

Wausau Works

for you!

Fall/Winter 2010



Dear Wausau Residents,

It's great to be in Wausau, Wisconsin and I'm proud to serve you in making our community a better place to live, work and play.

The fall season is here and a beautiful time of year for our residents. It is also the time when many construction projects wind down and a major one is just complete. The US51/Wis 29 Corridor Project began in 2004 and the final flyover construction was completed on September 16, 2010. This \$309 million project was financed with federal, state, and local funding. The economic impact and the increased safety of our transportation network will pay dividends for many years to come. We appreciated the open lines of communication we had with the Department of Transportation during this lengthy project and more importantly the patience shown by you, our residents.

A local project currently underway is one we can all be proud of ...namely, the downtown City Square (400 block). The success of this project is due to the overwhelming generosity of our community. The city public works crews have begun to prepare the block for the planned re-design with completion in time for the summer concerts in June of 2011. Please see the completed aerial view and accompanying article inside this publication.

Mayor Tipple's Message

The Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Committee has been working very hard creating awareness and instilling safety and pride in many of our neighborhoods. We have heard positive comments concerning the successes of current neighborhood associations and we value their work. It's important to me as I'm certain it is with all of you, that we live in a safe, clean community. Currently, we are focusing our attention on the East Towne neighborhood district which is bounded by Forest to Franklin/6th to LaSalle. Please see the information inside on a Neighborhood Clean-up taking place this month of October in that area. If you are interested in volunteering your time to establish a neighborhood association, starter packets are available in the Mayor's Office.

As you read through this Newsletter and visit the City's website, you will find a wide variety of information and activities to help you fully enjoy the Fall/Winter Season in Wisconsin.

In closing, I want to emphasize that I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and I will do the very best I can. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about our city. I welcome the opportunity to have a dialogue with you about how we can make Wausau even better!

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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Campaign a Success, City Square Renovation to Begin in October

The SquareUp Campaign to raise \$1 million to enhance our City Square came to a successful close in August while donations continued to come in. The citizen volunteer SquareUp Committee reports it has raised \$980,000 by mid September and fully expects to reach or surpass its goal by the time construction of enhancements to the Square begin in October.

The Board of Public Works has been reviewing bids from contractors, and the contract will be awarded in October. Work will then begin to upgrade the water and electrical systems on the Square and construct a performance stage. The entrances and seating areas on all four corners will be landscaped, and plazas will run along 3rd and 4th Streets. Additionally, a fountain and a structured garden will be placed along Scott Street.

Work will continue as winter weather permits. The \$1.2 million project will be completed in spring 2011. The beautifully remodeled City Square will be open for another season of entertainment, arts, cultural events, and activities. The success of the City Square project demonstrates our positive commitment to improving our city and pride in our community.

Halloween

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be on **Sunday, Oct. 31st from 4-7 pm**. Please have a light on if you are participating in treats.

Party! The Wausau Police Department along with the YMCA will again offer a Safe Kids Halloween Party at the YMCA – downtown Wausau. The party is free and open to the public and is geared towards preschool/elementary aged children (you do not need to be a YMCA member to participate). Party hours are from 1-3 pm on **Saturday Oct. 30th**.

Volunteers

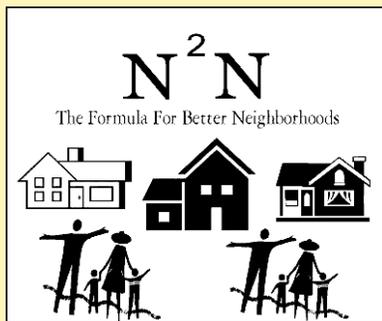
This is also a great opportunity for families with older children to volunteer together and help at the party. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathy Peterson at the YMCA 715-845-2177.





On October 23, join United Way Volunteer Connection and volunteers across our community for Make A Difference Day. You, your family, or a group can make a difference that day by volunteering to rake for someone elderly or disabled, hauling bagged leaves to the yard waste site, or making a donation of food, toiletry items or winter outerwear to help neighbors in need. All projects are happening from 8am-noon at the Wausau National Guard Armory. Register in advance or read the details online at www.unitedwaymc.org/madd.

For residents in need of raking help: The request deadline has passed. Please call *Volunteer Connection* at 715-848-2927 to get on the "stand-by" list for this year or to get included on the list for assistance in 2011.



East Towne Clean-Up Kick Off

Mayor Tipple's Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) Committee will be kicking off an East Towne neighborhood clean-up within the boundaries of Forest to Franklin and 6th to LaSalle. The neighborhood clean-up will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 23, which also is Make a Difference Day, a national day of volunteerism. If you live or own a business in this neighborhood, you will be receiving a postcard with additional information regarding whether you need assistance or are able to help. All are welcome and encouraged to meet at The Neighbor's Place, 745 Scott Street, then roll up your sleeves and help a family member, friend, or neighbor clean out basements, garages, backyards, and alleys. Just a few hours of your time will Make a Difference in keeping our neighborhoods clean and safe. A FREE lunch will follow the clean-up. For more information, please call Mayor Tipple's office at (715) 261-6800.

Neighborhood Sector Meetings

The Wausau Police Department will again host neighborhood sector meetings in 2011. 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 EAST side sector meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Wausau City Hall on Monday, January 17, 2010 from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

The WEST side sector meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School in the auditorium on Monday, February 7, 2010 from 6:00pm-9:00pm

Attention Pet Owners!

Recently, City staff has received several complaints about dogs running at large in our community. City Ordinance (Chapter 8) is an extensive description of what is allowed and not allowed within city limits. This ordinance can be accessed at our web site www.ci.wausau.wi.us or at City Hall. Here is what you need to know in a nutshell...

- All dogs (and cats) over the age of 5 months need to be licensed and registered with the city with proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian.
- Any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat or other domestic animal, which runs at large, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- Dogs need to be on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or under the control of a responsible person.
- The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for **CLEANING UP ANY FECES** of the animal, whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on public property. The fine for violating this ordinance is \$114.00.

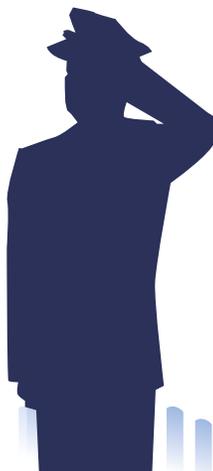




Veterans Day November 11

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11, and the City of Wausau Veterans Committee is inviting the public to attend the ceremonies they have planned for that day. The ceremonies will start at 10:30 a.m. on the southwest lawn of the Courthouse property at 500 Forest Street.

The public is invited to attend and pay tribute to America's veterans who have served and protected our nation.



New Location for Army National Guard

The Wisconsin Army National Guard is moving forward with plans to build a new field maintenance shop and readiness center in the City of Wausau. The current facilities, located on the corner of 17th Avenue and Sherman Street, are too small to accommodate the Army's newer, larger vehicles, and the buildings no longer comply with Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The current facilities are also outdated in many of their amenities, including locker room and restroom space.

For nearly a year, the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (DMA) has been seeking large parcels of land in or near Wausau to accommodate new and improved facilities. The DMA intentionally focused on land in Wausau because of the National Guard's past success in the area and their historically positive relationship with the community.

The City of Wausau recently approved the annexation and zoning of 50 acres of land on the northeast corner of Cassidy Drive and 14th Avenue for the new National Guard facilities. The first phase of construction, beginning as early as 2011, will be a field maintenance shop. The \$12 million project would provide 35,000 square feet for work bays, as well as administrative offices and personnel areas.

In the future, a readiness center would be built to replace the current armory. The new readiness center would cost approximately \$16 million and provide 43,000 square feet of space. The building would include many environmentally friendly features such as solar power and ground source heating. A readiness center offers many benefits to a community besides protection and emergency services. Classrooms and other common spaces in readiness centers can be used in a variety of ways for community activities such as a polling location, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meetings, and DNR safety education classes, to name a few.



Camp Williams – A model of the National Guard Readiness Center to be built in Wausau



Attention Electors Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd

Is My Voter Registration up to Date?

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 your fellow voters. You may register with the Clerk/Customer Service Office in City Hall (407 Grant Street) Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm. To check the accuracy of your voter registration, go to the Voter Registration Public Access Site at www.vpa.wi.gov. The Voter Public Access site also has valuable information such as where your poll site is, what is on the ballot and who your office holders are. Check it out!

When Will Ballots Be Available

Are you traveling to a warmer climate? You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or write us a letter to have your ballot mailed to you. You may also vote in-person at City Hall before you leave. Absentee ballots will be available in the Clerk Customer Service Office beginning October 3, 2010 and ending November 1, 2010.

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 under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or write us 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! The City of Wausau has more than 70 wards based on where you live so when you move, the ballot is likely going to be different.

Common Absentee Balloting Errors

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 that you were the person who cast the ballot.

We here at the Clerk/Customer Service Office are interested in providing you with responsive and efficient voting process. Please exercise your right to vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2

Polls in the City of Wausau are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The Clerk Customer Service Office will take phone calls assisting voters during polling hours Ph # (715) 261-6620.



to Resume Saturday Transit Services

Metro Ride will start providing Saturday bus service, as well as Saturday paratransit service for the disabled beginning September 11th. Saturday service hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. These services will be provided throughout the fall and winter months. For information regarding Metro Ride bus routes, schedules, fares or paratransit service, please call 715-842-9287 or go to <http://metroride@ci.wausau.wi.us>.



El Compa - 808 3rd Street:

An authentic home-style restaurant has opened up downtown just this year in Wausau. No matter which dish you decide to sample, you'll soon learn that authentic Mexican food is complexly seasoned and not necessarily always spicy! **El Compa** (meaning "The Friend") wishes for you to get to know this family owned and run restaurant. From Mexican candy to chile relenos, you'll find a culturally satisfying and authentic experience at **El Compa**!

El Pitayo - 300 N 3rd Street:

In Washington Square, another Mexican restaurant is also open on the other side of 3rd Street, adjacent to Wausau Center Mall. Wausau residents are raving about **El Pitayo**. One Wausau resident recently reviewed **El Pitayo** as "Excellent in every-way! I have been to different mexican restaurants, but I think **El Pitayo**, with the unique colorful decoration, the whole display of the restaurant's tables, with its little nooks, gives it a special touch and a great atmosphere. And what makes it even better is the excellent food, good drinks and great service you get from their staff." If you haven't already, check out **El Pitayo**!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S PORTRAIT OF POSITIVE CHANGE



View of Federal Building



View of Wausau Club

Request for Proposals to redevelop two buildings in downtown Wausau

The City of Wausau's Community Development and Planning Departments have offered two buildings asking for redevelopment proposals. The Wausau Club is a 25,000 square foot former gentlemen's social club of 1901 and served as a banquet facility until 2004. Recognized for its neoclassical architecture, it is registered as a national historic landmark. The Federal Building is also listed on the national registry and offers 38,000 square feet as a two story brick and cement block building across from a County library and amid \$200 M of recent development. Both buildings are located centrally, with access to parking and qualify for preservation and new markets tax credits. Please see www.wausaudevelopment.com for an electronic copy of either proposal. RFP's are due back to the Community Development Department by October 18th. We are happy to report that interested developers have contacted the Community Development Department with an interest to submit a proposal.

City of Wausau Information

regarding Waste Disposal & Recycling



2010 Leaf Collection Schedule

This schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions.

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

Residents wishing to dispose of leaves prior to their collection date may deposit leaves in the dumpsters at the yard waste site at 105 East Chellis Street. After the scheduled date all remaining leaves should be taken to the yard waste site for disposal.

The yard waste site will close at 5 PM, on Sunday, November 14, 2010.

WEST SIDE Monday, October 25 Lake Wausau North to Chellis Street
Tuesday, October 26 Chellis Street North to Rosecrans Street
Wednesday, October 27 Rosecrans Street North to West Street
Thursday, October 28 West Street North to Callon Street
Friday, October 29 Callon Street North to Spruce Street
Monday, November 1 Spruce Street North to Bridge Street
Tuesday, November 2 Bridge Street North to Union Avenue
Wednesday, November 3 Union Avenue North to Randolph Street
Thursday, November 4 Randolph Street North to North City Limits
Friday, November 5 North 28th Avenue to West City Limits

EAST SIDE Monday, October 25 South City Limits to Kent Street
Tuesday, October 26 Kent Street North to Weston Avenue
Wednesday, October 27 Weston Avenue North to Sturgeon Eddy Road
Thursday, October 28 McDonald Street North to Single Avenue
Friday, October 29 Single Avenue North to Kickbusch Street
Monday, November 1 Kickbusch Street North to Franklin Street
Tuesday, November 2 Franklin Street North to Stark Street
Wednesday, November 3 Stark Street North to E. Wausau Avenue
Thursday, November 4 E. Wausau Avenue North to Brown Street
Friday, November 5 Brown Street North to Sylvan Street
Monday, November 8 Sylvan Street North to North City Limits

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

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Recycling Works in Wausau!

Your participation in the City's Recycling Program is important for Wausau. Not only is recycling valuable to the environment, it is mandated by the state and we receive financial grants based on the amount collected. If the recycling amount goes down, so does our financial assistance! Residents must use a recycling bin that can be identified by Veolia Environmental Services, the company contracted by the City to collect trash and recyclables. Following is the new Marathon County Solid Waste Department Recycling and Solid Waste INFORMATION LINE – 715-446-3101 EXT. 2. Please feel free to call this number for answers to all your solid waste and recycling questions.

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

Container For "Co-Mingle"

(Any Color Bin)

New! #1-7 Plastics

Rinse containers. These plastics include milk jugs, pop bottles, detergent bottles, food & beverage containers, cat litter containers, ice cream pails, 5-gallon pails, medicine/pill containers, bakery containers, flower pots or trays, yogurt or cottage cheese containers, cups & tubs, clear and rigid "clam shell" packaging, small plastic toys. **NO BROWN PLASTIC BEER OR LIQUOR BOTTLES! NO MOTOR OIL OR PESTICIDE CONTAINERS!**

New! Aseptic Containers

Rinse and remove caps and rings. Cartons or boxes used for juice drinks, milk, soy milk, ice cream, broth, etc.

Glass

Rinse and remove cap and metal rings. Any color glass. Only bottles and jars. **NO CERAMICS, DISHES, OR WINDOW/MIRROR GLASS!**

Aluminum Cans

Do NOT crush cans. **NO PIE PANS, ALUMINUM FOIL OR SCRAP ALUMINUM!**

Tin/Bi-Metal Cans

Rinse cans, keep lid inside, and pinch top. Labels may stay on cans.

Container For Paper Products/Fibers

Corrugated Cardboard

Look for the "wavy" middle! Flatten boxes; they DO NOT need to be tied.

Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines - Mix Papers

Place in a paper bag and then place next to cardboard. This includes egg cartons, junk mail, nonmetallic wrapping paper, pizza boxes (remove food debris), cereal boxes, soda/beer cartons, newspapers, books, etc.

Special Waste-Recycling

Used Motor Oil

Motor oil should be left curbside on your scheduled recycling day in a plastic container with lid (milk jug with lid).

Batteries

Lead acid batteries (car, lawnmower, motorcycle, etc.).

Roof Shingle-Recycling

Please call Veolia for containers and special rates

Contact Name	Phone #	Items
Marathon Co. Solid Waste Dept. Recycling & Solid Waste Information Line	715-446-3101 Ext. 2	Service for the management of household hazardous waste, tires, appliances, electronics, scrap metal, fluorescent lighting, rechargeable batteries, construction/demolition waste, general household waste, recycling, composting and waste reduction.
Veolia Environmental Services	715-359-6637	Tires, Appliances, Furniture, Electronics, Sharps, Fluorescent Bulbs, etc.
Veolia Environmental Services	715-359-2317	Overflow Recycling Materials - Located at 5509 Fuller St., Weston
City Yard Waste Site	715-261-6960	Grass clippings, Leaves, Needles & Brush
Good News Project	715-843-5985	Electronics, TVs, Computers, Stereo Equipment, Etc. Charge .30/lb. for disposal. Upcoming Recycling Events: Nov 12-13, 2010 & Jan 7-8, 2011

2011 Recycling Collection Calendar

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

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WEST SIDE OF WISCONSIN RIVER:		
North of W. Wausau Ave.	Monday	Blue
North of Elm St., South of W. Wausau Ave. & East of USH 51	Monday	Yellow
South of Elm St. & North of Stewart Ave. including entire area West of USH 51	Tuesday	Blue
South of Stewart Ave. & North of Thomas St.	Tuesday	Yellow
South of Thomas St.	Wednesday	Blue

EAST SIDE OF WISCONSIN RIVER:		
North of Marquardt Rd. & East of railroad tracks	Wednesday	Blue
North of Nina Ave. & South of Marquardt Rd. including homes West of the railroad tracks to Evergreen Rd.	Wednesday	Yellow
South of Nina Ave. & North of Hamilton St.	Thursday	Blue
South of Hamilton St. & North of Kickbusch St.	Thursday	Yellow
South of Kickbusch St., North of McDonald St. & East of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Blue
South of McDonald St. & entire area West of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Yellow

Child Passenger Safety Booster Seat Law & Seat Belt Law

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

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

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

- Is at least 1-year-old but less than 4-years-old
- Weighs at least 20 pounds but less than 40 pounds

Booster seat is required when the child:

- Is at least 4-years-old but less than 8-years-old
- Weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds
- Is less than 57 inches (4-feet, 9-inches) tall.

Safety belt is required when the child:

- Is 8-years-old or older or
- Weighs 80 or more pounds or
- Is 57-incher or taller.

Drivers can now be stopped by law enforcement for not buckling up. Drivers may also be cited for allowing passengers to go unbelted in their vehicle.

Free car seat checks are available from 4-6 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Aspirus Hospitals' birthing center or on the third Wednesdays of each month at Ballweg Toyota (2900 N. 20th Ave- past Fleet Farm) from 11-1pm and again from 4-6 pm. Car seat sales at reduced rates are available at the events. If you have any questions please contact Safety Officer Maureen Pilsner at 715-261-7853.

Winter Overnight Parking

From December 1 through March 31 parking will not be allowed on City streets from 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. If residents need to park vehicles on the street, they must call the Police Department for permission to do so. Parking overnight downtown is not permitted. **Call (715) 261-6765, and then press 2 for overnight parking or other police-related matters.**

When calling for overnight parking from December 1 through March 31, DO NOT leave a message as the voice mail messages to this number are not received by the Police Department. Callers who leave voice mail messages for overnight parking are still subject to receiving parking citations. With permission, callers are asked to observe alternate side parking.

Parking is allowed on the odd or even side of the street from April 1 through November 30. On odd calendar days, parking is permitted on the side of the street with odd house numbers. On even calendar days, overnight parking is permitted on the even side of the street.

If you intend on parking overnight on a city street, please remember that the calendar day changes at midnight. For example, if you park your car on the street on September 1 at 9:00 PM and intend to leave it overnight, you must park on the even side of the road. At 3:00 AM, the date is actually September 2 and the overnight parking ordinance restricts the parking on city streets between the hours of 2:30 AM and 6:00 AM.

Overnight parking will not be allowed during snow emergencies. Residents should keep in mind that even if a snow emergency has not been declared, vehicles parked overnight on City streets during snowfalls may hinder snow plowing operations.

The forfeiture for violating the overnight parking ordinance is \$25.00, and is much higher during snow emergencies.



Sidewalk Snow/Ice Removal

Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep the public sidewalk adjacent to their property clear of ice and snow, as well as public corners which may abut their property. Snow should be cleared from the full width of the sidewalk within 24 hours of a snowfall. Snow-covered or icy sidewalks create a great deal of inconvenience to pedestrians and present a safety hazard and possible exposure to liability. When the City receives a complaint of a snow/ice covered sidewalk, the property is inspected and a notice is issued to the owner. If the snow/ice is not removed within 48 hours of the notice, the City will clear the sidewalk and the owner will be billed for the cost. The minimum charge is approximately \$100.

Residents are also reminded that shoveling, plowing or blowing snow from sidewalks or driveways into the street is not permitted. Be a good neighbor and be considerate of others.



On August 14, the Wausau Fire Department participated in a full-scale exercise in Rib Mountain to get as close to an actual incident as possible. It was a lengthy exercise involving numerous agencies using the equipment and personnel that would be called upon in a real event.

The exercise involved a large passenger bus that had rolled over and caused a mass casualty event. While fire and ambulance units were responding to the scene, additional information became available. The bus was known to be a mobile methamphetamine (meth) lab, that had now exploded, with additional reports of another bus, semi, and two passenger vehicles involved as well. This changed the emergency response and required the assistance of other agencies and communities. Some of the agencies involved in the exercise included fire departments, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), law enforcement, and a hazardous material (HAZMAT) unit. The Wausau Fire Department provided an ambulance to care for and transport "patients" to a local hospital for further assessment and treatment.

Emergency exercises such as these are invaluable in providing opportunities for emergency responders to practice and work through response plans. Practice of response plans ensures the community is protected in case of large-scale events. Working together with other communities promotes cooperation and interoperability while working together for the common good.



"...preventing fires wasn't just talk." Mr. Meyers (left) and Mr. Roehl visit Fire Chief Petzold.

Wausau Fire Department's 1946 American LaFrance

Chief Petzold was the Fire Chief from 1950-1971.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Just a reminder that with school back in session, the speed limit is 15 MPH if children are present **OR a crossing guard is out.** Crossing guards and safety patrollers mission – to cross children safely to school or home. PLEASE protect their job and SLOW DOWN in school zones.



Fall & Winter Recreation Programs 2010/11

Adult Evening Water Exercise

Oct 12-Nov 17; Jan 03-Feb 09,
Feb 14-Mar 23. 6:30 -7:30 PM,
John Muir Pool

Mon /Wed nights (some Tuesdays
due to school conflicts) Fee: \$32
Wausau residents, \$42 non-res.
Space limited, pre-registration
required. No children or
drop-ins allowed.

Skating with Charlotte

Oct 13-Dec 09,'10 & Jan 06-Feb 24, '11
Wednesdays 10-11 AM. Fee: \$20
MPB #1, Marathon Park, Wausau
Pre-registration/on-site registration
allowed. Skate for free-11AM to 1 PM
after each class.

DL Corbin Shooting Range Park

Open thru. Nov. 19, 2010. Fee: \$3
daily, \$30 season. Kids 12 & under,
free w/adult. Targets and ear cover for
sale on site. Call 261-1550 for hours.

Camping

Season open through Oct. 31, 2010
Electric/dump sites-Big Eau Pleine &
Marathon Pk. Electric-Dells of the Eau
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EFFECT. Firewood sold on site. Call
261-1550 for rates and site information.

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Open Dec 17- March 05 (weather
permitting) Open daily for Christmas
Break. Holiday hrs 1:30-5/6 to 9:30
PM. Weekend hrs Fri. 6-9:30 PM,
Sat.1:30-5 & 6-9:30 PM, Sun 1:30-5 PM.

Outdoor Ice Skating/Hockey

Hours: Mon-Fri 5:30 to 8:30 PM • Sat 1-5 and 6 to 9 PM • Sun 1-4:30 PM
Rinks are closed any time air temp/wind chill combine to measure -20° or colder.

Rink	Location	Type of Skating/Amenities
400 Block	Downtown Wausau	Closed this season due to construction
Brockmeyer Park	4200 Stettin Dr.	Open skate, hockey, warming house
Grant	500 N 4 th Ave.	Open skate, warming house
Marshall	1918 Lamont St.	Open skate, NO warming house
Riverview	4303 E. Troy St.	Open skating, hockey, warming house

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Must be 42 inches tall to ride. Children
are no longer able to ride with adults.
Fee: \$5-13 & under (min. 42 inches
tall); \$7.50 14 & older.

Sledding Hills in Wausau

Open when snow cover permits.
Hours: sunrise to 11 PM Fee: FREE!
Locations: Pleasant View - 1221 Sumner
St (lights), 3M Park - 405 Park Blvd
(lights), Riverside Park - 100 Sherman
St, Schofield Park - 606 E Randolph St

Dog-Gone Snow Stomps

Jan 16 & Feb 13, 2011. 1-4 PM.
Athletic Park Outfield (enter gate on
North 5th Street next to clubhouse)
Fee: \$3 ages 13 & older, 12 & under
free w/paying adult. Max 2 dogs per
person. Proof of current vaccinations
required. Door prizes & doggie clean-
up bags provided on site. Cancelled if
air/wind-chill temps are 10° or colder.

Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Mid Dec-Mid Mar, snow conditions
permitting. 9-Mile County Forest
Recreation Area has groomed & signed
trails, ski & snowshoe rentals, a chalet
& 3.7 miles of trail with lights for night
skiing. Season or daily pass required,
Call for rates, hours and conditions
261-1550. American Legion/Sylvan Hill
Park has groomed trails. Park Shelter
w/restrooms & snack bar available
when tubing hill is open. Donation
requested. Free trails are located at
Ringle & Big Eau Pleine. These trails
are not groomed and no shelters or
restrooms are available.

Indoor Ice skating (w/skate rentals)

Dates: Oct 5-Mar 5, Mon-Fri 11AM-1 PM.
Oct 27- Feb 9, Wed. 7-9PM, Sun. 2-5PM.
Hours subject to change due to special
events and/or scheduling conflicts. Call
261-1550 for rates & to confirm weekly
hours.

Woodson Art Museum Exhibition Schedule

Now - November 14, 2010
Birds in Art

November 20, 2010 -
January 23, 2011

**I Want Candy: The Sweet
Stuff in American Art**

January 29 - April 3, 2011
**Good Design: Stories from
Herman Miller**

Location: Franklin and 12th Street
Wausau, Wisconsin

Mail: 700 N. 12th Street
Wausau, WI 54403-5007

Hours: Closed Monday & Holidays
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday Noon-5:00 p.m.
Thursdays until 7:30 pm
during *Birds in Art*

Admission: Always Free Admission

Phone: 715-845-7010

Fax: 715-845-7103

Web: www.lywam.org

E-mail: museum@lywam.org

Marathon County Historical Society Events

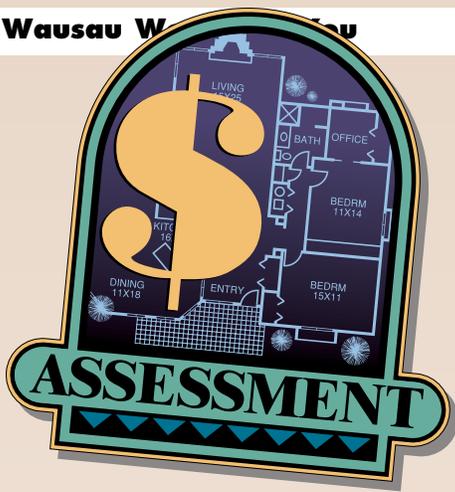
from September
2010-February 2011

For further information on any of these
events, call the Historical Society at
715-842-5750.

December 1, 2010 4:30 pm
Wreath Decorating Workshop

December 4, 2010 1:00-4:30 pm
**Holiday Festivities at the
Marathon County Historical
Society**

February 10, 2011 2:00 pm
**Twelfth Annual Victorian
Valentine Tea**



News from the Assessment Department

The Assessment Department has just begun its field review for the 2011 assessment year. Our Property Appraisers will either stop by to request a short interior inspection or send a letter with contact information for you to call our department to set up an appointment at your convenience. These interior inspections will ensure accuracy of our property record cards. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The duty of the Assessment Department is to discover, list, and value residential, commercial, agricultural, and personal property. This information is recorded on each year's assessment roll. The purpose of an assessment is to assure all property in the city is valued fairly and equitably as required by law. Many individuals, such as property owners, prospective buyers, appraisers, real estate agents, builders, title companies, and government agencies may utilize this information for various reasons.

Residential property is assessed as it existed on January 1. For valuation, the assessor estimates the fair market value of the property. This is done by performing a physical inspection of the property, analyzing sales data, and making any necessary market adjustments. Some of the characteristics which determine the value of a residential structure are: location, style,

age, square footage, and grade of materials used.

Land values are performed separately from the improvement. Size, shape, topography, and water frontage are a few items considered in determining the value of the land.

Commercial properties include those in which the primary use is the selling of merchandise or service. In addition, apartment homes with greater than three units and office buildings are considered commercial property. For vacant parcels, this classification may apply if its highest and best use is considered commercial. Commercial properties are also assessed as they existed on January 1. Properties that are defined as "manufacturing" are not assessed at the local level, but rather by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

When valuing commercial property, factors taken into consideration are location and analysis of comparable sales. Incomes and expenses and the costs of construction may also be examined. In any case, the goal is to determine the property's estimated market value.

Generally speaking, property taxes are calculated by multiplying the Assessed Value by the Mill Rate (tax rate). The Assessor assigns the assessed value to the property, however the mill rate is controlled by the budgets of the school districts, technical colleges, and at the state, county, and local levels. The Assessor is not involved with establishing mill rates or in the collection of taxes.

If you have questions about the value of your property, please feel free to contact us.

General assessment information for properties in the City of Wausau can be found on our web site: www.ci.wausau.wi.us.

Specific information for properties located in the City of Wausau can be obtained by calling the Assessment Department's Main Line: 715-261-6600.

Important Information for Owners of Residential Rental Properties

The City adopted an ordinance requiring owners that **rent out** residential properties and living units to provide their contact information for the rental units they own, and if they live outside of Marathon County, their registered agent's contact information as well. A mailing concerning this ordinance went out to all residential property owners in March and included a form to return to the City Inspections Department if the ordinance applies to their property.

If you **rent out** residential property or living units in the City and either did not receive the information, or have not yet returned it, a form can be downloaded from the following web site: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections.aspx>, or call the Inspections Department at (715) 261-6780 and another form can be sent to you.

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, roofing, construction of decks, stoops, ramps, sheds, etc.). For example, even if you purchase a pre-built shed from a supply house, a building permit is required.

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, contact the Department of Inspections and Zoning at (715) 261-6780.



Emerald Ash Borer

For those Wausau residents that experienced the loss of the American elms from Dutch elm disease, a new pest will be making its presence known in the near future. The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an exotic insect that was transported into the United States from china probably in packaging or pallet material. If you have heard the radio spots on "not moving firewood" this is the insect that is responsible.

EAB was first discovered in the Detroit area when numerous ash trees started dying. It was first positively identified in 2002. Since the insect was "new" to the US it took a considerable amount of research to identify it. In its native range in china it is a minor nuisance and there was very little published information on it. The published information was all in Chinese so it needed to be translated. After it was identified large amounts of money and labor were expended to try to eradicate the infestation. All of the ash trees on public and private property were removed to try to stop the spread of this destructive insect. Unfortunately the insect had been present longer than initially thought, probably imported in the mid 1990's.

The adult beetle will migrate only about a half mile after reaching maturity to feed and reproduce. Unfortunately, homeowners that removed dying ash trees on their property in the Detroit area transported the wood (and the beetles) to their summer homes "up north". This in turn started new infestations great distances from the original outbreak. Wherever it is found it has probably been present from two to five years.

EAB has now spread to ten states and two Canadian provinces. EAB was first positively identified in Wisconsin in August of 2008. The beetle feeds and reproduces on all native ash varieties found in Wisconsin. These are green, white and black ash. Mountain ash will not be affected as it is not a true ash but is part of the rose family.

There are chemical treatments that have shown to be effective but they will need to be applied annually or semi annually and they are not 100% foolproof. The chemical treatments do not make the trees "immune" to EAB, they will still be attacked, what they do is kill the larvae that are feeding under the bark. The Department of Agriculture is one of the lead agencies dealing with the spread of EAB and currently recommends treating high value ash trees when the insect is approximately fifteen miles from your location.

EAB has currently been identified in the southeastern, southwestern areas of the state. It has been located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota and the UP of Michigan. One adult beetle was trapped in Brown County (near Green Bay) but additional beetles have not been located in Brown County. A recently completed trap review found no EAB in central Wisconsin counties. The purple traps you may have seen hanging in ash trees in the Wausau area are being used to monitor the presence of EAB but they have been shown to have limited success in attracting EAB adult beetles. If EAB is present in central Wisconsin the numbers are very low at this time.

In preparation of the eventual arrival of EAB the City of Wausau has inventoried all ash street trees by house number or other address. Approximately 25% of the public trees along Wausau streets are ash. No ash species have been planted by the City of Wausau since 2004

and our recommendation would be for residents to plant other tree species besides ash in their yards. Current plans are to reduce the population of ash trees by removing those that are of poor quality or poor condition or are impacted by construction projects. By reducing the ash numbers gradually and replacing with other varieties the eventual arrival of EAB and the loss of additional trees will be spread over a number of years. Additional contracts to remove trees will need to be budgeted for along with stump removal and the purchase and planting of replacement trees. Current staffing levels will be unable to cope with the increase volume of work as well as maintaining our current street tree population.

Communities in the Detroit area that were initially attacked by EAB were overwhelmed with tree removals to the point of having to expend large amounts of money for contract removals and all available work force were directed to tree removals at the expense of other services. We would like to lessen the impact in Wausau but are realistic enough to know that there will be additional costs associated with this destructive insect pest for several years. Initial planning is underway to identify larger and additional yard waste sites to accommodate the influx of tree waste from private tree removals. The City of Wausau is currently working with an entrepreneur to utilize the wood from tree removals which will increase dramatically with the arrival of EAB.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin DNR send out updates on a frequent basis. When EAB is confirmed in the central Wisconsin area we will be alerting residents of any new developments.

Additional information about EAB can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info and <http://emeraldashborer.wi.gov/contactus.jsp>

Blaine Peterson, Wausau City Forester

Fern Island

Invasive Species Field Trip & Community Work Party

Pre-registration appreciated.
Contact Amy at Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development
715-343-6215 or
thorstea@co.portage.wi.us

Student Field Trip



WANTED:

Volunteers to assist high school students with hands-on identification and control.

When: **October 15, 2010**
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Where: Oak Island Park Shelter, Wausau

What: 1) Invasive Species educational session
2) Field Work* on Fern Island
*(Please dress for the weather!)

Target Species: Buckthorn & Non-native Honeysuckles

Community Work Party



WANTED:

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

When: **October 16, 2010**
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Oak Island Park Shelter, Wausau

What: 1) Invasive Species educational session
2) Field Work* on Fern Island
*(Please dress for the weather!)

Target Species: Buckthorn & Non-native Honeysuckles

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

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Major Projects



The final completion ceremony for the US 51/WIS 29 Interchange project was held on Monday, September 20. The project involved reconstructing seven miles of US 51/WIS 29, between Foxglove Road and Bridge Street in Marathon County. The freeway was expanded from the current four-lane divided highway to a six-lane divided highway between the WIS 29 east and WIS 29 west interchanges. Additional lanes were added between WIS 29 east and Marathon County N, and between Marathon County NN and WIS 29 west.

Construction began in 2004 and was completed this summer.

The project represents approximately a \$291 million investment in central Wisconsin's transportation system. US 51 and WIS 29 are on the National Highway System and are key routes in Wisconsin's Corridors 2020 program.

The following City of Wausau streets were reconstructed at the direction of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:

Project: Sherman Street from 17th Avenue to 24th Avenue

SCHEDULE: Completed

DESCRIPTION: Sherman Street was reconstructed to 4 lanes of traffic with sidewalk on both sides of the street and bicycle accommodations. Street lighting and new traffic signals were included as part of the project.

PROJECT: 3rd Street from Grant Street to Bridge Street

SCHEDULE: Completed

DESCRIPTION: The work consisted of new curb and gutter, asphalt

pavement, colored concrete sidewalk, decorative street lighting and landscaping.

The following projects were constructed at the direction of the City of Wausau Engineering Department:

- Brown Street from 13th Street to the east
- Gilbert Street from 13th Street to Malak Circle
- Malak Circle from Gilbert Street to the cul-de-sac
- Bos Creek Drive from Burns Street to Lenard Street
- Burns Street from Burek Avenue to Bos Creek Drive
- East Cherry Street from Randolph Street to Burns Street
- 5th Avenue from Park Boulevard to Thomas Street
- 10th Avenue from Chellis Street to Thomas Street
- 11th Avenue from Thomas Street to West Street
- 5th Street from Washington Street to Forest Street
- Highland Park Boulevard from 10th Street to McIndoe Street
- Everest Boulevard from Highland Park Boulevard to Highland Park Boulevard
- Kreutzer Boulevard from Highland Park Boulevard to Highland Park Boulevard
- Highland Court from Highland Park Boulevard to the east
- 3rd Street from Jefferson Street to Grant Street

SCHEDULE: Substantially completed

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



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Wausau Works for You

During the Holidays, Think Fire Safety!

- When buying your Christmas tree, be sure to pick a fresh tree. You'll know it's fresh if the needles are firmly attached. When the tree is in your home, keep plenty of water around the base. A dry tree is the source of more than 1,000 home fires every year!
- Be bright about lights! Don't use lights with worn insulation, broken plugs and loose sockets. They can cause fires, shocks, and even electrocution!
- Be careful when hanging several light strings together. You could have an overload situation. Remember, all lighting inside and out, should be turned off before going to bed!
- Space Heaters – keep away from curtains, bedspreads, and furniture. Make sure children know they could get burned if they touch one.
- Are the stockings hung by the chimney with care? Be especially careful if there's a cozy fire going in the fireplace.
- Concerning fireplaces, be sure the opening is covered with a sturdy metal screen or heat tempered glass doors. This reduces the chance of a fire starting from escaping sparks or wood.
- When the holidays are over, take the tree down. Everyday it stands in the house, it gets a little drier.

Remember to follow these fire safety tips and everyone will have a safe and happy holiday!

Wanted: Large Christmas Trees

From time to time, the City of Wausau seeks out large pine trees to be used during the Holiday season for decoration on the 400 Block, near the Courthouse and other locations throughout the City.

If a resident is thinking of having a tree in their yard removed, the City Forester will come to take a look at it. The trees need to be in a good access area for trucks and other equipment to move around and cut it down. A preferred location is in the front yard or near a paved surface to alleviate any landscape issues on your property. If you have a nice shaped large tree that could possibly be used as a Christmas tree, feel free to contact the City Forester at 715-297-1580. Please keep in mind that the City does not grind the leftover stump.