

Wausau Works

for you!

Spring/Summer 2011



Mayor Tipple's Message

As another winter season slowly comes to an end in central Wisconsin, I am looking forward to the warmer spring days ahead. The melting snow and longer days seem to rejuvenate all of us and make Wausau come alive with new energy only warmer weather can bring.

In addition to the daily appointments I attend as Mayor, I take the time to read the abundance of letters and news publications that cross my desk. Many cities, including Wausau, are being pressured to "trim the fat" from the city budget, and the call to "do more with less" is the prevailing cry. Over the years, we've consolidated positions and departments and continually strive to be cost effective without sacrificing service. We have engaged our citizens in surveys and task forces to obtain consensus on city priorities. Our current economy is facing challenging times. I'm confident as we move forward; Wausau will remain vibrant and strong.

Economic development is at the forefront of helping us leap above this recession. We strive to improve our relationships with our business community and our excellent educational facilities. Our partnership with them is to focus on workforce development and job training in order to connect new and existing businesses with skilled employees.

The City of Wausau and the Marathon County Economic Development Corporation (McDEVCO) were able to partner together to purchase the vacant brownfield property located on the east bank of the Wisconsin River. This purchase will enable the city to complete the downtown loop for the Rivers Edge Trail. The property comprises approximately 15 acres in the Central Business District and was formerly home to heavy manufacturing and a fertilizer/feed cooperative. I will keep you informed of our progress to identify contamination, cleanup, and future development of the site moving forward.

The N2N (Neighbor to Neighbor) Committee continues their work in supporting existing neighborhood groups. Any citizen interested in forming a group within their neighborhood is welcome to call my office and pick up a starter packet. The committee is organizing the 2nd annual "Clean It Up, Wausau" event in April, which allows residents the opportunity to safely dispose and recycle unwanted household goods. Please see the article inside this publication for the date and details.

Sustainability initiatives are strong in Wausau and I want to draw your eye to the article by the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow. Reducing, reusing, and recycling helps to protect our environment, promotes public health and creates a unique sense of place. I encourage you to make every effort in keeping our community clean and beautiful by using sustainability practices.

Please see the "Calendar of Events" insert and take part in all the enjoyable activities and events our community offers this summer. The City of Wausau is in the service business and we appreciate hearing from you about how we are doing and what improvements we can make. Call, write or stop by with your concerns. See you at the "Concerts on the Square"!!

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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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Participants Wanted!

The City of Wausau Veterans Committee is organizing the annual MEMORIAL DAY PARADE to be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:45 a.m.

Patriotic floats, marching units, and any group or organization interested in participating is needed. Line-up begins at 9:45 a.m. and the line-up location will be in the Fair Midway area of Marathon Park, east of the grandstands. Step-off for the parade will be at 10:45 proceeding through the Stewart Avenue Main Gate traveling east on Stewart Avenue to River Drive, concluding at the VFW at 388 River Drive. The ceremony at the VFW will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. with opening remarks by a City Representative. An address by a guest speaker and the National Anthem will be played jointly by the High School Bands during the color raising ceremony. Following will be the exercise of the Military Rites and Taps.

Please join us as we honor our fallen comrades by coming out and enjoying the parade. Anyone wishing to participate are encouraged to call either Paul Missett at 715-842-9554 or Roger Sydow at 715-675-1839.





City of Wausau Annual Large Item Pick-Up

Service begins **April 25th** per the schedule listed. This program is intended to help residents dispose of LARGE, unwanted items. It is not a program to be used for cleaning out all sizes of unwanted items on an annual basis. **ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP AT THE CURB FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS ONLY. ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Example of Large Items which WILL BE Picked-up: Bathroom fixtures, Hot Water Heaters, Lawn Mowers (gas & oil removed), Pool Tables, Carpeting, Large Furniture Items, Small Engines (gas & oil removed), Sinks, Cabinets and Countertops, Large Grills, Overstuffed Chairs, Mattresses, 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.**

Items Which WILL NOT be Picked-Up

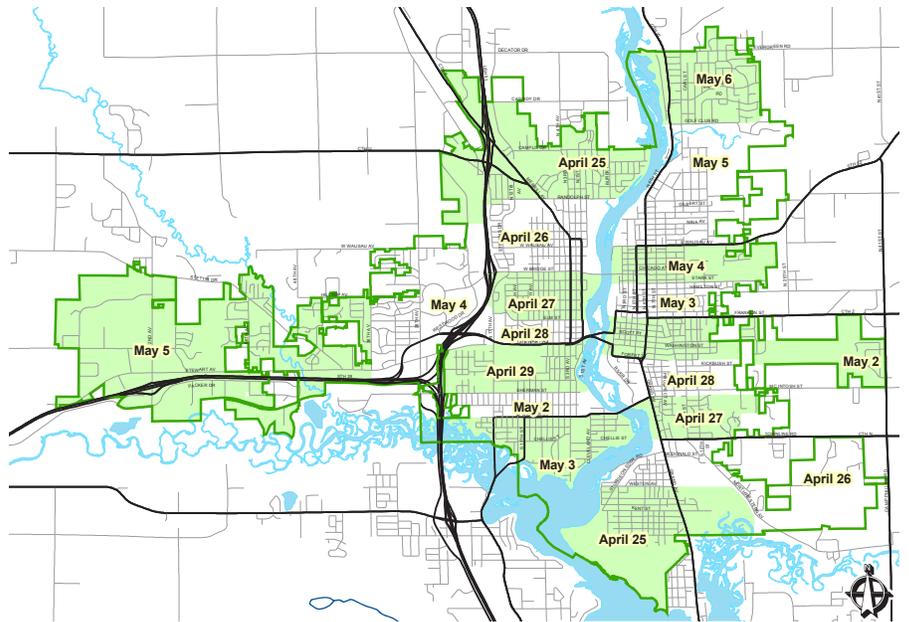
SMALL ITEMS AND MATERIALS such as vacuum cleaners, humidifiers, dining room chairs, water hoses, luggage, toys, clothing, blankets, plastic pails, radios, toasters, broken window panes, up to 60 pounds of construction materials. Put out for weekly garbage collection.

APPLIANCES such as refrigerators, televisions, air conditioners, microwave ovens, ranges/ stoves, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, vending machines, computers & monitors, water purifiers, dehumidifiers. Veolia will pick-up appliances for a fee, 715-359-6637.

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 25	South City Limits to Weston Avenue	North City Limits to Randolph Street and Hwy U west of USH 51/139, Merrill Ave to Westwood Dr.
April 26	Weston Avenue to Townline Road	Randolph Street to Bridge Street between USH 51/139 & Wisc. River
April 27	Townline Road to Thomas Street	Bridge Street to Elm Street between 17th Avenue & 1st Avenue
April 28	Thomas Street to Forest Street	Elm Street to Stewart Avenue between 17th Avenue & 1st Avenue
April 29	All of Grand Avenue from South City Limits to Forest Street	Stewart Avenue to Sherman Street between USH 51/139 & 1st Avenue
May 2	Forest Street to Franklin Street	Sherman Street to Thomas Street between USH 51/139 & Wisc. River
May 3	Franklin Street to Stark Street	Thomas Street to South City Limits between USH 51/139 & Wisc. River
May 4	Stark Street to E. Wausau Avenue	USH 51/139 to 36th Avenue
May 5	E. Wausau Ave. to Golf Club Rd.	36th Avenue to West City Limits
May 6	Golf Club Road to North City Limits	



Items Which WILL NOT be Picked-Up (Continued)

TV'S, COMPUTERS, MONITORS, AND MICROWAVE OVENS. The Good News Project (715-843-5985) will take these appliances for a nominal fee. Residents may also call Veolia at 715-359-6637 who charges 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, 9:00am – 8:00pm, Tue-CLOSED, Wed-CLOSED, Thur-CLOSED, Fri. from 9:00am-8:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday from 9:00am – 5:00pm. You may also contact Veolia at 715-359-6637 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 715-359-6637.

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; RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES; HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, CHEMICALS, POISONS, OIL-BASED PAINTS, PESTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL. Please call the Marathon County Solid Waste Dept at 1-877-270-3989.

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 and at the Marathon County Solid Waste Site. Medical waste may not be deposited in garbage containers or recycling bins.

If you have questions about what is acceptable or unacceptable, please call 715-261-6960. 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 715-261-6960 on the day after your scheduled pick-up.

New Law In Effect Used Oil Filter & Oil Absorbent Disposal Ban

In January, 2011, a new law went into effect regarding the disposal of used oil filters and oil absorbents. This new law bans landfill or incineration disposal of these products. The disposal ban applies to individuals, farmers, businesses, commercial or industrial facilities and other organizations.

The oil filter disposal ban includes but is not limited to, filters from: Cars, trucks, vans, buses, SUV's, tractors, off-road equipment, snowmobiles, ATVs/UTVs.

The oil absorbent disposal ban includes but is not limited to, these absorbents: clay-type, synthetic, rags, paper toweling, wipes, oil-dry cloths, pillow/pads/socks, sand, sawdust, paper or other materials used as an absorbent.

These oil filters and oil absorbents can be dropped off at the following locations:

O'Reilly Auto Parts

600 S. 17th Avenue, Wausau, WI
715-845-3873
Oil filters only – No fees

Any Wal-Mart store

with an auto service center.
Need to check local listings

Marathon Co. Solid Waste Dept.

R18500 E. Hwy 29, Ringle, WI
Used oil filters accepted
Used oil absorbents accepted
Fees apply for both
Deliver material in 5-gal containers or less
M-F 7:30-3:30, Sat 8:00-11:00

Veolia ES - Midwest

Weston Transfer Facility
5509 Fuller Street, Weston, WI
715-359-6637
Filters & absorbents accepted
Call for more information

Yard Waste Site Hours

Effective Friday, April 1, 2011 through Monday, November 14, 2011, the Yard Waste Site located at 105 East Chellis Street will be open during the following hours:

Monday:	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	CLOSED
Wednesday:	CLOSED
Thursday:	CLOSED
Friday:	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

***Please note that the Yard Waste Site will be closed on the following Holidays*:**

Monday – Memorial Day May 30th
Monday – 4th of July
Monday – Labor Day September 5th

The Yard Waste site is equipped with security cameras to catch unwanted

and/or illegal dumping of material – a \$200 fine can be imposed. Proof of residency required.

Examples of items that can be dropped off: brush, garden and flower debris, grass clippings, leaves, pine needles, shrubs, tree branches.

To assist individuals who are physically unable or who do not want to take yard waste to the drop-off site, Veolia offers a weekly "Yard Waste Curbside Pick-Up Program". The 2011 fee for this weekly collection service is \$85.20 for one cart and \$121.95 for 2 carts for 7 months, mid-April to mid-November, billed for the full season. To participate in this service and for a listing of detailed debris that will be picked-up. Contact Veolia at 715-359-6637.



2nd Annual Clean-It Up Wausau!

Friday, April 15, 2011
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday April 16, 2011
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Drop off - Near the Yard Waste Site
 at 105 E. Chellis Street**

The Mayor's N2N (Neighbor to Neighbor) Committee, along with local non-profit organizations, are coordinating for a 2nd time, the "Clean-It Up, Wausau" event for Wausau residents to properly and safely dispose of unwanted items.

This is your opportunity to properly dispose of, donate and recycle electronics, appliances, household furniture, clothing and more. **This event is in addition to the annual Spring Large Item Pick-Up which will take place as scheduled during the weeks of April 25 and May 2.**

"The N2N Committee works hard at supporting neighborhoods and working to improve the quality of life in Wausau. Providing an opportunity for residents to properly recycle and dispose of items we all seem to collect in our homes aligns itself with their mission, says Mayor Tipple. We are proud to partner with so many from our community for this event."

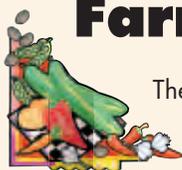
Drop off will be near the Yard Waste Site at 105 E. Chellis Street. Follow the signs and please show proof of Wausau residency. A small fee, which will benefit area non-profit groups, will apply to some items. Please see the list below of accepted and nonaccepted items. (Appliances that have Freon in them (Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners) will cost \$15.00 each to dispose of. Note that appliances with Freon cannot be placed out for Spring Large Item Pick-up. All other appliances, washers, dryers, stoves, etc., will be free of charge.

Accepted Items	Fee	Non-accepted Items
TVs (19" and under)	\$10.00	Light Bulbs
TV's (19" and over)	\$15.00	Batteries
Laptop Computers	\$5.00	Paint, Chemicals
CPU's (computer towers)	\$5.00	Remodeling waste
Keyboards, Mice	Free	Roofing materials
Monitors	\$10.00	Medications
Printers & Fax Machines	\$5.00	
Scanners	\$5.00	
Cell Phones	Free	
Land-line Phones	Free	
Microwaves	\$10.00	
Stereo Equipment	\$5.00	
DVD/VCR Players	\$5.00	
Satellite TV Dishes	Free	
Most devices w/Circuit Boards	Free	
Furniture (if in BAD repair)	Free	
Furniture (if in good repair)	Free	
Mattresses/Box springs	Free	
Dehumidifiers	\$15.00	
Tires with or without rims	\$2.00	
Refrigerators, Freezers	\$15.00	
Scrap Metal	Free	
Washers, Dryers	Free	
Stoves	Free	
Lawnmowers	Free	
Snow blowers	Free	
Household Items/clothing, bedding, rugs	Free	

Goodwill Industries will be on-site to accept donations of useable items and to provide receipts.

For additional information please refer to the City of Wausau website www.ci.wausau.wi.us. Go to Announcements.

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 7:00 a.m. until vendors sell out or choose to close. Please contact Craig Carlson 715-443-6647 for further information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S PORTRAIT OF POSITIVE CHANGE

300 Block Downtown Lifestyle Center

Visit the 3rd Street Lifestyle Center in downtown Wausau! From retail to salons, from food to fashion, lodging at the Jefferson Street Inn and all the professional services right at your finger tips! Downtown is bubbling with activity! Look what's going on!

Some of our newest venues include: "Polito's Pizza",
"Sweet Lola's Cupcakery & Bake Shop"
"El Pitayo's Mexican Restaurant"

Clay Corner moved next door!

One of our *older* venues, the Lamplighter has been in business since 1983. Newest pieces include "Mariposa," recycled aluminum pieces and "Silver Seasons" jewelry, featuring all things natural. Lamplighter's gone green!



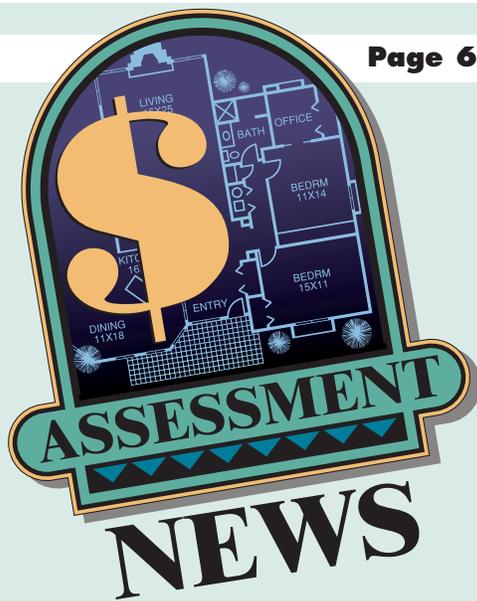
Coldwater Creek opened in June 2010

Coldwater Creek has a new promotion entitled: "One Creek Elite"

Loyal customers receive a card with 5% off every purchase!



Check out the Hobo purses at Isaac's. Designer purses without the "break your pocketbook" price!



Who will receive a 2011 Change of Assessment Notice?

We will mail you a notice if your assessment is to be higher than it was the previous year. All assessments are available for examination by the public.

What is Open Book?

Open Book is when the Assessment Roll is first available for public review. It is also a period when you can make appointments to come in, review your property record card and discuss any valuation concerns you may have with the property appraiser assigned to your area. Most assessment questions can be answered during the informal "Open Book" process.

What if I disagree with my Assessment?

If your opinion of the value of your property differs from the Assessor's appraisal, by all means come in and discuss the matter with us.

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. 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.

What is the Board of Review?

The Board of Review consists of citizens appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The Board of Review is responsible for correcting any assessment errors. It conducts its hearings in a manner similar to a court.

The best evidence of value would be a recent arms-length sale price of your property plus an account of any change the property has undergone between the date of sale and the assessment date. The sales price would have to be adjusted to reflect the change in property value between the date of the sale and the date of assessment. The next best evidence of market value is sales prices of other properties in the neighborhood comparable to your property. Lacking either of the above, oral testimony by a qualified witness who has made a market value appraisal of the property is also good evidence. The board will determine

the market value of your property as indicated by the evidence submitted by you and by the Assessor.

You will receive a written notice of the Board's determination after the hearing. You have the further right to appeal the Board of Review decision. Under the law an appeal can also be taken from the Circuit Court decision to the State of Wisconsin Court of Appeals. You may also appeal the Board's determination to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

General assessment information for properties in Marathon County, such as ownership and a property's assessed value can be found on the Marathon County web site: <http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/online/>.

Specific information for properties located in the City of Wausau (square footage, year of construction, etc.) can be found at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Assessment.aspx> or by calling the Assessment Department's Main Line: (715) 261-6600.

Manufacturing property is not assessed at the local level. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue assesses all manufacturing property in the State of Wisconsin.

What are the duties of the Assessor?

The City Assessor has three major duties: Discover, List and Estimate the value of all taxable property within the jurisdiction of the city. To insure all property is treated uniformly, the Assessor's procedures must conform to State laws dealing with property taxation. Furthermore, commonly accepted appraisal and accounting practices must be used.

Assessments are made in accordance with Chapter 70, of the Wisconsin Statutes, General Property Taxes which requires all property subject to assessment to be valued by the assessor in the manner specified in the Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual from an actual view or from the best information that the assessor can practicably obtain, at the full value which could be ordinarily obtained at a private sale.

The Wisconsin Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1, provides for uniformity of assessment. With the above legal directives in mind, the assessor is charged with the task of determining the fair market value of your property. Property values are made by state-certified assessors, and every effort is made to achieve the greatest possible degree of uniformity.

Dates To Remember:

- **2011 Change of Assessment Notices To Be Mailed: April 6, 2011**
- **2011 Open Book Period: April 25th thru April 29th, 2011**
- **1st Meeting of the Board of Review: May 25th, 2011**

Newly Renovated Apartments Available!

Are you over 62 years old OR disabled and in need of affordable housing? Kannenberg Plaza is located on Merrill Avenue and is in the process of fully renovating and upgrading all resident apartments. New apartments feature brand new appliances, cabinets, paint and flooring. Rent is subsidized and residents pay only 30% of their gross adjusted income, and heat is included! Residents will be the first to enjoy the brand new apartments and amenities, participate in various social activities, a quiet location, access to the bus route and many other convenient services. For more information, tours and applications, please visit the City's website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us/ and check under departments for Community Development. The CDA can also be reached at (715) 845-4144. We look forward to meeting your affordable housing needs!

Calendar of Events

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



Enjoy this easily accessible calendar reference for the many fun opportunities in the Wausau community!

April

- 1** **City's Yard Waste Site Opens** 9am
- 4** **3 Redneck Tenors**, The Grand Theater
- 9** **Children's Festival Marathon Park @ East Gate Hall** 9-3pm
Activities for ages infant – 12 yrs old, Children must be accompanied by an adult
- 12-14** **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**, The Grand Theater
- 17** **Country Royalty**, The Grand Theater
- 22** **Marathon Co. Campgrounds Opening Day** – Call 715-261-1566 for Reservation
- 23** **Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park Opens**
- 25** **Large Item Pick-Up Begins** Runs 2 weeks
- 30** **5K/10K Run/Walk – Taking Steps Against Violence.** 9am
Oak Island Boat Landing – Pre-registration fee \$15, after 4/18/11 - \$20.
Call 842-5663, The Women's Community – 715-842-5663
- 30** **Babysitter's Training**, American Red Cross 715-842-2156 8:30-4pm

May

- 2** **Resident and Non-Resident Swim Lessons Registration** 8-4:30pm
Walk-in, Mail-in accepted 8-4:30pm at Park Office 212 River Drive, Ste #2
- 2** **Legally Blonde, The Musical**, The Grand Theater
- 2,3,4,5** **Start Smart Toddler Baseball** 6-7pm
Ages 3-6, Pre-registration Required
- 5, 7, 10** **Boating Safety Course Begins at Marathon Co. Library** 6-8pm
19 & 26
Must register in advance at 715-340-9660
- 7** **Jim Brickman**, The Grand Theater
- 14** **American Heart Walk** 8am
Marathon Park, American Heart Assoc. 715-252-9950
- 16,17,18,19** **Start Smart Toddler General Sports** 6-7pm
Ages 3-6, Pre-registration Required
- 28** **Memorial Day Parade**, Veterans Committee 715-675-1839 10:45am

June

- 4** **Babysitter's Training**, American Red Cross 842-2156 8:30-4pm
- 10** **Wausau Outdoor Pools Open** 1-7:50pm Daily
- 11-12** **Wausau River Fest**
Wausau Whitewater, www.wausauwhitewater.org
- 13-Aug 12** **Wausau City Tennis Camp** ½-day Camps
Oak Island Park, Ages 5-17, Week-long
- 13-July 1** **Swimming Lessons Session 1**
- 13-Aug 4** **Wausau Playground Programs Begin**
Four ½-day, supervised sites, Ages 6-12, Wed Aft. Field Trips \$25/\$33
- 14, 16** **P.A.D.I. Scuba Lessons**, Memorial Pool, 8:15-10pm
Klein Scuba 715-675-6722
- 17** **Summer Kick-Off Celebration**, 400 Block 5pm

- Parks/Recreation Activity Information, call 261-1550 or www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp
- Woodson Art Museum (WAM), Franklin & 12th Streets, museum@lywam.org
- For Vendor Information for Market Place, and general information on Gallery Nights, Square Concerts, or Balloon Rally & Glow, please call the Wausau Area Events Office at 843-0748 or www.wausauareaevents.org
- Other Area Events ■ Concerts on the Square Rain Location, Grand Theater ■ The Grand Theater 715-843-0988

South Beach Up North

Please join Wausau native Michael Andrews and the South Beach Chamber Ensemble for South Beach Up North, Wausau's sixth annual free chamber music festival. We are happy to have several local musicians join us this year. For more information and to support this wonderful festival, go to www.sobechamberensemble.org. Visit us on Facebook to see photos and video clips.

- July 21 at 5pm, Rt. 51 with Glen Moberg, live radio show with concert highlights
- July 22 at 8pm, Center for the Visual Arts, String Octet (**Edward Elgar** String Quartet, **Gustav Holst** St. Paul Suite, **John Ireland** Downland Suite)
- July 23 at 6pm, Yawkey House Museum Garden, String Quintet (**Gershwin**, **Mancini**, **Beatles**, **Jimi Hendrix**)
- July 24 at Noon, Center for Civic Engagement-UWMC, Piano Chamber Music, (**Franz Limmer** Piano Quintet, Op. 13 and **Joaquin Turina** Piano Quartet in A major, Op. 67)

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Woodson Art Museum 2011 Spring/Summer Exhibition Schedule

January 29 – April 3, 2011

Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller

January 29 – April 3, 2011

It's Herman Miller Time: Today's Furniture Makers Respond

January 29 – April 3, 2011

Google Doodles: Design for the Modern Office

April 9 – June 19, 2011

Almost Alice: New Illustrations of Wonderland by Maggie Taylor

June 25 – August 28, 2011

Iron: 2010 – New Work by American Blacksmiths

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm
 First Thursday each month 9am-7:30pm
 Saturday-Sunday, Noon-5pm
 Closed Monday and Holidays

Admission:

Always Free Admission
 Phone: 715-845-7010
 Fax: 715-845-7103

Web: www.lywam.org

E-mail: museum@lywam.org or miheel@lywam.org

Location:

Franklin and 12th Street, Wausau, WI

Mail:

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

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Woodson Art Museum will take a break from presenting a full-fledged concert series this summer and instead join the community in celebrating the completion of the renovated 400 Block and its concert schedule.

The Museum will offer its traditional family/children-focused

- 18 **Splash Into Safety (FREE),**
Family Water Safety Fair at Kaiser Pool, Pre-registration required by calling 715-847-2380
- 18-19 **20th Annual Gus Macker Tournament – Newman High School** 8-6pm
- 20-24 **Challenger British Soccer Camp** 9am-4pm
Ages 4-High School, Times/Fees vary, www.challengersports.com
- 21, 23 **P.A.D.I. Scuba Lessons,** Memorial Pool, Klein Scuba 715-675-6722 8:15-10pm
- 22 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm
- 23 **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series,** 400 Block 9:30am-2:30pm
- 24 **Exhibitour – Wausau's Gallery Night** Downtown Wausau 6-8pm
- 26 **Dog-Gone Pool Parties, Splash Pad at Marathon Park** 5-8pm
Collar & Harness, Proof of Current vaccinations required.
Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$3/person
- 28, 30 **P.A.D.I. Scuba Lessons,** Memorial Pool, Klein Scuba 715-675-6722 8:15-10pm
- 29 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm
- 30 **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30am-2:30pm

July

- 1-4 **Jaycees 4th of July Celebration,** Marathon Park
- 5-22 **Swimming Lessons Session II**
- 6 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm
- 7 **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30am-2:30pm
- 7-10 **Balloon Rally & Glow, Downtown Airport** 5pm-10pm Thur, Friday
11am-10pm on Saturday
6am-10pm on Sunday
- 7-10 **Downtown Sidewalk Sales,** Wausau Mainstreet Program
- 7-9 **Big Bull Falls BBQ Rib Fest, Downtown Airport** 5-10 on the 7th & 8th
11am-10pm on the 9th
- 9-10 **Chalkfest,** 400 Block All Day
- 13 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm
- 14 **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30-2:30pm
- 20 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm
- 21 **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30-2:30pm
- 21-24 **6th Annual South Beach Up North Event** See previous page
- 22 **Screen on the Green,** 400 Block 8:30pm
- 22 **South Beach Up North String Octet** at the CVA 8pm
- 23 **South Beach Up North String Quintet** 6pm
- 24 **South Beach Up North Piano Chamber Music** at UWMC Noon
- 25-Aug 12 **Swimming Lessons Session III**
- 27 **Concert on the Square,** 400 Block 6-8pm

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

■ Woodson Art Museum (WAM), Franklin & 12th Streets, museum@lywam.org

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

■ Other Area Events ■ Concerts on the Square Rain Location, Grand Theater ■ The Grand Theater 715-843-0988

■ Festival of Arts information available from Jessica at 715-842-1676

concert during the third week of August on Tuesday, August 16 from 6-8pm This concert will be part of a new family festival that will feature Glen Everhart's powerful voice, versatile songwriting, and delightful parodies that will surely entertain the hand-clapping, toe tapping, sing-along songs that engage the young and young-at-heart. Check the Museum's website at www.lywam.org this summer for details in the Calendar of Events.

August

- 1** **Dog-Gone Pool Parties**, Splash Pad at Marathon Park, Collar & Harness, Proof of Current vaccinations required. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$3/person 5-8pm
- 3** **Concert on the Square**, 400 Block 6-8pm
- 4** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30-2:30pm
- 2-7** **Wisconsin Valley Fair, Marathon Park**
715-261-1539 or www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com
- 8-12** **Challenger British Soccer Camp** 9am-4pm
Ages 4 – High School, Times/Fee vary, www.challengersports.com
- 10** **Concert on the Square**, 400 Block 6-8pm
- 11** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30-2:30pm
- 13** **RC Fun Fly-In, Sunnyvale Park** 8am
Wausau Radio Control Sportsmen 715-842-1755 or www.wrcsportsmen.org
- 16** **Woodson Museum Family Concert** 6-8pm
- 17** **Concert on the Square**, 400 Block 6-8pm
- 18** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30-2:30pm
- 19-20** **Big Bull Falls Blues Festival, Fern Island** Thur – 5-10pm,
Fri – 5-11pm
Sat – Noon-11pm
- 21** **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Run/Walk** 9am
Registration at the 400 Block, Downtown Wausau- 7:30 – 8:30am
- 21** **Dog-Gone Pool Parties**, Splash Pad at Marathon Park, Collar & Harness, Proof of Current vaccinations required. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$3/person 5-8pm
- 25** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30am-2:30pm

September

- 1** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30am-2:30pm
- 5** **Labor Day Parade** 4pm
3rd Ave, W. Wausau Ave to Labor Temple
- 10-11** **Art in the Park**, Marathon Park www.wivalleyart.org Sat – 9-5
Sun – 9-4
- 10-11** **Festival of Arts**, Downtown
- 10-11** **Birds in Art**, Woodson Art Museum
- 18** **Marketplace Thursdays with Live @ Lunch Series** 9:30am-2:30pm
- 24** **Harvest Fest, Oak Island** 10am-2pm

Wausau Whitewater News

Learn to Kayak!

Wausau Whitewater will host the Ray McLain Introduction to Whitewater Kayaking lessons at Wausau Whitewater Park open to the public. The classes cost just \$40 and provide 2.5 hours of instruction, boat and equipment. If you've taken the class before, advance your skills with the Level II lesson. Visit www.wausauwhitewater.org/Training.htm for more information, or call Ashley at 715-572-6197. Classes fill quickly, and advance registration is required.

Recreational Release and Ray McLain Training dates:

May 21 & 22; June 13; July 2, 3, 23 & 24; Aug. 6 & 7; Sept. 3, 4, 17 & 18

Competitive Events

Wausau RiverFest – June 11 & 12

Come out and watch the RiverFest Freestyle Kayak competition and Hooligan Race where participants construct and paddle their own floatable craft down the whitewater, enter the 5K Fun Run for a chance to win prizes, and give kayaking a try with Free Sea Kayak demo's or \$25 classes at Oak Island. Visit Food and Retail vendors, and stop by the Wausau Whitewater tent to enter the RiverFest prize drawing. See you on the river!

USA Canoe/Kayak National Junior Team Trials – June 25 & 26

The Top US Slalom Paddlers Compete for a spot on Team USA

Wausau Open – July 9 & 10

Paddlers from around the World compete in this World Championship Test event

Wausau Whitewater Weekend – July 31

This Buttercup Slalom Race draws paddlers from across the region

Midwest Freestyle Championships - Aug. 20 & 21

The top freestyle paddlers in the Midwest compete for the Title.

2011 Wausau Outdoor Pools

Pool Locations

Kaiser	900 E. Bridge Street	Open June 10 - Aug. 21
Memorial	505 Memorial Park Rd.	Open June 10 - Aug. 14
Schulenburg	1533 Summit Street	Open June 10 - Aug. 14

2011 Pool Fees:

Daily Open Swim (Pools are open, Monday, July 4, 2011, however, no swimming lessons will be held)

- \$1.00 - 1pm to 6pm
- \$0.50 - 6pm to 7:50pm

Season Passes (Available to City of Wausau residents only)

- \$20 - Youth and Adult
- \$50 - Family

FREE Swim Wednesdays from 6 - 7:50pm all 3 pools; no minimum age; everyone welcome!

There is no minimum age limit. Infants & toddlers who aren't toilet trained must wear swim diapers.

Pool Hours of Operation	Swim Lessons	Open Swim
Monday through Friday	9:15 to 11:55am	1 to 7:50pm
Saturday and Sunday	None	1 to 7:50pm

For Swim Lesson information contact the Parks Department at 715-261-1550 or check the City of Wausau website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us Go to "Departments" and click on "Parks".



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River Edge Parkway Expands in 2011

The River Edge Commission, with the cooperation of the Wausau and Marathon County Park Department and the City Engineering Department, have been working with cooperative property owners to plan and develop additional segments of the River Edge Parkway along the Wisconsin River. Two new segments will be constructed this year.

The first step is to secure legal and safe public access to land along the edge of the river through an easement. Beloit Regal – Marathon Electric and MBX Packaging have been active participants in granting two important easements and helping to locate the trail on their properties. Both projects are located on the west bank of the river.

The first segment begins at Schofield Park and runs south for half a mile (2,650 feet) along the water and below the Marathon Electric plant. At the south end of the property, the trail will turn west and intersect with Cherry Street.

The second segment will complete the trail between Bridge Street on the north and Stewart

Avenue on the south. The 1,050-foot segment will include a section of board walk to skirt an existing wetland and a portion of bridging to accommodate a change in elevation over the run of the segment. The trail will connect to Pick N Save and Culvers on the north and Eastbay headquarters on the south.

The cost estimate for the Marathon Electric segment is \$650,000 and for MBX it is \$600,000. Funding for the Marathon Electric segment came from the state and the city. Funding for the MBX segment will come in part from the \$1 million estate gift of Jane and Lawrence Sternberg to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin. The projects are scheduled for construction this summer.

There are nearly five miles of River Edge Parkway trail segments open to the public on both banks of the Wisconsin River in the city limits. They include trails on Barker-Stewart Island and the Isle of Ferns.

City of Wausau Department Phone Numbers

Department	Issues	Phone Number
Assessment Dept.	Property assessment values	715-261-6600
Attorney/Legal Dept.	City Code Ordinances, Legal municipal issues	715-261-6590
Clerk Customer Service Dept.	Voting and Elections, Tax Questions, Utility Bills & Parking Tickets,	715-261-6620
Community Development Dept.	Homeowner /Commercial Rehabilitation, Down-payment Assistance, Environmental Issues/Questions	715-261-6680
Community Development Authority	Subsidized housing assistance, requirements for housing assistance, etc.	715-845-4144
Engineering/GIS	Sidewalk/Overgrown grass issues, Street Construction Projects/Special Assessments, mapping requests	715-261-6740
Finance Dept.	City Budget Issues	715-261-6640
Fire Department	Non-Emergency Number	715-261-7900
Human Resources Dept.	City Job Opportunities	715-261-6630
Inspections Dept.	Building Permits, Zoning Issues, Property complaints	715-261-6780
Metro-Ride (Bus Service & Paratransit Service)	Bus passes and schedule, Paratransit	715-842-9287 or 715-261-6526
Municipal Court	Citation/Payment Questions	715-261-6650
Police Department	Non Emergency Number	715-261-7800
Public Works/Parking Dept.	Downtown parking/Parking permits, Overnight Parking	715-261-6765
Public Works Street Dept.	Potholes/Street Maintenance, Stormwater drainage concerns, Street Light Issues	715-261-6960
Water Dept.	Water Utility bills, Sewer Backup Issues	715-261-6530
Veolia Waste Services	Garbage/Recycling issues	715-359-6637

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.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS REQUIRED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2011:

The owner of a dwelling unit shall install a functional carbon monoxide detector in the basement of the dwelling and on each floor level except the attic, garage, or storage area of each dwelling unit. This does not apply to the owner of a unit that has no attached garage, no fireplace, and no fuel-burning appliance in the building.

Inspectors will be checking for detectors when they inspect construction or remodeling projects.

Property Maintenance Reminders...

- All exterior property areas should be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.
 - Parking of vehicles on the grass in the City is not allowed—vehicles must be parked on established driveway/parking areas that are hard-surfaced (e.g., blacktop, concrete, or paving bricks that are approved by the City). Adding more parking area on residential properties by using gravel is not allowed.
- Vehicles that are inoperative, abandoned, unregistered or unlicensed, or in any state of major disassembly, disrepair or dismantlement ARE NOT ALLOWED on residential properties.
- 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 yard of any residential property, except for on a designated driveway which meets the City's hard-surfacing requirements. 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 5pm of the day before pick-up, and all containers should be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 8am 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 35 gallons. Any container when filled should not weigh more than 50 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.
- House numbers should be located in a conspicuous place on the front of all residential structures. They should be of such size so they can easily be seen from the street.

If you have any questions or wish to report any violations, call the Inspections Department at 715-261-6780.



2011 Major Projects

The following Wisconsin DOT project will be constructed this Summer:

PROJECT:

STH 52 from 17th Avenue - 18th Avenue

SCHEDULE: May - October

DESCRIPTION: The Wisconsin DOT contractor will be reconstructing STH 52 from east of 17th Avenue to 18th Avenue. The project will also include 18th Avenue between STH 52 and Stewart Avenue. The project will include new curb and gutter, concrete pavement, storm sewer, sidewalk, street lights and traffic signals.

TRAFFIC IMPACT: STH 52 will remain open to traffic during the construction. Traffic on STH 52 will be limited to one lane in each direction at different stages of the construction. Traffic on 18th Avenue between STH 52 and Stewart Avenue will be limited to right in/right out turning movements for the majority of the project. 17th Avenue will remain open for the majority of the project. However, 17th Avenue will need to be closed for several weeks to complete the work in the intersection. Motorists should expect delays and are encouraged to take alternate routes. Traffic bulletins will be posted in the Wausau Daily Herald and on the City of Wausau website.

The following city streets are anticipated to be reconstructed in the Summer of 2011.

- Milwaukee Avenue from Ginger Lane to Northwestern Avenue
- Brook View Court from Milwaukee Avenue to the cul-de-sac
- Ginger Lane from Milwaukee Avenue to Northwestern Avenue
- Easthill Drive from Townline Road to the north
- South 6th Avenue from Chellis Street to Rosecrans Street
- East Union Avenue from 5th Street to 7th Street

SCHEDULE: May - October

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

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



Overnight Parking

Parking is allowed on the odd or even side of the street from April 1 through November 30. On odd calendar days, overnight 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. **Think ahead when parking overnight.**

The forfeiture for violating the overnight parking ordinance is \$25.00.



The Wausau Police Department is pleased to announce the public now has free, up to date crime data available to them, with a new partnership with CrimeReports.com

"Providing reliable, timely information to our citizens is one of our top priorities," says Chief Jeffrey Hardel. "And partnering with CrimeReports gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in the community." The new service even lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email alerts, so they can stay on top of crime in their neighborhood. "Information is power," Chief Hardel added. "And we hope that giving the community this information will help them prevent crime in their neighborhoods."

This data can be accessed 24-7 at www.CrimeReports.com, through the City of Wausau website <http://ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Police/CrimeInformation/CrimeMapping.aspx> or via an iPhone.

The following crime information is available:

- Sex offenders living in Marathon County, along with their photo, physical description and address.
- Calls for service which include; the date, time, offense and location of the incident (within the hundred block) along with the case number.
- Traffic related calls (and accidents) to include the date, time, location (within the hundred block) and case number.

The following features are available:

- All crime information is available for the prior six (6) months.
- The public is able to customize their reports to show only the crimes, neighborhoods or dates they want to see.
- The crime data is updated every 8 hours.
- Personally customized email alerts are available to notify citizens on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
- The public can share their customized info with their family and friends.
- The data is mapped for ease of use.
- The public can view all other 850 law enforcement agency's data that is being uploaded into Crime Reports.

For more information, visit www.CrimeReports.com.

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic safety and traffic enforcement must work simultaneously to be affective and are an important function of the Wausau Police Department. Several initiatives have been implemented in recent years to address this growing citizen concern:

- Speed Enforcement Grant
- Alcohol Enforcement Grant
- High Visibility OWI Enforcement
- Pedestrian Safety Grant
- Bicycle Safety Grant
- Red Light Campaign

- Child Safety Seat Checks
- Safety City

In addition to the above initiatives, WPD is working on another grant application called DDACTS. This is an acronym for Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. This grant will require the police department to use the grant funding to pay for officers to work traffic details in areas that have both a high incidence of traffic violations and criminal activity. By increasing patrols in these areas, we

should be able to reduce both traffic violations and criminal activity.

The Wausau Police Department 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 the city attorney's office to evaluate problem areas in the city.

Medication Safety

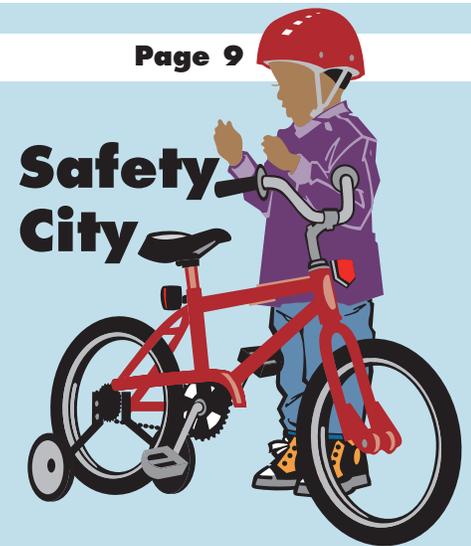
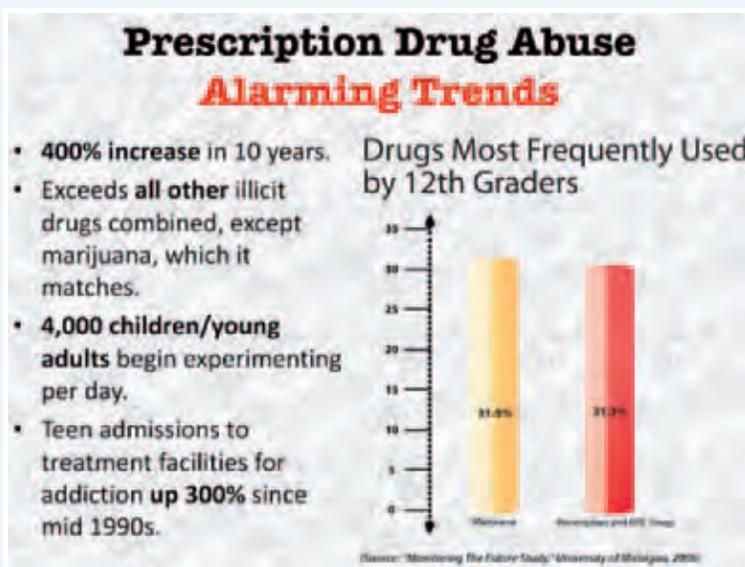
Prescription and over-the-counter medications taken as prescribed are a safe and effective way to relieve pain, control disease, & bring balance to your life. But when someone else takes your medications, they can become dangerous.

There are some simple measures you can take to limit access to your prescription medications. Make sure the childproof cap is on. In 2008, 69% of emergency room visits involving ingestion of drugs were made by patients age 5 or younger.

Where do you keep your medications...the medicine cabinet? Your purse? The nightstand? According to the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, among people age 12 or older who reported using pain relievers non-medically in the past year, 70 percent got the drug they most recently used from a friend or relative either through gift, sale or theft. Find a secure place to store your medications.

If you no longer need the medications or your medications are expired, do not flush them down the toilet or put them down the drain. Recent studies have shown that pharmaceuticals have been found in waste water throughout the United States, which is harmful to the environment.

You can use any of the area local drug drop boxes to safely dispose of your unused and expired medications. Medications can be dropped off during business hours at the Wausau Police Department and Everest Metro Police Department and at any time at the Rothschild Police Department. In 2010, nearly 850 pounds of prescription medications were taken in at the Wausau Police Department drug drop box. Thank you to all of the local agencies and pharmacies for your assistance in this project.



Safety City

Safety City will again be held this summer at **Thomas Jefferson School**, starting June 13th and running for three weeks. The program is targeted for children five years of age and scheduled for kindergarten in the fall of 2011. Safety City is a combined effort between the Wausau School District and the Wausau Police Department. Safety City provides the following training in its curriculum lessons:

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

Safety City registration forms can be picked up at the Wausau Police Department or at any Wausau School District Elementary School. Registration is \$10.00 for each child. Forms must be returned to the Wausau Police Department.

There are three sessions per day. Each session is 1.5 hours 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. For additional information or 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 715-261-7853) or email mlpilsner@mail.ci.wausau.wi.us

Patrol 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 2010:

- 6034 total citations written
- 4144 total written warnings
- 1811 speeding citations
- 1216 speeding warnings

- 165 red light violations
- 246 red light violation warnings
- 258 OWI Arrests

Officers also responded to 1,406 crashes in 2010. Of these crashes, 140 were crashes with injury and 2 were fatalities.

Please make a concerted effort to drive safely and not drive distracted.

Buckle up and drive safe!



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle 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!

The Recycling Calendar is printed in the Fall/Winter edition of this Newsletter. If you've misplaced yours or need a new one, you may call or stop at Wausau City Hall to get a duplicate copy. (715-261-6620). 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 TOLL FREE INFORMATION LINE – 877-270-3989. Please feel free to call this number for answers to all your solid waste and recycling questions. You may also access them on-line at www.marathoncountysolidwaste.org.



Did You Know?

Did you know... water and pollutants going into the storm drains on our streets empty directly into the Wisconsin River, Rib River, Eau Claire River, and Lake Wausau without being treated?

Did you know . . . 4 quarts of oil can form an 8 acre oil slick if dumped or spilled down a storm drain?

Did you know... when it rains, the water washes excess fertilizers, salt, dirt, pesticides, and other pollutants into our rivers causing algae blooms?

Did you know... pet waste contaminates our rivers, lakes, and streams with unhealthy levels of bacteria making them unsafe for recreation?

Here are 5 things you can do to reduce your stormwater impact:

1. Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash. All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb, then into the storm drain. The grass will absorb the water before it hits the street, and commercial car washes are required to treat their water.
2. Pick up pet waste, bag, and place in trash. Animal waste can pose several water quality concerns. It is a potential source of nutrients and pathogens (disease-causing organisms), which can degrade water quality making it unsafe and undesirable for drinking, swimming, boating, and fishing.
3. Mulch grass clippings, and leave on the lawn or compost. These extra nutrients can reduce oxygen levels in water and potentially cause fish kills. You can get a compost bin and take a composting class during the spring sale. Contact UW-Extension for more information at 715-261-1230. The same information pertains to leaves in the fall; don't rake them into the street until the day before pick-up.
4. Target use of fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides to the lawn and garden. Use only what is recommended on the label. Take excess chemicals to the Hazardous Waste Collection Site. For more information, please contact the Marathon County Solid Waste & Recycling Information Line at 715-446-3101 (press 2).
5. Consider ways to catch the rain water for use in your yard and gardens. The city has a demonstration rain garden at 210 River Drive, and all are welcome to visit and learn more about how to install one. Or, you can set up a rain barrel to collect rain from your gutters to use in your gardens. To attend a rain barrel workshop, contact UW-Extension at 715-261-1230 for more information.

Check out our website at: <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/centralwis/stormwater.htm>

City Job Applications Go Green

The City of Wausau has teamed up with one of the top recruiting web application experts Taleo, to offer all applications for open positions with the City of Wausau online. This partnership has enhanced the application process by allowing candidates to apply for job opportunities online. The new online applications have completely streamlined the whole recruitment process for the City Human Resources Department. All information, tracking, and activity during the recruitment process is electronic, and all the information is available to the supervisor of the department that is hiring for that position. Candidates can create an online account which will make it easy to apply for various City jobs and update their employment information. To view available jobs with the City of Wausau, go to <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/HumanResources/CityJobs.aspx> and click on "Current Listings."

The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow: Working Together for a Sustainable Wausau

Back in 2007 a group of Wausau residents dreamed of creating a more eco-friendly community. They decided to take action to make this dream a reality. The result was The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow, an ad-hoc committee in Wausau which encourages greater awareness of sustainability issues in the Wausau area. The group consists of volunteer teams who work together to improve local infrastructures, including waste and recycling; transportation; and locally-produced food. The goal is to reduce waste, promote sustainable lifestyles, adopt more environmentally-friendly practices community-wide, and also save money where possible.

Some of the Commission's main accomplishments include:

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs given to voters (April 2008)
- Created and tabulated Rib Mountain bus service survey (2009)
- Two book study circles for *The Natural Step* book (Fall 2009)
- Eco-Municipality resolution passed by Wausau City Council (2009)
- Outdoor Event Recycling ordinance passed by Wausau City Council (2010)
- Reusable grocery bags sold to benefit The Women's Community (2010)
- Evaluation of local air and water quality, and researched district heating possibilities.
- Participated with N2N at "Clean It Up Wausau" (April 2010 and April 2011)

We are co-sponsoring a sustainability forum on the UW-Marathon County campus, May 13-14, 2011. Learn about *The Natural Step*, a framework used by organizations and communities to move toward economic, social and environmental sustainability. Sessions will introduce sustainability obstacles and potential solutions for businesses, households, farmers, municipalities, and entrepreneurs.

Soon after the sustainability forum, we will invite all Wausau area residents to participate in creating a community-wide Sustainability Plan. Volunteers will be needed to create the plan, and then to implement the suggested actions.

New members from the Wausau area are always welcome.
Visit: www.gogreencentralwisconsin.com for more information.

Here is the official title, time, and location of our sustainability forum:

Developing Sustainable Communities in Central Wisconsin A Wisconsin Idea Forum

May 13-14, 2011

At the UW Center for Civic Engagement (625 Stewart Ave)

Learn about The Natural Step, a framework used by organizations and communities to move toward economic, social and environmental sustainability. Sessions will introduce sustainability obstacles and potential solutions for businesses, households, farmers, municipalities, and entrepreneurs.

Sponsored By: UW Extension, UW Colleges, Wisconsin Institute of Public Policy and Service, The Commission for a Greener Tomorrow, The Wausau Region Chamber, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and APA-WI Northwest District.

Co Detectors Required Statewide

Wisconsin's new carbon monoxide (CO) law went into effect February 1, 2011. This law will help ensure safe homes with the presence of CO alarms. But Fire and Carbon Monoxide Prevention starts with education about this new law.

What You Need To Know

- All single family and two-unit homes – new and existing – must install a CO alarm on every floor level, near sleeping areas.
- New construction must be hard-wired with a battery back-up.
- Existing homes may install any type of CO alarms; battery, plug-in, or combination smoke/CO devices.
- A carbon monoxide detector required under this section shall bear an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., listing mark.
- The law takes effect Feb. 1, 2011.
- Alarms should be installed in accordance with directions from manufacturer.

Exceptions

- CO alarms are only required in new and existing homes that have any fuel burning appliance, which includes: stoves, ovens, grills, clothes dryers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters, fireplaces and heaters OR an attached garage.
- Alarms do not need to be installed in the attic, garage or storage area of homes.

Maintenance

- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms according to manufacturer instructions.
- Check batteries and replace twice a year.
- Alarms should never be disconnected or unplugged.
- Batteries should never be removed for other uses.

This information based on Wisconsin Act 158 and Wisconsin Department of Commerce Rules

400 Block Construction Update

Construction on the downtown 400 Block will resume in early April. The general contractor for the entire project is Miron Construction. The work performed last Fall on the site was primarily foundation work. These foundations will be used to build retaining walls, stairs and the stage. During the past winter months the city awarded a construction contract to Systems Technologies to supply and install the stage sound and lighting. Miron Construction was awarded the construction contract to supply and install the fountain for the project.

The construction work this Spring and early Summer will be fast paced with several different aspects of the project being built at the same time. Major components of the work which need to be completed include the stage, stage canopy, and fountain.

All work on the project is scheduled to be completed by June 15, 2011.

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Election Day is Tuesday, April 5, 2011. All polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Contests on the spring ballot are: Justice of the Supreme Court; Circuit Court Judge-Branch 5; Court of Appeals Judge-District 3; County Board Supervisor-District 1; City Alderperson-District 1; and Wausau School Board Members.

Where to vote:

Districts 1 & 2	Pilgrim Lutheran Church	709 Weston Avenue
Districts 3 & 4	Boys & Girls Club of Wausau	1710 N. 2 nd Street
Districts 5 & 6	Wausau East High School	2607 N. 18 th Street
Districts 7 & 8	Wausau West High School	1200 W. Wausau Avenue
Districts 9 & 12	Marathon Park East Gate Building	600 Block of Garfield Avenue
Districts 10 & 11	The Rose Garden	131 West Thomas Street

*Don't feel like standing in line to register? Save time by registering to vote **prior** to Election Day. Registering before Election Day and/or notifying the City Clerk if you have moved will speed up the process for you. You may register at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or download a registration application from our website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us.*

If you have questions regarding elections, absentee ballots, or anything else not addressed here, please contact the City Clerk's office at 715-261-6620. We are eager in assisting everyone to exercise their right to vote.

