

# Wausau Works

*for you!*

Fall/Winter 2008



*James E. Tipple*

## Mayor Tipple's Message

What a great summer we had in Wausau! The summer Concerts on the Square, Balloon Rally, Chalk Fest, Blues Fest, Artrageous Weekend, Downtown Exhibitour, and Fall Fest were some of the great events we were all able to enjoy. I am extremely proud of our community and all it has to offer. We receive a lot of compliments regarding all these activities and I send my thanks to all the volunteers who offered their services. I am already looking forward to next year!

The City of Wausau employees and the City Council recently identified and adopted "Core Values and Behaviors" to follow in their daily work life. Core Values have been posted in various areas in the City's work environment and results are already being seen. Employees selected the following Core Values they wish to work and live by: Respect, Honesty, Professionalism, Responsibility/Accountability, Integrity, Communication-Forthright/Transparent, Compassion, Vision/Global Perspective, Stewardship of Resources, Compromise, and Safety.

Our residents have been telling us the City website is very difficult to navigate and we listened! Currently, we are in the process of re-designing the website which will have added features and be more user friendly. We anticipate this being "live" by the end of this year.

The City is currently working on the 2009 budget. This year is yet another challenge with rising fuel and energy costs, and we are doing everything possible to hold the line on the costs we can control. I am confident the City will adopt a budget that will continue to deliver the highest quality of services to residents at the lowest possible cost.

In November, the polling sites are expected to reach record numbers and the City of Wausau is planning to accommodate additional voters. I would encourage everyone to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

As winter approaches, we can all do our part helping the City run more efficient. The Public Works Department labor tirelessly to keep the City streets cleared of snow and simply placing waste containers in your driveway, inside the sidewalk and abiding by parking bans, you too can help this process. Thank you for assisting in these small, but significant ways!

*Wishing you and your family a Happy Holiday Season!*

**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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## N2N Neighbor to Neighbor

Mayor Tipple's N2N Initiative continues to have an impact in the Wausau area. N2N is a community driven group striving to improve the quality of life for Wausau residents. We work to achieve this by focusing on connecting neighbors through the development of neighborhood groups, assisting with efforts to revitalize or clean-up areas and improve safety. Neighborhood groups are forming with the assistance of various Alderpersons and volunteers. To date, there are five groups with a sixth group expressing interest. They are:

- 1. Longfellow Neighborhood**, contact - Anne Heidemann, 845-4148. They meet at the Police Department Community Room the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Werle Park Neighborhood**, contact - Steve Foley, 842-4978. They meet at Lincoln Elementary School the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- 3. John Marshall School Area**, They are currently in the planning process of establishing a Neighborhood Group.
- 4. Southwest Jones District**, contact - Sherry Abitz 843-0990. They meet at "Our Saviors Church" the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- 5. Near West Side Neighborhood**, contact - Sue Nowak, 848-4545. They meet at the Salvation Army facility located at 103 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

- 6. Northwest District 7 (Thomas Jefferson/NTC/Marathon Elec. Area)**, contact - Lisa Rasmussen, 675-4872 or [markandlisarasmussen@verizon.net](mailto:markandlisarasmussen@verizon.net). They are currently in the planning process of establishing a Neighborhood Group.

The N2N Committee organized a City-Wide Appliance Drop-Off Weekend in May and successfully hauled away 70 freezers and 140 refrigerators, 300 air conditioners, 100 washing machines and 80 dryers, along with grills, lawn mowers, car batteries, tires and televisions. This service

is well received by residents and we hope to continue this event in the future.

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

## Attention Electors

### Do You Hate Waiting In Line?

Registering to vote **PRIOR** to Election Day and **notifying the City Clerk of your new address** when you move will speed up the process for you and fellow voters.

You may register with the Clerk/Customer Service Office in City Hall (407 Grant Street) Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Clerk recommends you register prior to Wednesday, October 15, 2008. To check the accuracy of your current registration, go to the Voter Registration Public Access Site at [www.vpa.wi.gov](http://www.vpa.wi.gov)

### Is Your Polling Location Inconvenient?

State law allows you to vote absentee for any reason including that you are unable or unwilling to go to the polling location. You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us) under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or write us a letter to have your ballot mailed to you. Absentee ballots will be available in the Clerk Customer Service Office beginning October 7, 2008, and ending November 3, 2008.

### Unable To Travel To A Polling Place Due To Age, Illness, Or Disability?

You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us) under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or write a letter telling us you would like permanent status. Once you are signed up, an absentee ballot will be mailed to your address for every election. You will remain on the permanent list as long as you continue to return a ballot. Don't forget to let us know when you have moved!

### Attention Absentee Voters!

Every election voters take precious time to complete their absentee ballot, only to have it rejected on Election Day for missing required information. Please take an extra moment to make sure the following requirements have been met: 1) The name and address on the envelope label is your current name and residence for voting purposes. If the information is not correct – do not write over it, you must contact the Clerk to have a new ballot issued. 2) Make sure you, the voter has signed the absentee ballot envelope. 3) Make sure a witness has signed the certificate indicating they have witnessed you casting your vote.

The Clerk/Customer Service Office staff is interested in providing you with a responsive and efficient voting process. Please exercise your right to vote!

## Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008

**Polls in the City of Wausau are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**The Clerk Customer Service Office will take phone calls assisting voters during polling hours at (715) 261-6620.**



## Halloween Trick or Treat

hours in the City of Wausau on October 31st are 4-7 p.m. Please leave a front light on if you are participating with treats. As always, please drive carefully as there will be many ghouls and goblins eager to get to the next house, and not always thinking of safety. Parents, please remember to watch your child closely and practice safety; cross the street at the corners, dress your child in a costume that will not hamper their safety (make-up instead of masks, light colors or reflective materials, no open flames, a costume that is not too long that they are unable to walk safety, etc.); always use the "buddy system" so no child is alone. Be careful and enjoy the evening.

**Party!** The annual Wausau Police Department/YMCA Halloween Party will be on Saturday, October 25th from 1-3 p.m. Activities include swimming, games, treats, and fun. This party is geared toward elementary age kids and younger and is FREE for all ages! You do not need to be a YMCA member to participate, and if you have specific questions, please call the Y at 845-2177.

## Holiday Happenings!

**December 5, 6:30 p.m.** "Holiday Hustle" Fun Run – Contact Wausau Area Events at 843-0748 for information and registration.

**December 5, 6:30 p.m.** Wausau "Holiday Parade" – Marathon Park to the City Square. Contact WEA at 843-0748 for float registration.

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 (Dec.-Mar.)	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](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp).**

## Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Exhibition Schedule

Now - November 9, 2008  
**Birds in Art**

November 15, 2008 - January 18, 2009  
**More Than Words: Illustrated Letters from the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art**

November 15, 2008 - January 18, 2009  
**Illusions in Art for Young Eyes**

January 24 - March 29, 2009  
**Quilt National**

April 4 - June 14, 2009  
**Wrapped in Tradition: The Chihuly Collection of American Indian Trade Blankets**

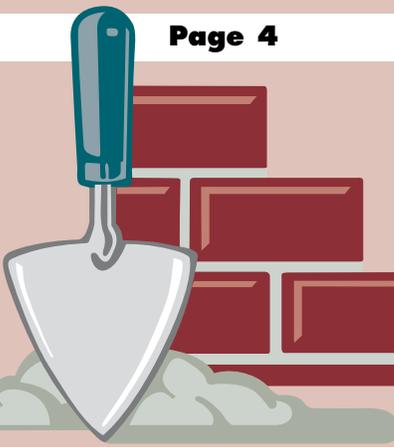
**Location:**  
Franklin and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, Wausau

**Address:**  
700 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wausau, WI 54403-5007

**Hours:**  
Tuesday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday  
Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Open Thursdays until 7:30 p.m. during "Birds in Art"  
Closed Mondays and Holidays

**Admission:** Always FREE  
Phone 715-845-7010

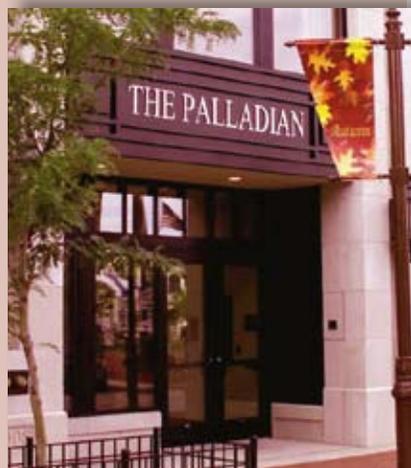
**Web:** [www.lywam.org](http://www.lywam.org)



## Construction/ Remodeling Projects...

If you are planning any construction or remodeling projects, we would like to remind you that building permits are required for most projects within the City of Wausau (including installation/replacement of siding, roof redecking, construction of decks, stoops, ramps, sheds, etc.). Also, any electrical or plumbing work requires separate permits. 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.

For more information, call the Department of Inspection and Electrical Systems at 261-6780.



# Palladian Building... A New Jewel in Downtown

With 15,000 sq. ft. of new meeting and banquet space, 38 additional hotel rooms, 6,300 sq. ft. of high-quality ground level retail space and seven residential condominiums, the seven-story Palladian Building is the latest in a series of developments that have dramatically transformed downtown Wausau and the City's skyline over the past 10 years.

A decade ago, the 400 Block was a collection of mostly vacant, deteriorating buildings and there was a two-story parking ramp between First and Second Streets at Jefferson Street that badly needed replacement. The 300 block of Second Street had become blighted and on its north side, the aging, monolithic Plaza Mall extended up to Third Street. In short, downtown was a different place than it is today and people were very worried about its future.

All of that began to change with the clearing of the 400 Block as a City Square and a subsequent decision by Wausau Benefits to build a corporate headquarters two blocks south in downtown Wausau. An agreement was made that the City would provide parking for the 350 employees expected to move into the new facility. But the development of the Jefferson Street parking ramp with its ground level retail space provided more than just parking for the new employees. Instead, it became a catalyst for

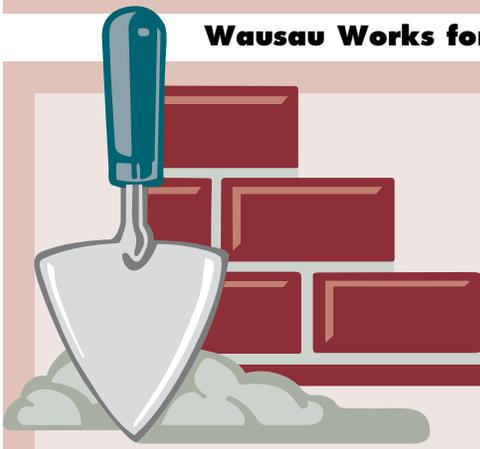
redevelopment over a large area of downtown, in addition to providing several linear blocks of attractive redevelopment for its own part.

One of the more elusive elements of revitalizing the downtown had always been the idea of a downtown hotel. The community struggled for years over its economics and the role of government in previous plans that had been offered. But with the attractive new parking structure as a cornerstone and an unusual independent ownership structure, the Jefferson Street Inn became the destination for a second sky bridge to the parking ramp. The 300 block of Second Street became a footnote in the City's history as it morphed into being part of a multi-million dollar facility that is now totally integrated with the historic Washington Square buildings on Third and Washington Streets.

With the opening of Washington Street and Third Streets for direct access to the site, the plans for the Palladian building came to fruition, thanks to three prominent local investors who were committed to continuing Wausau's downtown revitalization.

The Palladian is therefore the latest extension of other successful projects to revitalize the City's gateway from the west, including the Jefferson Street Inn with its now 100 guest rooms and the extensive renovations of other historic buildings in the immediate area. Compass Properties and their General Manager Mark Craig have been heavily involved with the process throughout.





## Eye Clinic of Wisconsin: Achieving a Vision

A long-time part of downtown, the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin recently became one of Downtown Wausau's newest major development projects this year with the opening of a state-of-the-art 67,000 sq. ft. facility at 800 North First Street.

All services formerly provided at the clinic's three former locations, (two on First Street and one in Rib Mountain), were moved into the new Backer Building. The facility includes an optical shop, laser vision correction facility, and exam rooms for both pediatric and general adult eye care. Having everything under one roof gives the professional staff a better opportunity to interact, as well as greatly improving the flow and efficiency of the operation from the standpoint of both patients and the clinic.

Customers were happy with the decision to stay downtown, report Eye Clinic officials. They like the setting with amenities that include a section of the River Edge Trail and on-site parking, as well as the many options within walking distance that the location provides.

"We are very happy that we stayed downtown Wausau," said Eye Clinic of Wisconsin Administrator Sharon Long. "We're in a good position to grow, both in services and technology."

More than 40,000 patients visit the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin annually and the operation itself has approximately 150 employees, making it an important asset to downtown. The development is in the \$18 million range and it included an attractive extension to the downtown loop of the River Edge Trail.

## 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 \$80 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.



## Wausau Window & Wall Builds Area's Largest LEED Facility

While many people were anticipating Wausau's Artrageous weekend in early September, hundreds of employees at Wausau Window and Wall Systems were busy packing up for a move from their long-time location on West Street to their brand new facility in the Wausau West Industrial Park.

Company officials hosted a tour of the new plant for media, local elected officials, and economic development leaders on September 3, just prior to the big move. Around 80 employees remain in the West Street plant, but the positive response from employees who are already in the new \$21 million facility is clear, according to company officials.

With 300,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space and an additional 70,000 sq. ft. of office space, the new plant is the largest LEED-certified facility in the area. LEED, which is the acronym for Leadership in Energy and Environment Design, is the premier nationally recognized program for buildings incorporating energy efficiency and environmentally conscious elements in their design and construction. While many of these features are often behind the scenes, some can be seen as soon as a visitor pulls into the parking lot, where green-lined parking slots are set aside for fuel-efficient vehicles.

"This new facility allows our people to work in a modern manufacturing and office environment which we believe will enhance their quality of work life, while improving safety, and increasing

productivity," said David Blank of Wausau Window and Wall. "With the assistance of the City of Wausau, we were able to build on a site in the industrial park that has protected wetlands and abundant wildlife, which offers a distinctive look to our building and wonderful views for our people."

Other LEED buildings in Wausau include the Health Science building at Northcentral Technical College and the new Samuels Group building on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Wausau, which was the first privately-owned facility to earn the certification. Wausau Window and Wall Systems' facility offered a unique challenge in comparison to those, since the LEED standards are primarily set up for commercial buildings, rather than manufacturing facilities. In order to achieve LEED status, the entire facility had to meet the standards.

Retaining hundreds of high-quality manufacturing and professional jobs through the Wausau Window and Wall Systems project was very important for the City of Wausau and the entire region, said Wausau Mayor Jim Tipple, as he spoke about the development. "When companies make decisions of this magnitude, they can go anywhere," he said. "We're very happy that Wausau Window and Wall Systems chose to stay right here."

**Thank you Wausau Window and Wall!**



## Wanted!!! Images of Wausau!!!

The City of Wausau is nearing the end of our web site reconstruction. We promise better navigation and with your help, an improved image! To enhance this redesign, we are looking for beautiful pictures that portray what a great place Wausau is to live, work, and play. Please visit our website or follow the ULR <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/PhotoContributor> and submit your photos of people, places, and events in the Wausau area. You can upload repeatedly to share as many photos as you want!





## City of Wausau Bow-Hunting Requirements

The City of Wausau has revised the Wausau Municipal Code to allow bow-hunting of whitetail deer within City limits under ordinance number 9.08.010(b). The ordinance is restrictive to protect public safety and the rights of property

owners including those that may choose not to allow hunting on their property. The discharge of firearms other than bows used for hunting deer is not permitted within City limits.

Specifically, the ordinance requires the following:

A 200' separation distance between the point where the hunting arrow is released and any public or commercial building, public road, park, or residence unless the hunter owns or resides at that residence. This requirement excludes most properties in the City.

The hunter must release the arrow from an elevated stand which is at least 6' above ground level.

No feeding or baiting of deer.

Compliance with all rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and City ordinances. (Bow-hunting of deer in the City follows the normal Wisconsin DNR Archery Deer Season dates.)

Any person wishing to hunt deer by bow and arrow within the City must register in person with the Wausau Police Department providing their name, address, and phone number. The hunter must also display their WI DNR archery deer hunting license. Written permission of any property owner within a minimum 200' radius of the proposed hunting location, or a signed statement declaring the hunter owns the property, must be provided. The hunter will also indicate the property to be hunted on a map and will be provided a copy of the ordinance.

After review, the Wausau Police Department will notify the applicant as to whether the property has been approved.

If you have questions regarding this program please contact:

Lt. Bill Kolb  
(715) 261-7876  
Wausau Police Dept  
515 Grand Ave  
Wausau, WI 54403

Dave Erickson  
(715) 261-6536  
City of Wausau  
407 Grant St  
Wausau, WI 54403

## Community Work Party



### WANTED:

Volunteers to join in community effort to "take back" Fern Island!

When: **October 18, 2008**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Where: Oak Island Park Shelter, Wausau

What: 1) Invasive Species Educational Session (speaker TBA)  
2) Field Work\* on Fern Island  
\*(Please dress for the weather!)

Target Species: Buckthorn & Nonnative Honeysuckles

**Pre-registration appreciated.**

Call Amy, at  
Golden Sands Resource  
Conservation & Development,  
at (715) 343-6215.

[www.goldensandsrccd.org](http://www.goldensandsrccd.org)

Sponsored by Golden Sands RC&D Council, Inc., in partnership with:  
Wausau/Marathon Co Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept  
North Central Chapter of WI Woodland Owners Assoc  
North Central WI Master Gardener Assoc  
Central WI Chapter of Wild Ones



**While thinking about Fire Prevention... here are a few reminders for YOUR HOME! Please check to see that:**

- ✓ electrical cords are in good condition, not damaged
- ✓ appliances and lights are plugged into separate electrical outlets
- ✓ all smoke alarms work when tested
- ✓ all escape routes are clear of clutter and easily accessible
- ✓ curtains and other things that can burn are away from the stovetop
- ✓ the clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter (no lint build-up)
- ✓ an adult always stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on stove
- ✓ all extension cords are used safely (not under carpets or across walking areas)
- ✓ portable space heaters are 3 feet away from anything that can burn
- ✓ the furnace has been inspected in the past year
- ✓ the chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year
- ✓ portable space heaters are off whenever an adult leaves the room

## **“Anytime” is Fire Prevention Time**

School Fire Prevention Programs have proven to be valuable tools in preventing fire tragedies. These programs involve educating children so they will always be inspired to make fire safe decisions during the normal course of their lives. The programs teach children to take specific and controlled action when a fire emergency occurs. Knowing the proper action to take during an emergency, reduces panic, and enhances the boundaries of fire safety for everyone. The goal is to make it a safer year than last, through the power of Fire Education and Prevention. Some of the programs that currently operate in local schools on an annual basis are:

**BEDROOM EVACUATION for 1st Graders...** a 3-part program includes viewing a video of “Sparky’s Greatest Escapes”; the use of a full-size bedroom as a teaching demonstration tool; and a tour of the Central Fire Station.

**TELEPHONE PROGRAM for 2nd Graders...** this program is designed to teach how and when to use the telephone in case of an emergency and includes a video and lecture covering various subjects as follows: know your phone, know where all the phones in the house are, dialing 911 for True Emergencies only, is the number really 911?, do you have to dial 9 or a combination of numbers in order to get an outside line?

**THE SMOKE DETECTIVES for 3rd Graders...** a thrilling video “Smoke Detectives” is shown stressing the Three P’s:

- 1) Persuasion - influence others to clean and remove fire hazards from the home and install smoke alarms.
- 2) Prevention - correct fire hazards and have a working knowledge of fire safety in their own lives: Exit Drill in The Home and STOP DROP AND ROLL.
- 3) Protection - change your clock and change your battery. Why have working smoke detectors, why have an escape plan and how and when to use it, why we should never return to a burning building to save things?

**FIRE INSPECTOR VISIT for 4th Graders...** demonstrations and videos with information on Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services, Firefighting and Rescue Team Work, Fire Power, and the “Get Out Alive Program” are included in this session.

**EDITH - EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME for 5th Graders...** a two-part program, one is held inside and consists of a seventeen-minute video tape, a short discussion and answer period, and a quiz on the information given. Part two is held outside in the EDITH SMOKE HOUSE. The smoke house uses harmless theatrical smoke to simulate a real fire situation and the children are taught how to properly escape from a home fire.

As a part of Fire Prevention Week, the Wausau Fire Department sponsors the annual poster contest for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the City of Wausau schools. For the year 2008, the Fire Prevention theme is “It’s Fire Prevention Week, Prevent Home Fires”. A very special ceremony will be held at John Muir Middle School on Saturday October 25, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. and the public is welcome to attend. Winners will receive recognition and prizes for their efforts.



# ICE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

Hence the **ICE (In Case of Emergency)** campaign.

The concept of **ICE** is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name **ICE (In Case of Emergency)**. The idea was thought of by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scene of an accident, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as **ICE**. For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3, etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

**Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our mobile phones today!** It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

**ICE** will speak for you when you are not able to.

## Winter Safety Issues

-  Snowmobile and ATV riding on City Streets is illegal. A fine of \$100 plus court costs can be imposed if cited for this violation.
-  By law, you **CANNOT** follow a snow plow closer than 200 ft.
-  Remember "Snow Emergency" means **NO PARKING** on City streets while in effect.
-  Please "Adopt a Fire Hydrant" in your neighborhood and keep it clear of snow at all times. Help an elderly or disabled person with their hydrant maintenance, if possible. Help prevent hydrants from disappearing in the snow banks!

## Fall & Winter Recreation Opportunities

available for families to help stay active in the upcoming months...

Active Family Challenge

Adult Evening Water Exercise:  
John Muir Middle School

Skating with Charlotte, Marathon Park

DL Corbin Shooting Range Park

Camping, available until 10/31

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing:  
opening 12/19, weather permitting

Sledding Hills in Wausau:  
Pleasant View Park  
"3M" Park  
Riverside Park  
Schofield Park



Snowmobile Safety Classes:  
Marathon Co. Courthouse



Dog-Gone Snow Stomps:  
Athletic Park, 1/18 and 2/15/09

Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing, 9-Mile

Outdoor Ice Rinks:  
400 Block Brockmeyer  
Grant John Marshall  
Riverview Schools



Indoor Ice Skating with skate rentals:  
Marathon Park

**Parks/Recreation Activity Information, call 261-1550  
or [www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp)**

-  Veolia will **NOT** pick-up your garbage if it is placed on snow banks due to slippery conditions and the danger to their drivers.





## Neighborhood Sector Meetings

The Wausau Police Department will again host neighborhood sector meetings in 2009.

These meetings provide citizens an opportunity to share neighborhood concerns and other enforcement issues they would like the police department to focus on.

Officers can educate citizens on national and local crime trends and how best they can help improve the quality of life for residents in their neighborhood.

**The WEST side sector meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School in the auditorium on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**

**The EAST side sector meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Wausau City Hall on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**

## “All Night Parking” and Snow Emergency Information

A task force was created two years ago to review and offer suggestions to the City's Common Council on an “All Night Parking” ordinance. After dozens of meetings and input from many differing points of view, an “All Night Parking” ordinance was created, adopted, and took effect April 1, 2008.

From **December 1 through March 31**, no person shall park, stop, or leave standing a motor vehicle on any City street between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. From April 1 through November 30, alternate (even/odd) street side parking is allowed from 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., except in the downtown area. “All Night Parking” in the downtown area is prohibited year round. The downtown area is bounded on the north by McIndoe Street, east by 6<sup>th</sup> Street, south by Forest Street, and west by 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Alternate, even/odd street side parking means a vehicle may be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days and on the odd-side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days. When determining the even/odd side, consider which calendar day it will be when the time is 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Say you are going to bed at 11:00 p.m., on an odd calendar day and your vehicle will be left overnight on the street; since it will be an even calendar day as soon as the clock passes midnight, then between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., your vehicle should be on the even side of the street. In addition, no vehicle can be parked overnight on any street which currently prohibits parking. **Finally, “All Night Parking” is prohibited on all streets when an Emergency Snow Removal has been declared.**

The forfeiture for violating the “All Night Parking” ordinance is \$25.00. **The forfeiture for violating during the Emergency Snow Removal is \$172.00.** To review the ordinance on the City of Wausau web site, go to section 10.20.030 of the online code at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us)

## 2008 Traffic Safety Grants

In Wisconsin during 2006, speed was listed as a contributing factor in 16% of all crashes and 37% in all fatal crashes. As a result, 265 people died from speed related crashes. Alcohol-impaired driving for the same year was a contributing factor in 7% of all crashes and 43% of all fatal crashes resulting in the death of 305 individuals.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIS-DOT) regionally analyzed the state and identified areas with significant crash rates due to speed and impaired driving. WIS-DOT identified Wausau as an area having heightened crash rates due to speed and alcohol-impaired driving.

With federal funding, WIS-DOT awarded the Wausau Police Department \$38,000 in grants placing off-duty police personnel on the streets enforcing speed, alcohol, and other illegal, risky behaviors that have a direct affect on our crash rate.

As of September 1, 2008, officers working the grant projects logged 485 hours of enforcement activity producing 770 citations and 113 written warnings. Of the citations, 512 were speeding, 98 no seat belt, 54 no valid driver's license, 43 “red light”, and 10 impaired driving. Preliminary findings indicate enforcement efforts have had a positive affect on our local crash and criminal activity rate.

The Wausau Police Department recently learned the Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant Program will continue into 2009, with the award of another \$38,000. We encourage vigilance and self-compliance of all traffic laws and ask that you drive responsibly and report reckless, alcohol, or drugged driving.



## 2008 Major Projects

### **PROJECT: Sherman Street from East of 28th Avenue to East of 24th Avenue**

SCHEDULE: Completed

DESCRIPTION: Sherman Street was reconstructed to a full four lane section under Highway 51.

### **PROJECT: State Highway 52/Highway 52 Parkway**

SCHEDULE: Fall 2008

DESCRIPTION: The DOT contractor will be removing the old Highway 51 overpass structure in order to construct the new overpass. Reconstruction of the turning lanes will occur late this fall after the free flow ramp from north Hwy 51 to west Hwy 29 is open.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: The westbound and eastbound left turn lanes are currently closed immediately under Highway 51.

### **PROJECT: Stewart Avenue from 24th Avenue to 26th Avenue**

SCHEDULE: October and November 2008

DESCRIPTION: The DOT contractor will be removing the old Highway 51 overpass structure in order to construct the new overpass.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: In order to remove the old overpass over Stewart Avenue and construct the new piers for the new overpass, Stewart Avenue will be closed to all traffic. Traffic will be detoured using 24th Avenue, Sherman Street, and 28th Avenue.

For up to date information regarding the USH 51/STH 29 corridor projects, please go to [www.5129wausau.com](http://www.5129wausau.com).

### **PROJECT: Stewart Avenue from 32nd Avenue to 48th Avenue**

SCHEDULE: Fall 2008

DESCRIPTION: Stewart Avenue will be reconstructed from two lanes to four lanes with left turn lanes and a two-way center turn lane. Sidewalks will be constructed on the north side from 32nd Avenue to 48th Avenue and on the south side from 48th Avenue to Stettin Drive.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Two lanes of traffic, one in each direction, will be maintained throughout the project. No detours will be posted. Construction will occur in halves with the north side constructed first and then the south side. Access to businesses will remain open.

### **PROJECT: Thomas Street from the Wisconsin River to 17th Avenue.**

DESCRIPTION: The City is in the process of developing construction plans for the reconstruction of Thomas Street. In the spring of 2008, the Common Council approved the new alignment for Thomas Street. From the Wisconsin River to approximately Cleveland Avenue, the street will be expanded to the north side. From approximately 1st Avenue to approximately 11th Avenue the street will be expanded to the north side. From approximately 11th Avenue to 17th Avenue the street will be expanded to the south side. The section between Cleveland Avenue and 1st Avenue is still in the process of being evaluated.

SCHEDULE: It is anticipated that preliminary plans will be available in early 2009. When the preliminary plans are completed, a public information meeting will be held. The plans will show in better detail the impacts to the surrounding properties.

## Upcoming 2009 Traffic Impacts

Stewart Avenue from 24th Avenue to west of 28th Avenue will be reconstructed. Construction is scheduled to start in early spring next year. During construction, Stewart Avenue will be closed to thru traffic from 24th Avenue to 26th Avenue, the portion directly under Highway 51. The remaining portion of Stewart Avenue will be constructed in halves maintaining two-way traffic.

28th Avenue from Sherman Street to north of Stewart Avenue, including the intersection of 28th Avenue and Sherman Street will be reconstructed. Construction on this segment will be ongoing with the Stewart Avenue segment mentioned immediately above. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. In order to redo the railroad crossing, 28th Avenue will be closed completely to all traffic for a couple of weeks in late spring/early summer. More information on this closure will be available in early 2009.



# The View From 7001 Packer Drive

By Judy Lombard, Shelter Manager

The view from 7001 Packer Drive is spectacular! Our new building is everything we hoped it would be, and more. What a pleasure to see our homeless "guests" and the public enjoying this wonderful facility.

On one side of the lobby, the cats relax in new kennels bathed in natural sunlight. On the other side, our dogs have spacious kennels with heated floors for the cold months. Even our small animal friends (rabbits, birds, guinea pigs and more) now have a room of their own. Families can get to know a new pet in our private visitation areas and our community room has already hosted educational presentations, youth groups, and even an eleven year old's birthday party.

Beyond the public area, we now have office space to accommodate the staff, the record keeping, and the work that needs to be done here. Families surrendering their pets have a quiet, private area in which to do paperwork and say their good-byes. We have kitten and puppy nurseries and a medical room

and quarantine areas for those pets that need special medical attention. There is now plenty of room for storage of supplies and modern equipment for the proper sanitation of bowls and linens and even a doggy bath area. Outside we have lots of room for events and dog walking.

The board of directors and staff would like to thank everyone who helped us along the road to our new facility. A thousand thank yous are not enough! We are deeply grateful to the many generous individuals, community groups, businesses, the City of Wausau and other municipalities, and to Marathon County.

I've had occasion to travel back to our old facility since we left it in April. The experience of being there now is very powerful. I wonder how we ever managed to get by in that tiny place! Nevertheless, over the years, thousands of animals were protected and adopted out of our Kent Street location and we'll be forever grateful for that building and the lives of those pets.

Appropriately, we celebrated our new facility with our donors and supporters during national "Be Kind To Animals Week" last May. Thanks again to everyone, you've done a terrific job!

The view from 7001 Packer Drive is magnificent... from here you can see a much better future for the homeless pets of Marathon County.

## Humane Society of Marathon County ...on a journey

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