will eventually reduce the Ash tree population to a level that will be more manageable when EAB starts to become prevalent in this area.

There is ongoing research into control of the insect and hopefully a practical, economical solution will present itself in the near future where the City of Wausau can continue to maintain a healthy though smaller number of Ash trees.



News from the Assessment Department

The City of Wausau completed their 2007 City-Wide Revaluation in October.

Please take an opportunity to view the 2007 Assessments on our website: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/assessment>

The most frequently asked question during our 2007 Revaluation was:

My assessment has changed, how will this new assessment affect the Real Estate Tax Bill I receive in December?

Since the new tax rate is not known at this time, we are unable to answer this question. What we can tell the taxpayer is the new tax rate is generally set by the end of November or first part of December.

The function of the Assessment Department is to place a fair and equitable value on all taxable properties in the City of Wausau. Calculating the new tax rate is not one of our functions, but the Assessment Department does offer historical information to assist the taxpayer in the estimation of their real estate taxes after a City-Wide Revaluation.

The following table shows a historical perspective of what happened to City tax rates throughout the years. The years highlighted (in red) are City-Wide Revaluation years.

ASSESSMENT RATIO/TAX RATES

YEAR	WAUSAU	DCE
2006	25.45	24.46
2005	25.54	24.53
2004	26.01	22.52
2003	31.22	29.18
2002	31.14	29.67
2001	30.60	28.37
2000	29.91	27.96
1999	28.93	26.01
1998	27.42	24.63
1997	27.37	24.57
1996	26.10	23.90
1995	40.82	38.31
1994	40.58	37.46
1993	39.85	37.20
1992	39.01	36.36
1991	36.45	35.22
1990	33.85	34.00
1989	32.92	32.06
1988	31.90	30.29
1987	29.58	30.07
1986	27.72	
1985	44.32	
1984	39.44	
1983	37.62	
1982	34.34	
1981	34.68	
1980	32.85	

For example, in 1995, the year prior to our 1996 Revaluation, the tax rate was \$40.82 and after the Revaluation the tax rate dropped to \$26.10 in 1996.

To calculate your taxes take your Assessment multiplied by the tax rate (per thousand):

Year	Assessment	Tax Rate	Taxes
1995	\$ 93,400	\$.04082	\$3,812
1996	\$100,000	\$.02610	\$2,610

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone in the Assessment Department at 715-261-6600.

- Nanette S. Giese,
City Assessor
- Rick Rubow,
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- Laurie Krueger,
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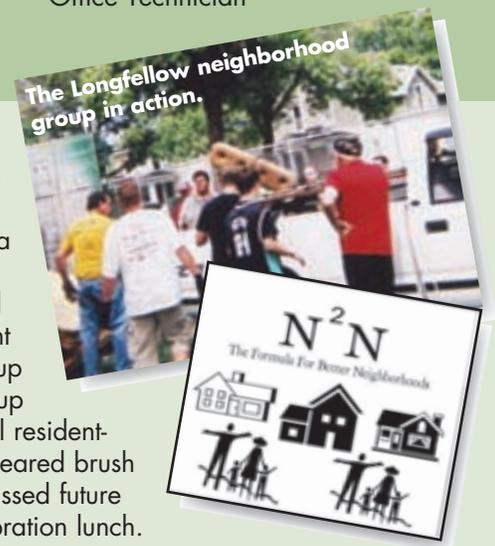
Neighbor to Neighbor Making a Difference!

N2N (Neighbor to Neighbor), the community driven group led by Mayor Tipple, continues to work on City projects.

On August 10th and 11th, the group arranged an Appliance Drop Off Day at the Yard Waste Site; 266 residents dropped off over 31,000 lbs of appliances. The items were hauled away free of charge by a recycler. This event reduced the curbside items at Spring Clean-up saving the City substantial disposal fees. Watch for this event again in Spring 2008.

On August 11th, the residents of the Longfellow Neighborhood group held a clean-up and sponsored a lunch. With support from local businesses and N2N, they cleared brush, hauled away old furniture and appliances and gathered for a celebration lunch.

A west side neighborhood, along with Eastbay, the Salvation Army, Pizza Hut and other local businesses sponsored a neighborhood event on Oct. 6th. The group raked yards, picked up litter, performed small resident-requested projects, cleared brush from alleys and discussed future events during a celebration lunch.



Clean, safe and connected neighborhoods are a community solution. Neighborhood work is a great way to get involved.

N2N meets at City Hall the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7:45 am in the Boardroom. Please call the Mayor's Office at 261-6800 for more information and to get involved.



2007 Major Road Projects

For up-to-date information regarding the USH 51/STH 29 corridor projects, please go to www.5129ausau.com

PROJECT: Bridge Street Relocation

SCHEDULE: Ongoing thru November 2007

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

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Bridge Street is now open to east/west traffic. Also, the south bound ramps (South US 51 to Bridge Street and Bridge Street to South US 51) are open. The northbound off and on ramps are scheduled to open in late November.

PROJECT: Street Reconstruction – Elm Street from 3rd Avenue to 17th Avenue

SCHEDULE: May to November, 2007

DESCRIPTION: Elm Street will be reconstructed. The project consists of new curb and gutter, asphalt, sanitary sewer and water laterals, storm sewer and sidewalks.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: The street is still closed to thru traffic from 3rd Avenue to 8th Avenue. Property owners should have access to their driveways for most of the construction.

PROJECT: Curb, Gutter & Pavement Projects:

5th Avenue – Bridge Street to Merrill Avenue

Knox Street – 4th Avenue to 6th Avenue

Bopf Street – 11th Avenue to 17th Avenue

Rosecrans Street – 8th Avenue to 12th Avenue

Jackson Street – 12th Street to 13th Street

14th Avenue & 16th Avenue – Randolph Street to Bissell Street

Bissell Street – 14th Avenue to 16th Avenue

SCHEDULE: Completed

DESCRIPTION: Streets were constructed with curb and gutter and asphalt pavement. Storm sewer was installed as necessary.

PROJECT: Conversion of 1st Street and McIndoe Street to two way traffic

SCHEDULE: Completed

TRAFFIC IMPACT: 1st Street from Grant Street to McIndoe Street and McIndoe Street from 1st Street to 6th Street are now converted to two-way traffic. Motorists and pedestrians are reminded to use caution traveling through the area and to look both ways for traffic.

PROJECT: Thomas Street Reconstruction

DESCRIPTION: The City is currently reviewing three alternatives for the alignment of Thomas Street from the Wisconsin River to 17th Avenue. Alternative "1" maintains the existing south right-of-way and properties. All improvements for the new roadway would be to the north. Alternative "2" maintains the existing north right-of-way and properties. All improvements for the new roadway would be to the south. Alternative "3" is a combination of Alternative "1" and "2". At various locations, the improvements for the new roadway would be either north or south of the existing right-of-way.

SCHEDULE: A selected alternative is tentatively scheduled to be shown to the public at a public information meeting in January 2008. Construction is not anticipated to begin until 2012/2013 at the earliest.

Oh, Deer!

We expect to see deer roaming the countryside, but they are increasingly becoming an unwelcome guest in the City as well. Many residents can no longer enjoy a garden or even simple landscaping because of the destruction by foraging deer.

Wausau has an ordinance prohibiting feeding deer within City limits. We want to remind residents that feeding deer is a bad idea because it attracts them to areas where they are a nuisance and a traffic hazard.

The City is considering hiring a contractor to eliminate some of the deer within City limits. They would use experienced sharpshooters in selected areas to assure public safety is not threatened. A Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant may be able to offset some of the cost.



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17th Annual

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On October 27th, Volunteers across the nation will make a difference in their communities! The **Volunteer Center of Marathon County** offers three local **"Make A Difference Day"** options for people to get involved and do something for those in our communities who need a little help.

1) **Large-Scaled Leaf-Raking Project** to assist persons with disabilities, the frail and elderly; for whom raking leaves has become a task too big to handle.

2) **Collection of New or Clean Used Winter Outerwear** done in partnership with the Wausau Kiwanis "Coats for Kids" to help meet this important community need and provide children with the mittens, boots, hats, snow pants or coats they'll need on cold winter days.

3) **Stuff a Truck to Fill Area Food Pantries** will collect non-perishable food items for donation to area food pantries.

Food and clothing donations can be dropped off at the **Wausau National Guard Armory** on **Saturday, October 27th from 8:00 am - Noon.**

Information will be accepted from elderly and disabled homeowners who need the help of this volunteer project because they have no family in the area to rake their leaves. Please contact the **Volunteer Center at 261-6674** for more information or to sign-up to receive help and volunteer for this worthwhile event.

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