

Wausau Works

For you!

Spring/Summer 2009



James E. Tipple

Mayor Tipple's Message

Morale is good! We have outstanding, committed, and creative department heads. Their knowledge and dedication are unmatched, and they put in the time needed to get the job done. All employees are working together to watch expenses, increase efficiencies, and work smarter. The council members, too, are pulling together as the foundation of city government. Together we support city employees who are providing the service to you, our citizens. So, as we "celebrate what's right" we can be confident that we have the people at all levels of the City who can meet the upcoming challenges.

Every year, cities across the country struggle with their budgets and I'm proud to accept the challenges before us. This challenge strengthens and broadens our resources. Over a year ago, our staff began discussing contingency plans if our local economy experienced a downturn. These discussions continue and they will provide input for the upcoming 2010 budgeting cycle.

We are here to work for you! Please feel free to contact me as I welcome your input on issues affecting our community. Enjoy the beauty of this great city and take advantage of all the exceptional events and activities starting this month of April.

We had a challenging winter with all the snow and cold weather in Wausau. A number of residents I talked to took advantage of the outdoor opportunities available during the winter months. By participating in these winter activities, it helps shorten the wait for Spring. Hang on...Spring is just around the corner!

The US economy has been the major topic of discussion and Corporate America continues to react to all of these downturns. The City of Wausau is no different. In 1995, the City of Wausau had 402 employees and in 2008 we ended with a total number of 313 employees. We are currently exploring potential cost savings by looking at ways to partner with other governmental and public entities. Cities across America are asked to do more with less and we strive to continue that momentum. Our taxpayers have a right to expect the highest quality service at the lowest possible cost.

Although these economic times are presenting unprecedented challenges to us, as individuals and as a community, City employees at all levels are pulling together to meet these challenges. In spite of these conditions, we can still "celebrate what's right"... and there are things to celebrate. Most importantly, our employees...they are very cooperative, responsive, willing to help and they care about what they do. They take pride in their job.

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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City Police Officers receive "Medal of Valor"

On August 28, 2008, Officers Hines and Timken were attempting to arrest a male who pulled a large knife from his pocket and attacked the officers. As officers attempted to create distance from this subject, Officer Timken fell to his knees with the subject approaching Officer Timken in a stabbing motion. Officer Hines wounded the subject ending the deadly force threat.

The "Medal of Valor" described in the City Police policy manual reads: *The Medal of Valor, the second highest department award, recognizes outstanding officer achievement. The Medal of Valor will be awarded to officers who distinguish themselves with extraordinary acts of bravery or heroism above and beyond the call of duty. Officers must have displayed extreme courage by placing their own safety in immediate peril in an effort to provide protection or preservation of life.*

Management places a high priority on training. Officers train so they can be as prepared as possible for the unexpected. Officers handled this difficult and dangerous situation perfectly. They are thrust into chaotic, disorganized, and dysfunctional situations that occasionally involve deadly force. That's exactly what Officers Hines and Timken found themselves' in and they responded like champions.

The City of Wausau is very proud of Officers Hines and Timken. They were prepared for the unexpected, responded effectively, and clearly deserve the "Medal of Valor."

Crime Prevention

Along with preparing for the approach of summer, it is also important to take steps to prevent crime in your neighborhood. It is common to see a rise in property crimes such as theft, burglary, and criminal damage to property during the spring/summer months. The following suggestions are things you can do to help prevent these crimes from occurring in your neighborhood and to your property:

Home Security:

- Install deadbolt locks, solid doors with sturdy hinges and lock plates. Consider installing a peephole. Talk to people who you do not know through the door, do not trust a door chain.
- Sliding patio doors should be secured with a deadbolt style lock on the top and bottom of the frame. Due to the way that some sliding doors are installed, just placing a piece of wood in the track may not make the door secure.
- Use window key locks. It may be a good idea to keep the key inside of the lock to allow for quick exit in case of emergency or fire.
- In cases of double hung windows, drill holes downward where inside and outside sashes meet. Insert nails or bolts into drilled holes.
- Keep a list of serial numbers to valuable possessions
- Small valuables should be kept in a safe-deposit box
- If using a safe, be sure to research the type of safe you purchase. Some safes are made for fire protection only and some are made for burglary protection. Although fire safes provide security, they can still be broken into easily when compared to a burglar proof safe.
- Keep yards, porches, and entrances well lit. Consider motion lighting in these areas or keeping them lit at all hours of darkness.
- Never leave items outside in your yard. Store toys, tools, etc., after use.
- Never hide keys outside your home. If it is necessary to keep a set of keys outside, they should be secured in a combination lock box.
- Items such as plants and bushes should be trimmed and/or planted in a manner not to allow a place for someone to hide from view when trying to gain access to your home.

Preventing Theft from Vehicles:

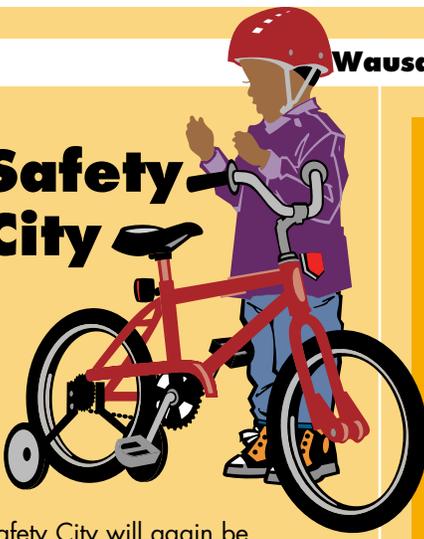
- Whenever possible, park off the street preferably in a locked garage.
- Make sure the vehicle doors are locked and the locks are in working condition.
- Utilize outside lights to keep the areas where your vehicles are parked well lit up. This will help keep your vehicle secure as well as make people who are trying to enter your vehicle more visible to you, your neighbors, or anyone passing by.
- Do not keep any valuable items in your vehicle. If you have to keep valuable items in your car, make sure the items are not visible to anyone who might pass by your vehicle.

When leaving on a trip:

- Get to know your neighbors and let them know you are leaving. They can look out for your property while you are gone. When you get to know your neighbors, it makes it easier for you to look out for each other's property on a daily basis.
- Have your mail stopped or have a family member or friend pick up your mail
- Ask someone to mow your lawn (or shovel your driveway in the winter) while you are gone
- Do not share your travel plans with strangers
- Place two or more interior lights on timers and use them daily, not just when you're away.

The suggestions listed are just some of the actions that you can take to prevent crime. If you have any questions about the suggestions, or would like more information on crime prevention, feel free to contact the Wausau Police Department at 261-7800. Remember, it is important for you to report crime when you see it occurring. Although not required, providing dispatchers with your name and a way officers can contact you allows officers to investigate crimes more effectively. Through your help, we can make the community a more enjoyable and crime-free place to live.

Safety City



Safety City will again be held this summer at **Thomas Jefferson School**, starting June 15th and running three weeks. The program is targeted for children that are 5 years old, and scheduled for kindergarten in the fall of 2009. It is run jointly by the Wausau School District and the Wausau Police Department and trains youngsters about various important lessons including:

- Bicycle safety
- Pedestrian safety
- Fire safety
- Stranger danger
- Bus safety

Registrations forms can be picked up at the Wausau Police Department or at any Wausau School District Elementary School. There is a \$10.00 donation requested for each child. Forms must be returned to the Wausau Police Department.

There are three sessions per day. Each is 1 ½ hours long, and the program runs for one week. Session times are as follows.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Parents are asked not to enroll their children if they have attended in previous years. The program is on a first come first serve basis. Any questions please contact Safety Officer Maureen L. Pilsner at the Police Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Phone 261-7853) or email mlpilsner@mail.ci.wausau.wi.us

Police Sectors

The Wausau Police Department has divided the city into six sectors. These sectors are designated Sector A through Sector F. The following is a description of the sector boundaries:

- Sector A is bordered by the river on the west side to the city limits on the east side and E. Bridge St. on the south side to the city limits on the north side.
- Sector B is bordered by E. Bridge St. and E. Thomas St. on the north and south and the river to the city limits on the west and east side.
- Sector C is bordered by the city limits on the east and south side, the river on the west side and E. Thomas St. to the North.
- Sector D is bordered by the river and Lake Wausau to the east and south, S. 17th Ave on the west side, and Stewart Ave. to the north.
- Sector E is bordered by city limits to the north, west, and south, and 17th Ave to the east.
- Sector F is bordered by city limits on the north, the river to the east, Stewart Ave. to the south, and N. 17th Ave. to the west.

Each shift has one to three sector officers assigned to each sector. The sector officer is assigned to patrol their sector during their shift. The sector officer is also responsible for taking all calls for service in their sector during their shift, being aware of crimes or problems occurring within the sector. In addition to patrol duties, the sector officers also serve as liaisons for the department to any neighborhood groups that may be active within the sector.

If you would like to find out who your sector officers are, please visit the Wausau Police Department website at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/infosite.asp?dep=16>

On the website, you will find a list of the officers and the sectors they are assigned to along with the officer's contact information.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety and enforcement is an important issue at the Wausau Police Department. Several initiatives have been put in place in recent years in order to address this growing citizen concern:

- Speed Enforcement Grant
- Alcohol Enforcement Grant
- Pedestrian Safety Grant
- Bicycle Safety Grant
- Red Light Campaign
- School Safety Zone Video (aired on Public Access and City of Wausau website)
- Child Safety Seat Checks
- Safety City

The command staff at Wausau PD is committed to reducing traffic related injuries and deaths as well as incidents of road rage. The aforementioned initiatives represent that commitment. We will continue to work with our city engineering department, public works, and attorney's office in order to evaluate problem areas in the city.

Generally there is six or seven patrol officers assigned to patrol Wausau at any given time. These officers are tasked with responding to calls for service such as car crashes, domestic disputes, animal complaints, parking complaints, etc. Officers do their best to enforce traffic laws when they are not assigned to other calls. Following are some statistics indicating the enforcement action taken in 2008:

- 4408 total citations written and 2261 total written warnings
- 1369 speeding citations and 749 warnings
- 169 red light violations and 82 warnings
- 48 yellow light violations and 76 warnings
- 227- OWI Arrests

Officers also responded to 1,572 crashes during 2008. There was one fatal crash and nearly 300 crashes with injury last year.

It is important that drivers devote their full attention to driving; a split second is all it takes for a crash to occur. Buckle up and drive safely!



City of Wausau Annual Large Item Pick-Up

Service begins April 20th per the schedule listed in this publication. The program is intended to help residents dispose of LARGE and HEAVY, unwanted items. It is NOT a program to be used for cleaning out all sizes of unwanted items on an annual basis or for the removal of large scale remodeling project debris. **ITEMS WILL BE PICKED-UP AT THE CURB FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS ONLY. ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED-UP FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Examples of items that will be accepted:
 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, Small Engines (gas & oil), Dining Room Tables, Large Metal Items, Pianos and Sofas.

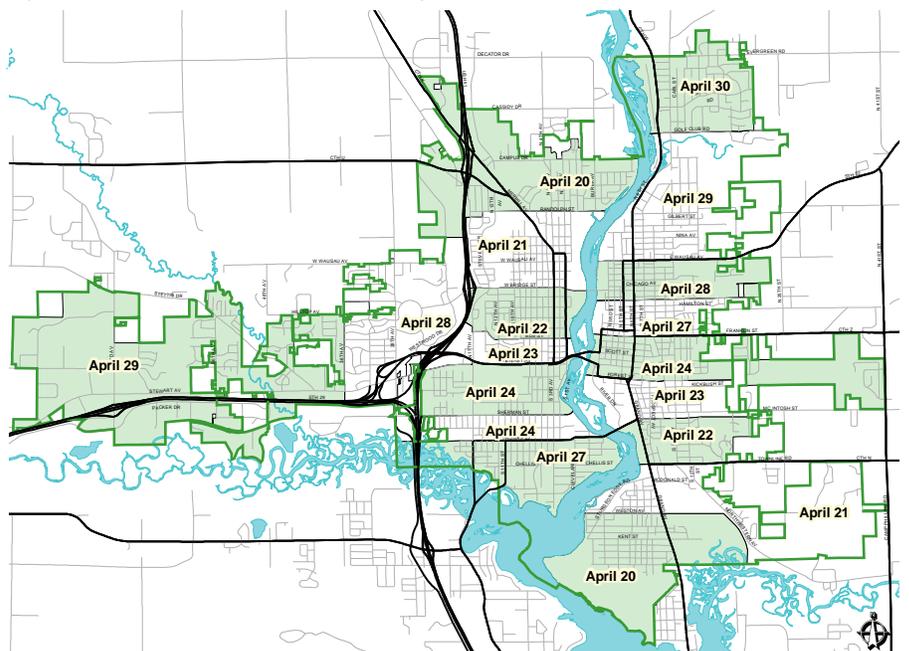
Household trash and small items WILL NOT be picked-up and should not be placed at the curbside.

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 Veolia 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.**

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 20	South City Limits to Weston Avenue	North City Limits to Randolph Street and Hwy U west of USH 51/I39, Merrill Ave to Westwood Dr.
April 21	Weston Avenue to Town Line Road	Randolph Street to Bridge Street between USH 51/I39 & Wisc. River
April 22	Town Line Road to Thomas Street	Bridge Street to Elm Street between 17th Avenue & 1st Avenue
April 23	Thomas Street to Forest Street	Elm Street to Stewart Avenue between 17th Avenue & 1st Avenue
April 24	All of Grand Avenue from South City Limits	Stewart Avenue to Sherman Street between USH 51/I39 & 1st Avenue
April 24	Forest Street to Franklin Street	Sherman Street to Thomas Street between USH 51/I39 & Wisc. River
April 27	Franklin Street to Stark Street	Thomas Street to South City Limits between USH 51/I39 & Wisc. River
April 28	Stark Street to E. Wausau Avenue	USH 51/I39 to 36th Avenue
April 29	E. Wausau Ave. to Golf Club Rd.	36th Avenue to West City Limits
April 30	Golf Club Road to North City Limits	



Items Which WILL NOT be Picked-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, ranges/stoves, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, vending machines, water purifiers, dehumidifiers. Veolia will pick-up appliances for a fee, 359-6637.

TV'S, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, AND MICROWAVES. The Good News Project (843-5985) will take these appliances and charge .30/lb. Residents may also call Veolia at 359-6637 who charge a fee for disposal.

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. The Yard Waste Site hours are: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri. from 9:00am-8:00pm, Closed on Thursdays, Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am – 5:00pm. You may also contact Veolia 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 Veolia 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 10th extending through October. This facility may be used at NO COST to city residents and is financed through a joint effort between Veolia Waste Services, Marathon County, and the City of Wausau. See the article below for Hazardous Waste Facility hours. 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.

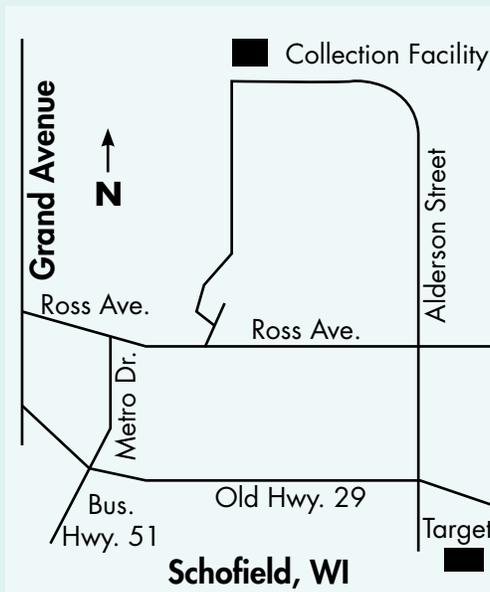
If you have questions about what is acceptable or unacceptable, please call 261-6960. All material should be placed at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day. If your property is missed, please call 261-6960 on the day after your scheduled pick-up.

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility

Opens - April 10, 2009

This facility is located at 301 Alderson Street, Schofield, WI and is open the 2nd and 4th Friday and Saturday of the month from April through October FREE OF CHARGE to households (Businesses are asked to pre-register and will be charged a fee). Friday's hours are 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday's hours are 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Latex and oil-based paints are not considered hazardous waste and must be dried out and disposed of in your household garbage. The following items are accepted:



- Solvent-based Adhesives, Glues
- Mercury Products
- Degreasers
- Lead-based Paints
- Spray Paints
- Stains and Varnishes
- Sharps (diabetic needles & lancets)
- Batteries

Important Dates:

- Saturday, June 6, 2009
– Accepting Pharmaceutical waste
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009
– Accepting Electronics
- Saturday, September 19, 2009
– Accepting Pharmaceutical waste

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Marathon County Health Department at (715) 261-1900 or the Solid Waste Department at (715) 446-3339.

- Fertilizer/Garden/Lawn Chemicals
- Cleaning Solvents
- Automotive Fluids
- Fluorescent Bulbs

**Mayor**

Jim Tipple 261-6800
314 Gerald's Court

**City Council
Representatives****District 1**

Jim Rosenberg 842-8898
1806 Plato Street

District 2

Debra Hadley 843-9999
3603 Hidden Links Drive

District 3

William Forrest 849-4692
1303 Jackson Street

District 4

Jim Brezinski 842-7988
822 Hamilton Street

District 5

Gary Gisselman 848-5160
319 Park Avenue

District 6

Gary Klingbeil 675-7217
1225 Maple Hill Road

District 7

Lisa Rasmussen 675-4872
1310 Crescent Drive

District 8

Tom Miller 845-7151
1501 Brady Street

District 9

Matthew J. Kaiser 849-4850
2903 Glendale Avenue

District 10

Steve Foley 842-4978
502 Sherman Street

District 11

Sherry Abitz 843-0990
1201 S. 7th Avenue

District 12

Edward F. Gale 848-5006
1231 Sunset Drive

City Hall Info

407 Grant Street
Wausau, WI 54403
Information Center:
715-261-6500
Web: www.ci.wausau.wi.us

Who to call when you have questions/ problems related to Wausau City Services

Department	Question/Problem	Phone #
Assessment Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was my property assessed? 2. Will my assessment increase if I paint, replace the roof or siding? 3. How can I appeal my assessed value? 	261-6600
Attorney/Legal Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many (and what kind of) animals may I have in the City? 2. Where can I find parking rules and fees in the ordinances? 3. Can I place Flyers/Pamphlets on vehicles? 4. I have a noise complaint 5. What can I do about overhanging tree branches? 	261-6590
Community Development Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeowner /Commercial Rehabilitation 2. Down-payment Assistance 3. Environmental Issues/Questions 	261-6680
Community Development Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where do I get information on subsidized housing? 2. What are my options for subsidized housing in Wausau? 3. What are the eligibility requirements for housing assistance? 	845-4144
Engineering GIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass not being mowed? 2. Defective Sidewalks? 3. Street Construction Projects/Special Assessments 4. Map Requests/On-line mapping 	261-6740
Finance Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting and Elections 2. Tax Questions 3. Utility Bills & Parking Tickets 4. City Budget Issues 	261-6640
Human Resources Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where do you post City Job Opportunities? 2. How do I obtain a City Job Application? 3. Do you accept unsolicited resumes? 4. Does the City hire seasonal workers? 	261-6630
Inspections Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where do I get a Building Permit? 2. Zoning Issues 3. Street Light Issues 4. Questions about building a fence 5. Complaints about property in your neighborhood 	261-6780
Metro-Ride (Bus Service & Paratransit Service)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where is the nearest bus stop? 2. When does the bus arrive? 3. Where can I buy bus tokens or bus passes? 4. How do I apply for Metro Ride Paratransit service? 	842-9287 or 261-6526
Public Works Parking Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Downtown parking/Parking permits 2. Overnight Parking 	261-6765
Public Works Street Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potholes/Street Maintenance 2. Stormwater drainage concerns 	261-6960
Water Dept.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do I have dirty water? 2. Why is my water bill higher than usual? 3. Why do I have low water pressure? 4. Sewer Backup Issues 	261-6530
Veolia Waste Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Garbage not being picked up? 	359-6637

Calendar of Events

April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept.



April

- 1** Spring and Summer Recreation Guide Available 8 am
- 1** City's Yard Waste Site Opens 9 am
- 10** Hazardous Waste Site Opens 2 pm
- 14,16,21,23** Marathon Co. Sheriff's Dept. Boating Safety Class 6-9pm
Contact 261-1224
- 17** Alzheimer's Assoc. Rhythm & Brews Festival at Dale's Weston Lanes 7-11pm
- 18** Splash into Safety, Family Water Safety Fair – Woodson YMCA-Ages 5-14 9:00 am-11:30 am
Free admission but pre-registration is required by calling 847-2380
- 20** Large Item Pick-Up Begins
- 21** Toddler Tuesday - LYWAM 10:30-Noon
- 23** Statewide Tornado Drill Approx. 1:10-1:15 pm
- 24** Marathon Co. Campgrounds Opening Day
- 25** Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park Opens – Daily Shooting Fees
- 25** Babysitter's Training 8:30 am-4:00 pm
American Red Cross 842-2156
- 28** Labor Workers Memorial Day 6:00 pm
(No walk this year)

May

- 1** Summer Swim Lessons Registration 8 am-4:30 pm
Begins for Wausau residents at the Parks Office, 212 River Drive.
- 3** Multiple Sclerosis Walk (Marathon Park) Registration-9am
Walk – 10am
- 4,5,6,7** Start Smart Toddler Baseball – Marathon Park, East Gate Hall. 6-7:00 pm
Children ages 3-6 yrs with a parent/adult. Pre-registration required.
- 5,7,12,14** Marathon Co. Sheriff's Dept. Boating Safety Class 6-9 pm
Contact 261-1224
- 8** CVA Charity Art Auction, Great Hall, Grand Theater 5:30 pm
- 15** Exhibitour – Wausau's Gallery Night, Downtown Wausau 6-8:00 pm
- 16** American Heart Walk, Marathon Park Register 8 am
Walk 9 am
- 18-21** Start Smart Toddler General Sports 6-7:00 pm
(Ages 3-6 No Exceptions) Pre-registration required
- 19** Toddler Tuesday, LYWAM 10:30-Noon
- 19** Safe Boating Course Begins @ Mara. Co. Library/Wausau Room 6:30 pm
- 23** Memorial Day Parade 10:45 am
(Stewart Ave from Marathon Park to VFW on River Drive) Veterans Memorial Service to follow.
- 30** Babysitter's Training 8:30am-4:30pm

Enjoy this easily accessible calendar reference for the many fun opportunities in the Wausau community! Reminders of ordinances pertaining to commonly asked questions throughout the summer are also included on the last page. If you have any questions on events or ordinances, please feel free to call individual offices sponsoring the information.

Wausau Outdoor Pools Reduce Fees

Daily Admission
All Ages - \$1.00

Evening Admission
(6:00pm – 7:45pm)
\$.50

Wednesday Nights
(6:00pm – 7:45pm)
FREE

Season Passes
(Wausau residents only)
Youth - \$20.00
Adults - \$20.00
Family - \$50.00

- Parks/Recreation Activity Information, call 261-1550 or www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp
- Concerts in the Gardens located at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (LYWAM), Franklin and 12th Streets, museum@lywam.org
- Concerts on the Square Rain Location, Grand Theater
- For Vendor Information for Market Place, and general information on Gallery Nights, Summer Series, Chalk Fest, or Balloon Rally & Glow, please call the Wausau Area Events Office at 843-0748 or www.wausauareaevents.org
- Festival of Arts information available from Jessica at 842-1676
- Marathon County Historical Society, 842-5750
- Other Area Events

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Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum Exhibition Schedule

April 4 -

June 14, 2009

Wrapped in Tradition: Dale Chihuly Glass and Indian Trade Blankets

June 20 -

August 30, 2009

Frans Lanting: Jungles

June 20 -

August 30, 2009

American Ruins

September 12 -

November 15, 2009

Birds in Art

October 3, 2009

11am - 3 pm

OctoBIRDfest

All the things kids love!

LYWAM

Location:

Franklin & 12th Streets,
Wausau
(700 N. 12th St.,
Wausau, WI 54403)

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday

9-4 pm

Saturday-Sunday

Noon-5 pm

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

Closed Mondays and

Holidays

Admission:

Always Free Admission

Phone: 715-845-7010

Web: www.lywam.org

Farmers Market on River Drive

The Farmers Market located at 400 River Drive will begin early in May and end mid-November, weather permitting. Products are available Wednesday and Saturday from 7 am until vendors sell out or choose to close. Please contact Bernie Wilke at 715-675-6748 for further information.

June

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| 1 | Non-Resident Summer Swim Lesson Registration | 8:00 am-4:30 pm |
| 11 | Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park | 7:00 pm |
| 12 | Wausau Outdoor Pools Open | Daily Hours are 1:00-7:50 pm. |
| 12 | Summer Celebration Kick-Off, City Square | 6:00-10:30pm |
| 13 | Babysitter's Training
American Red Cross 842-2156 | 8:30 am-4:00 pm |
| 15 | Wausau Playground Programs Begin
Children ages 6-12 yrs. Field trips on Wednesday; additional charge for trips | AM session at 8:30
PM session at 1:00 |
| 15-July 3 | Marathon County Swimming Lessons Session I | |
| 15-July 3 | Marathon County Family Tennis Lessons Session I | 6-7:15pm |
| 15 | Tennis Camps, Oak Island Park
(Ages 5-17 - Pre-registration required) | |
| 15-19 | Challenger British Soccer Camp
(Ages 4-High School) | 9am-4pm |
| 16, 18 | P.A.D.I. SCUBA Lessons Contact Klein SCUBA 675-6722 | |
| 17 | Concert on the Square, City Square | 6-8:00pm |
| 18 | Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park | 7:00pm |
| 18 | Live at Lunch, City Square | 11:00am-1:00pm |
| 18 | Market Place Thursday, City Square | 9:30am-2:30pm |
| 23 | Toddler Tuesday, LYWAM | 10:30-Noon |
| 23 | P.A.D.I. SCUBA Lessons Contact Klein SCUBA 675-6722 | |
| 25 | Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park | 7:00 pm |
| 25 | Market Place Thursday, City Square | 9:30 am-2:30 pm |
| 25 | Live at Lunch, City Square | 11:00am-1:00pm |
| 25 | P.A.D.I. SCUBA Lessons
Contact Klein SCUBA 675-6722 | |
| 28 | Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad at Marathon Park
Collar and Harness required. Max 2 dogs per person) | 5:00-8:00pm |
| 27-28 | Wausau Whitewater Weekend | |
| 30 | P.A.D.I. SCUBA Lessons Contact Klein SCUBA 675-6722 | |

July

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| 1 | Concert on the Square, City Square | 6-8pm |
| 2 | Market Place Thursday, City Square | 9:30am - 2:30pm |
| 2 | P.A.D.I. SCUBA Lessons Contact Klein SCUBA 675-6722 | |
| 4 | ReMAX Independence Day Kiddie Parade Festivities, City Square
Kiddie Parade Line-up at 10:45 am at Wausau Center Mall | 11:00 am |
| 2-5 | Jaycees 4th of July Celebration | Opens at 12 Noon on the 2nd of July |
| 6-23 | Marathon County Swimming Lessons Session II | |
| 6-23 | Marathon County Family Tennis Lessons Session II | 6-7:15pm |
| 7 | Concerts in the Garden "Janet Planet" | 6:00-8:00pm |
| 8 | Concert on the Square, City Square | 6-8:00pm |
| 9 | Market Place Thursday, City Square | 9:30am - 2:30pm |
| 9 | Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park | 7:00 pm |
| 9-12 | Pigs in the Sky, City Square | |
| 9-12 | Balloon Rally & Glow, Downtown Wausau Airport
Helicopter and airplane rides, food and activities all day | Launches at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm |
| 10 | Balloon Glow Only, City Square | Dusk |
| 11-12 | Chalk Fest, City Square
For space reservation, call the Center for Visual Arts at 842-4545 | All Day |
| 15 | Concert on the Square, City Square | 6:00-8:00pm |
| 16 | Live at Lunch, City Square | 11:00am-1:00pm |
| 16 | Market Place Thursday, City Square | 9:30am-2:30pm |

■ Parks/Recreation Activity Information, call 261-1550 or www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp

■ Concerts in the Gardens located at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (LYWAM), Franklin and 12th Streets, museum@lywam.org

■ For Vendor Information for Market Place, and general information on Gallery Nights, Summer Series, Chalk Fest, or Balloon Rally & Glow, please call the Wausau Area Events Office at 843-0748 or www.wausauareaevents.org

Wausau Whitewater News

Wausau Whitewater will provide a 2-3 hour introduction to whitewater kayaking training class at *Recreational Releases* through Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure at Whitewater Park in Wausau. To secure the instructor and basic whitewater kayaking class, training participants must register in advance. Registration forms and more detail will be available on the *Recreational Release* web-page at www.wausauwhitewater.org. Further information can be obtained by calling Wausau Kayak Canoe Corp at 574-5263.

Recreational Release Training Times are from 10:00am-4:00pm and the dates are:

- June 6 & 13
- July 12 & 26
- August 8 & 9
- Sept. 5, 6 & 19, 20

Additional Training Clinics:

- June 22-26
Ray McLain Training Camp
- July 16 & 17
Swiftwater Rescue Training Clinic
- July 28 & 29
Open Canoe Training Clinic
- August 13 & 14
Jackson Freestyle Training Clinic

Competitive Events:

Wausau Whitewater Weekend

June 27 & 28

American Canoe Assoc. Open Slalom Nationals and North American Championships

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2

Midwest Freestyle Championships

August 15 & 16 – Practice water combined with clinic on August 13 & 14

16	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park	7:00 pm
21	Toddler Tuesday LYWAM	10:30-Noon
21	Concerts in the Garden "Above the Town"	6:00-8:00 pm
22	Concert on the Square, City Square	6:00-8:00 pm
23	Live at Lunch, City Square	11:00 am-1:00pm
23	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30 pm
23	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park	7:00 pm
24	*NEW* Screen on the Green, City Square (Rain Location – Great Hall)	Dusk
27	Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad at Marathon Park (Collar and Harness required – max 2 dogs per person)	5:00-8:00pm
27-Aug.13	Marathon County Swimming Lessons Session III	
27-Aug.13	Marathon County Family Tennis Lessons Session III	6-7:15pm
29	Concert on the Square, City Square	6:00-8:00 pm
30	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30 am-2:30 pm
30	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park	7:00 pm
31	American Canoe Assoc. Open Slalom Nationals and North American Championships	

August

1-2	American Canoe Assoc. Open Slalom Nationals and North American Championships	
2	South Beach Up North Chamber Ensemble LYWAM	12:00 Noon
4-9	Wisconsin Valley Fair, Marathon Park (Contact 261-1539,)	
4	Concerts in the Garden "Michael Lee Ammons & The Water Street Hot Shots"	6:00-8:00 pm
5	Concert on the Square, City Square	6:00-8:00pm
6	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30pm
12	Concert on the Square, City Square	6:00-8:00 pm
13	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30pm
13	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park	7:00 pm
14-15	Big Bull Falls Blues Festival, Fern Island	Fri, 5:00-12:00 am Sat, 1:00-12:00 am
16	Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad at Marathon Park (Collar and Harness required – max 2 dogs per person)	5:00-8:00pm
18	Toddler Tuesday, LYWAM	10:30 am – Noon
18	Concerts in the Garden "Eve and Mare" (Family/Children's Concert)	6:00-8:00 pm
19	Concert on the Square, City Square	6:00-8:00 pm
20	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30pm
20	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park	7:00 pm
21	*NEW* Screen on the Green, City Square (Rain Location – Great Hall)	Dusk
27	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30 am-2:30 pm

September

3	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30pm
7	Labor Day Parade (3rd Ave, W. Wausau Ave. to Labor Temple)	4:00 pm
10	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30am-2:30pm
12-13	Art in The Park, Marathon Park	9:00am – 5:00pm
12	Birds in Art, LYWAM through to November 15	
12-13	Festival of the Arts, Downtown, City Square	9:00 am-5:00 pm
15	Toddler Tuesday, LYWAM	10:30am-Noon
17	Market Place Thursday, City Square	9:30 am-2:30 pm
19	HarvestFest, City Square	All Day
19	Exhibitour-Wausau's Gallery Night, Downtown Wausau	6:00-8:00 pm
26	Alzheimer's Assoc. "Memory Walk", Marathon Park Register at UWMC	Registration 8:30 am Walk 9:30 am

- Concerts on the Square Rain Location, Grand Theater
- Festival of Arts information available from Jessica at 842-1676
- Marathon County Historical Society, 842-5750
- Other Area Events



3rd Annual Community Work Party

Back in October, 2008, a number of Wausau students and local volunteers took part in the third Annual Fern Island Invasive Species Community Work Party and big progress was made.

The students were assisted by several volunteers from WI Woodland Owners Association (WWOA), WI Department of Natural Resources, Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, and Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (RC&D).

Using a detailed map of the 12-acre island, the students and volunteers were able to target areas that had not yet been worked on. These areas were considered high priority, since seed-bearing-sized buckthorn and non-native honeysuckles were still dominant.

Where work was done in past years, native species, like maple trees, are beginning to make a come back. Every year, approximately one-third to one-half of the 12-acre island has received work...some areas for the first time, and some areas get "touch-ups".

Some teams re-visited areas worked last year, targeting seedlings and re-sprouts. Without annual monitoring for seedlings and re-sprouts, the shrubs will grow back, and past work will be for nothing.

Therefore, Golden Sands RC&D plans to continue organizing these work parties annually. Funding support for new tools came from a Besadny Conservation Grant from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.

Work parties are being planned for October 2009 and anyone interested in volunteering are encouraged to call Amy Thorstenson, Golden Sands RC&D, 715-346-1264. Information is also available at www.goldensandsrcd.org.

Re-usable Shopping ChicoBag

Wausau Area Events, the River District, the River Drive Farmers Market and the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow have teamed up to make a re-usable shopping bag available for people who want to help reduce the waste associated with single-use bags. The initial order of 750 recently arrived and sponsors are hopeful that they will be popular.

The Washington-based Worldwatch Institute estimates that 500 billion plastic shopping bags are distributed and discarded every year. Each American is estimated to use 300 to 700 of them annually. Plastic bags don't readily break down. They can sometimes be harmful to animals and clog storm sewer drains, as well as just being a source of unsightly litter. A number of countries and communities are taking measures to discourage or eliminate their use.



The ChicoBag folds into its own built-in storage pouch, which is smaller than a dollar bill, so it fits readily into a pocket or purse. The bags are currently available at the Wausau Area Events - River District office downtown for \$5 each and they should be appearing at more outlets in coming months, including the farmers markets on River Drive and on the square. A number of Wausau area stores are also making other types of re-usable shopping bags available.

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. Some of the items requiring permits are:

- New construction or an addition to a building.
- Alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.).
- Construction of a detached garage, lean-to, storage building, gazebo, etc., or any additions or alterations thereto.
- Construction or reconstruction of a deck, stoop, porch, or ramp.
- Residing of a building.
- Replacement of roof decking/sheathing or replacement of any part of a roof system. (A permit is not required for replacement of shingles.)
- Replacement of windows or doors, or installation of new windows or doors.
- Construction of a retaining wall (2' or more in height—from ground level).
- Demolition of a building.
- Separate permits are required for any plumbing or electrical work.

complies with City and State codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.

When can you obtain a permit? The Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Inspectors are typically in the office between 8:00–9:00 a.m. and 1:00–2:00 p.m. to issue permits and answer any questions you may have regarding your proposed project. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. However, if these times are not convenient for you, contact the Department of Inspection and Electrical Systems at 715/261-6780, and they are generally able to make other arrangements for you to meet with their staff.



As a reminder, the City of Wausau does not allow canopy (tent-like) accessory structures.

Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and



Major Projects

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

PROJECT: 28th Avenue from Sherman Street to approximately 300 feet north of Stewart Avenue

SCHEDULE: March to November

DESCRIPTION: 28th Avenue will be reconstructed with new curb and gutter and asphalt pavement. A 10 foot wide asphalt path will be constructed on the west side of 28th Avenue from Sherman Street to Stewart Avenue and on the east side of 28th Avenue from Stewart Avenue to the north.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: For the most part, 28th Avenue will remain open to traffic by reconstructing it in halves. The northbound lanes will be constructed first with the southbound lanes constructed after the northbound lanes are finished. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during this time.

In late April, 28th Avenue will be closed to all traffic between Sherman Street and Stewart Avenue for approximately four weeks to reconstruct the north half of the 28th Avenue/ Sherman Street intersection.

In June, 28th Avenue will again be closed to all traffic for approximately one week to allow the railroad to reconstruct their crossing.

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

SCHEDULE: May to August

DESCRIPTION: The DOT contractor will be reconstructing the overpass above Stewart Avenue. At the same time, Stewart Avenue will be reconstructed to four lanes including sidewalk on both sides.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: Stewart Avenue will be closed to all traffic. Traffic will be detoured using 24th Avenue, Sherman Street and 28th Avenue.

PROJECT: Stewart Avenue from 26th Avenue to approximately 400 feet west of 28th Avenue

SCHEDULE: May to August

DESCRIPTION: Stewart Avenue will be reconstructed to four lanes with sidewalk on both sides.

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 under construction first. When the north side is completed the south side will be reconstructed. Access to businesses will remain open.

PROJECT: Street Reconstruction/Curb, Gutter & Pavement Projects:

2nd Avenue from Bridge Street to W. Wausau Avenue

2nd Avenue from W. Union Avenue to Knox Street

5th Avenue from Park Boulevard south to cul-de-sac

9th Avenue from West Street to Chellis Street

Lavina Drive from 56th Avenue to Windtree Drive

Windtree Drive from 56th Avenue to Old Coach Road

3rd Street from Bridge Street to Winton Street

Maple Ridge Road from Golf Club Road to Woodland Ridge Road

SCHEDULE: May to November, 2009

DESCRIPTION: Projects consists of new curb and gutter, asphalt, sanitary sewer and water laterals and storm sewer.

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

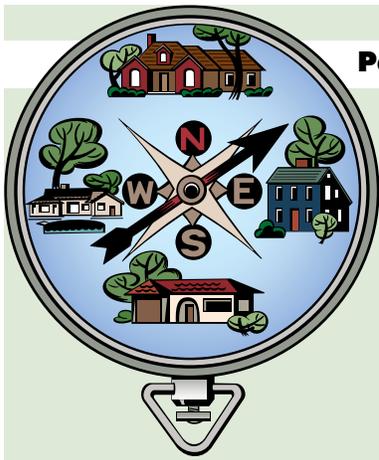
Metro Ride Introduces "Low Floor" Busses

Metro Ride recently purchased nine new busses that feature a "low floor" design. The height of the floor is level with the curb, so there are no steps at the entry or exit doors. Boarding the bus will be much easier, especially for children and those with limited mobility. An easy access ramp is available for those using wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

The new buses will be powered by low emission diesel engines. They are equipped with large electronic destination signs, improved interior lighting, air conditioning, security cameras, strap hangers for standing customers, two securement locations for mobility devices, and a new seat design that is expected to provide increased comfort.

The new busses will replace older models purchased in 1995. Eighty percent of the purchase cost was covered by federal funding.





Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV)

The City of Wausau recently passed the Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) ordinance effective January 18, 2009. This ordinance allows the operation of an NEV on most roadways within the city. A map of those areas where operation is prohibited can be obtained from the clerk's office or a description found in the ordinance on the city's website www.ci.wausau.wi.us (Chapter 10.36).

The definition of NEV means a motor vehicle that is propelled by electric power and conforms to the definition and requirements of low-speed vehicles as adopted in the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles under federal administrative code. The definition does NOT include a golf cart.

A person operating an NEV must hold a valid operator's license and the vehicle must be titled and registered pursuant to state law. Operation is restricted on streets where the speed limit is greater than 35 mph. Other restrictions are outlined in the full Chapter 10.36 NEV Ordinance.

News From The Assessment Department

We've Moved!

The Assessment Department moved to the first floor of City Hall. Enter City Hall and turn right walking pass the Customer Service Counters until you reach our department door labeled "Assessment Department". We are very confident this move will better help us to serve you.

HOW DOES THE ASSESSOR VALUE PROPERTY?

The City Assessor has three major duties:

- Discover
- List
- Estimate the value of all taxable property within the jurisdiction of the city

Section 70.32, Stats., states: "Real property shall be valued by the assessor ... from actual view or from the best information that the assessor can practicably obtain, at the full value which could ordinarily be obtained therefore at private sale." Section 70.32, Stats., indicates that the assessor's value and market value should be the same and sales should be employed to measure market value for assessment purposes.

Wisconsin Law requires property assessments to be based upon "Fair Market Value." Fair market value is defined as: The amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property. The seller and buyer must be unrelated, the seller must be willing but not under pressure to sell and the buyer must be willing, but not under any obligation to buy. The property must be on the open market for a reasonable length of time, the payment must be in cash, or its equivalent, and the financing must be typical for that type of property. If all of these conditions are present, this would indicate a market value, arms-length sale.

WHY ASSESSMENTS CHANGE

When market value changes, so does the assessment. For instance, if you were to increase the total market value of your property by building a garage, or adding a family room, your assessment will increase.

Similarly, should your property's value be decreased by a fire, your assessment will decrease to show the downward effect of this damage on the market value of your property.

For any number of reasons a neighborhood or a particular house style may become very

popular causing market values to rise. Inflation and the economy of the entire community also affect your assessment. The Assessor must constantly stay alert to spot these trends.

The Assessor does not create this value – people have made value by their transactions in the market place. It is the Assessor's responsibility each year to adjust existing assessments to keep pace with the market.

YOUR ASSESSMENT & THE TAX RATE

The Assessor's primary responsibility is to find the fair market value of your property, so you and other taxpayers may contribute a fair share of support for the community services you receive.

The entire taxation process requires the cooperation of several parts of City government. The Assessor sets the value of your property. The Mayor and Common Council determine the cost of City services, thereby establishing the tax rate necessary to generate funds for these services.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH MY ASSESSMENT

If your opinion of value differs from the assessment, come in and discuss the matter with us.

Assessment Department personnel will be glad to discuss any questions. If you have evidence your value is less than the actual fair market value established for your property, we welcome the opportunity to review all pertinent facts.

After talking with us, if you still find a significant difference between your assessment and what you feel is your property's market value, you may file a formal objection. This objection for the Board of Review must be filed in writing with the City Clerk. BUT SEE US FIRST

We hope this has given you a better idea of the work we do in the Assessment Department and how it relates to the overall property tax structure. We believe the public has the right to know what we do and how we do it. If you would like further clarification on any point or if you have any other question, please come in and discuss your assessment with our staff.

For complete details on the appeal process visit www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf to view "The Guide for Property Owners" published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of State & Local Finance, Bureau of Assessment Practices.

Property Maintenance Reminders...

- Property owners and tenants should maintain their lawns and the boulevard areas abutting their property by destroying all noxious weeds, and cutting all grass, weeds and brush.
- 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. 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.
- Recreational equipment or trailers (motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, utility trailers, etc.) cannot be parked or stored in any required front yard or corner side yards of residential properties, except for on a designated hard-surfaced driveway. Also, equipment or trailers longer than 30' (measured from back bumper to tongue) must be parked within enclosed structures.
- Rummage sale, garage sale, real estate, advertising, or other such signs cannot be placed on boulevards or other public right-of-ways, nor can they be attached to public utility poles.
- Garbage containers, recyclable containers and trash should not be set out for collection any sooner than 5:00 p.m. of the day before pick-up, and all containers should be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 8:00 a.m. 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. Also, during winter months no trash or containers should be placed on snow banks.
- Garbage containers should be of substantial construction with tight-fitting covers and strong handles on the outside, they should be watertight and flyproof, and they should have a capacity not to exceed 30 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 nonrecyclable 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.

TIF 101 in Plain Language (Tax Increment Financing)

Cities all over the United States see the benefit of attracting and promoting business growth and redeveloping blighted areas. Growth and redevelopment provides increased tax base, enhanced employment opportunities, and encourages additional development. Tax Increment Financing is a tool that City's use to help facilitate this activity.

State statutes dictate the procedures necessary to create a tax increment district which begins with the creation of a development plan and the establishment of a geographic area. This plan is subject to scrutiny during a public hearing and presented to members of the County, School District, Technical College and City for approval. The plan outlines the development goals of the city and establishes a spending plan. The State Statutes outline the type of costs eligible including public infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer utility extensions and street lighting. In addition, the City can assist the developer with costs such as land assembly, site preparation and environmental clean up costs through cash grants.

The City generally issues general obligation promissory notes to finance the TIF district project costs. This debt is then retired with the new property tax revenues generated by increased property values in the district. This revenue is enhanced as the city receives not only the city's taxes on the new growth but the county, school and tech college's tax revenue too. The district terminates once the development/redevelopment mission of the district is completed and the costs are recovered through tax revenues.

The City currently has six TIF districts. Successful private development facilitated with TIF support include: the Bridge Street Pick and Save, Wausau Benefits, Eye Clinic of Wausau, Wausau Center Mall, Dudley Tower, Franklin School yard expansion, Jefferson Street Inn, creation of the Wausau West Industrial Park, Wausau Window and Wall, and the 17th Avenue River Valley Bank Building. The newest private/public TIF partnership is the Rasmussen College project.



North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition

The Cities of Wausau, Marshfield, Merrill, Mosinee, Schofield, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids; the Villages of Kronenwetter, Rothschild and Weston; the Town of Rib Mountain; and Marathon County have joined together to form the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition.

The group's goal is to reduce stormwater pollution in North Central Wisconsin through an education and outreach program. This program includes the use of advertisements, public service announcements, seminars and websites to achieve the educational goals. The cooperative work will save taxpayer money and provide a unified message to the public.

Stormwater pollution is generated when excess rainfall travels over the ground, as it flows overland it picks up pollutants such as soil sediments, oils, fertilizers, and trash. This stormwater enters the storm sewer system and is directly discharged to our surface waters, primarily the Wisconsin River. Contrary to what many may think, stormwater is not treated to reduce pollutants entering our surface waters. The easiest way to reduce the stormwater pollution from entering our surface waters is to prevent it from getting into our stormwater. The accompanying ad is an example of the groups work. It is a visual reminder to use fertilizer wisely and consider the impacts it has on our surface waters.

For more information on the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition, you may visit our website (basineducation.uwex.edu/centralwis/stormwater.htm) or contact City of Wausau Engineering Department at 261-6740.

Recreational Fires

As summer approaches, so does the desire to have a recreational fire in many backyards. Wausau residents are required to purchase a permit at a fee of \$15.00 for a 5-year term to be paid to and collected by the City Clerk/Finance Department. No recreational fire shall be closer than 25 feet from any building, shed, garage or combustible fence or material OR 10 feet from any lot line. All fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible person of age 18 or older from the start of the fire until the fire is completely extinguished. Smoke from any fire shall not create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Please be mindful of that and be a good neighbor!

The full recreational fire municipal code can be accessed on-line at www.ci.wausau.wi.us.

Be cautious, responsible and above all, BE SAFE!!

**WHEN YOU'RE FERTILIZING THE LAWN,
REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST
FERTILIZING THE LAWN.**



You fertilize the lawn. Then it rains. The rain washes the fertilizer along the curb, into the stormwater drain, and directly into our lakes and streams. This causes algae to grow, which uses up oxygen that fish need to survive. If you fertilize, please follow the directions and use sparingly.

Brought to you by:



Did You Know...

The **Wausau Community Development Authority** provides programs to meet local housing needs and are available to income qualifying families and individuals. Riverview Towers and Kannenberg Plaza offer one-bedroom apartments at subsidized rent for both the elderly and disabled. Eligible individuals must meet applicable income limits and be at least 62 years of age or disabled.

Riverview Terrace is the first of its kind; A subsidized Assisted Living apartment complex with 36 units. Residents must be 62 years of age or older and qualify under applicable income limits. Riverview Terrace offers a subsidized rent and a flat monthly service fee for those in need of Assisted Living. Resident, Ruth Church commented, "I feel so fortunate to live here. People stop by and talk, and it's nice to have that company. When I had surgery, the staff let me know that they would help me with whatever I needed. I couldn't ask for anything more!"

For families, the Community Development Authority has both The Scattered Sites Public Housing program as well as The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The Scattered Sites program offers three and four bedroom units scattered throughout the city of Wausau, and is available to families meeting income and occupancy requirements. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program offers rental assistance to both qualifying individuals and families throughout the city and limited numbers for Marathon County.

All programs require that an application be completed in order to be placed on the respective waiting list. For more information, or to obtain an application for any of the programs, please contact the Community Development Authority at 715-845-4144 or visit us at 550 E. Thomas Street in Wausau.



A Friendly Reminder

Overnight Parking in Effect April 1, 2009

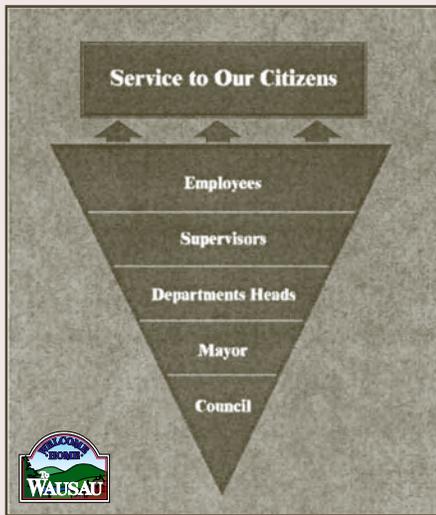
Between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., alternate side parking regulations will be in effect on all streets in the City of Wausau from April 1 through November 30, unless otherwise posted or exempted by ordinance. All vehicles shall be parked only on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days and only on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days. This will eliminate the need to call the Marathon County non-emergency number during these months for permission to park overnight.

Overnight parking in the downtown area is prohibited all year. The downtown area is bounded on the north by McIndoe Street, east by 6th Street, south by Forest Street and west by 1st Street.

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Making a Difference...Core Values

As you may remember, last July the City Council unanimously passed a Resolution adopting a set of Core Values and supporting Behaviors. These had been identified by city employees and council members as the values and behaviors they want to adhere to within the work environment. These became a foundation upon which employees would continue to fulfill the City's Mission Statement and build an even brighter future for the City of Wausau.



How the departments are keeping Core Values in the forefront varies. One department selects a different value each month and discusses it at their monthly staff meeting. Employees share their thoughts about that value and how they define it. In discussing RESPECT, Scott Buchberger said respect means, "Do unto others as you would like to be treated. The only way to earn respect is to give respect."

A couple other departments have formed a *Peer Focus Group*. Lieutenant David

Sanft had this to say, "As a member of the Wausau Fire Department *Peer Focus Group*, I have seen some positive changes at the Fire Department. As a group we have identified areas in our department that need attention and we are working together to try and resolve these issues. While this is a new and difficult process, it is being done for the good of all. Working together to improve the Wausau Fire Dept. will have positive effects on the employees, its managers, the council and ultimately the citizens of Wausau. The

idea of Core Values and treating others with respect is nothing new; it's just that sometimes we all need a reminder and the *Peer Focus Group* does this."

Yes... striving to live by these Core Values makes a difference! Although we may sometimes fall a little short, it's important that we always support each other.

To view the City's list of Core Values and Behaviors, visit the City of Wausau web page at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/>.