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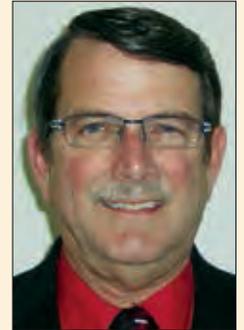
## Happy New Year!!

In an effort to keep our residents informed and reduce city costs, the City of Wausau will be partnering with the Water Works Department in providing a quarterly city newsletter in 2013.

In the past, the Water Works Department sent out mandatory water news in a separate issue from the bi-annual city newsletter. By combining these two publications, we hope to provide timely city information with all the regulatory up-to-date water statistics without increasing our incremental costs.

I wish to draw your attention to two important articles in this publication. The first is the center insert which provides the current water utility news (formerly found in the "Wausau WATER Works" newsletter) and the second is the new pet licensing system. The City of Wausau ordinance states that 2 dogs and 3 cats may be licensed per address. **HOWEVER**, The City Council JUST approved a measure to grant amnesty until March 31, 2013 to anyone currently living with more pets than the city's legal limit of 2 dogs and 3 cats. To get a waiver from the city, residents who own more than 2 dogs or 3 cats as of November 1, 2012 must register their pets by March 31, 2013. (Further information about this is inside).

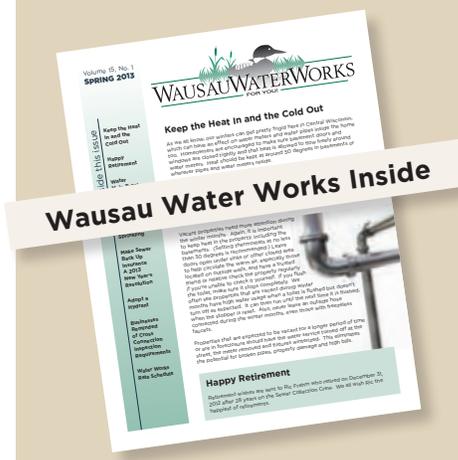
Enjoy Wisconsin's winter season and all that comes with it. May 2013 bring a wealth of good fortune your way.



**Mayor Tipple's Message**

*James E. Tipple*

**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.



# 2013 City of Wausau Budget

The City of Wausau has a very comprehensive budget process. Departments begin each spring by formulating the capital plan. This is followed by the development of departmental operating budgets. Late summer the Mayor, Human Resources Director and Finance Director meet with the individual departments to review their operating budgets and proposed staffing levels. The budget elements are scrutinized and a comprehensive budget is developed and presented to the finance committee for consideration. Each fall the finance committee conducts several budget review sessions to consider all aspects of the budget. The common council conducts a budget public hearing at the first meeting in November to obtain citizen input. The budget is then considered for adoption at the last council meeting in November. Citizens are welcome to all budget meetings. These agendas along with the proposed budget are posted on the City’s web site.

Under the 2013 Adopted Budget the City’s property tax levy decreased \$55,751 from the prior year. A home with a \$100,000 value will pay \$851.08 in City taxes as compared to \$849.49 in the previous year. Each dollar of City taxes collected is allocated to city services and costs as follows:



A comparison of the taxes in the metro area shows that many communities choose to raise revenues through user fees. The table below provides total real estate taxes and charges for a home with a \$150,000 assessed value and assumes the consumption of 18,000 gallons of water per quarter.

Municipality	School District	Total Real Estate Taxes	FEES					Taxes and Fees	
			Water	Sewer	Transportation	Garbage	Stormwater		
Town of Rib Mountain	WSD	\$ 3,001.50	\$ 223.20	\$ 77.60		\$ 155.00	\$ -	\$ 455.80	\$ 3,457.30
Village of Kronenwetter	Mosinee	\$ 2,896.50	\$ 374.14	\$ 288.40		\$ 140.07	\$ -	\$ 802.61	\$ 3,699.11
Village of Kronenwetter	DC Everest	\$ 2,992.50	\$ 374.14	\$ 288.40		\$ 140.07	\$ -	\$ 802.61	\$ 3,795.11
Village of Weston	DC Everest	\$ 3,076.50	\$ 303.24	\$ 306.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 811.24	\$ 3,887.74
Village of Rothschild	DC Everest	\$ 3,363.00	\$ 385.20	\$ 324.00			\$ -	\$ 709.20	\$ 4,072.20
City of Schofield	DC Everest	\$ 3,798.00	\$ 187.80	\$ 489.04			\$ -	\$ 676.84	\$ 4,474.84
City of Mosinee	Mosinee	\$ 3,210.00	\$ 344.52	\$ 622.80			\$ -	\$ 967.32	\$ 4,177.32
City of Wausau	WSD	\$ 3,631.50	\$ 260.30	\$ 317.29			\$ -	\$ 577.59	\$ 4,209.09
City of Wausau	DC Everest	\$ 3,588.00	\$ 260.30	\$ 317.29			\$ -	\$ 577.59	\$ 4,165.59

Of course, taxes and fees are a function of the services provided; with the City of Wausau providing the highest level of services. We are pleased that the tax and fee variance with our surrounding communities continues to narrow. In addition, Wausau residents may pay lower property insurance premiums due to the high level of fire services and encounter less daily commuting costs.

# Stay Fire Safe this Winter

## Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Never leave a fire unattended
- Have your chimney and fireplace inspected annually by a certified chimney sweep. They will check for creosote build-up, cracks, crumbling bricks, and obstructions.
- Make sure the fireplace opening is covered with a sturdy metal screen or heat tempered glass door.
- To prevent fires in your flue, burn dry, well-seasoned wood. Never burn trash.
- Never burn charcoal indoors, it can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide when burned.
- Always make sure the fire in your fireplace is out before going to bed. It is extremely important to NEVER close your damper while there are hot ashes in the fire place. This could cause the fire to flare up again and this will cause toxic carbon monoxide to be released into the house.

## Furnace

- Leave furnace work to experts. Have a qualified technician check and clean your unit and controls every year. Have the technician check the wall and ceiling near the furnace and flue. If they are hot, you may need additional clearance or insulation.
- Be sure the emergency shut off and the automatic controls are in good condition.
- Always keep trash, papers, paint etc., away from the furnace area.

## Portable Heaters

- Make sure you have at least 36 inches of empty space between all heaters and everything else, like curtains, furniture, papers and people.
- Never leave children unattended in rooms with portable heaters.
- Be sure the heater has a tip-over shut off function.
- Never use an extension cord with portable electric heaters. It is a common cause of fires.
- Be sure to turn heaters off when leaving the house or sleeping.

## Cold Weather Fire Safety

- Be certain that all windows that are used as emergency exits can still be opened in the winter. Practice your escape plan at this time of year.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it clear of snow and debris. The fire department needs to be able to access it for water in case of fire.

**REMEMBER...More fires occur during the winter months than any other time of year. However, most fires can be avoided just by taking a few simple precautions.**

## Can you explain the overnight parking ordinance in the City of Wausau?

From December 1 through March 31, **no overnight parking** is allowed on city streets. Overnight parking downtown is restricted all year long.

For the rest of the City of Wausau, 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. All City of Wausau ordinances can be located online at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us).

The ordinance governing this topic is Wausau City Ordinance 10.20.030.

Lt. Ben Bliven is the Patrol Services Lieutenant with the Wausau Police Department. Send questions by e-mail to [Benjamin.Bliven@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:Benjamin.Bliven@ci.wausau.wi.us) or regular mail to 515 Grand Ave., Wausau, WI 54403.

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

Department	Question/Problem	Phone Number
<b>Assessment Department</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How was my property assessed?</li> <li>2. Will my assessment increase if I paint, replace the roof or siding?</li> <li>3. How can I appeal my assessed value?</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6600</b>
<b>Attorney/Legal Department</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many (and what kind of) animals may I have in the City?</li> <li>2. Where can I find parking rules and fees in the ordinances?</li> <li>3. Can I place Flyers/Pamphlets on vehicles?</li> <li>4. I have a noise complaint</li> <li>5. What can I do about overhanging tree branches?</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6590</b>
<b>Community Development Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Homeowner /Commercial Rehabilitation</li> <li>2. Down-payment Assistance</li> <li>3. Environmental Issues/Questions</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6680</b>
<b>Community Development Authority</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where do I get information on subsidized housing?</li> <li>2. What are my options for subsidized housing in Wausau?</li> <li>3. What are the eligibility requirements for housing assistance?</li> </ol>	<b>715-845-4144</b>
<b>Engineering/GIS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grass not being mowed?</li> <li>2. Defective Sidewalks?</li> <li>3. Street Construction Projects/Special Assessments</li> <li>4. Map Requests/On-line mapping</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6740</b>
<b>Finance Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voting and Elections</li> <li>2. Tax Questions</li> <li>3. Utility Bills &amp; Parking Tickets</li> <li>4. City Budget Issues</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6640</b>
<b>Human Resources Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where do you post City Job Opportunities?</li> <li>2. How do I obtain a City Job Application?</li> <li>3. Do you accept unsolicited resumes?</li> <li>4. Does the City hire seasonal workers?</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6630</b>
<b>Inspections Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where do I get a Building Permit?</li> <li>2. Zoning Issues</li> <li>3. Street Light Issues</li> <li>4. Questions about building a fence</li> <li>5. Complaints about property in your neighborhood</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6780</b>
<b>Metro-Ride</b> (Bus Service & Paratransit Service)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where is the nearest bus stop?</li> <li>2. When does the bus arrive?</li> <li>3. Where can I buy bus tokens or bus passes?</li> <li>4. How do I apply for Metro Ride Paratransit service?</li> </ol>	<b>715-842-9287</b> or <b>715-261-6526</b>
<b>Public Works / Parking Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Downtown parking/Parking permits</li> <li>2. Overnight Parking</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6765</b>
<b>Public Works / Street Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potholes/Street Maintenance</li> <li>2. Stormwater drainage concerns</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6960</b>
<b>Water Dept.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do I have dirty water?</li> <li>2. Why is my water bill higher than usual?</li> <li>3. Why do I have low water pressure?</li> <li>4. Sewer Backup Issues</li> </ol>	<b>715-261-6530</b>
<b>Advanced Disposal</b> (formerly Veolia)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Garbage not being picked up?</li> </ol>	<b>715-359-6637</b>



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# WAUSAU WATERWORKS

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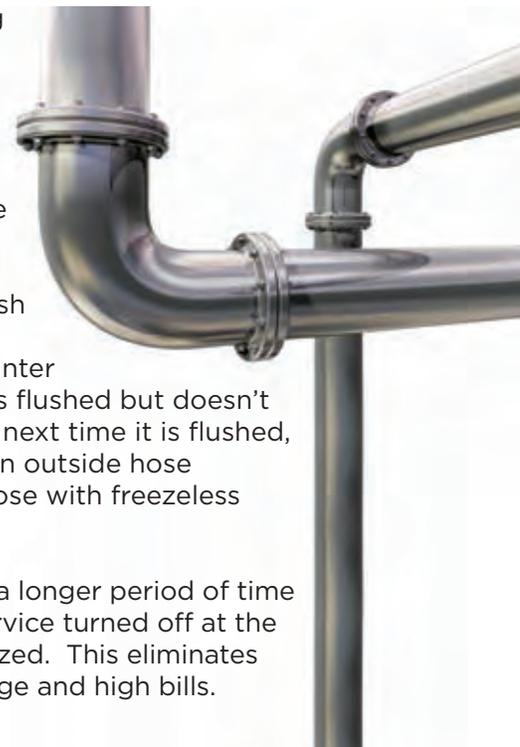
## Keep the Heat In and the Cold Out

As we all know, our winters can get pretty frigid here in Central Wisconsin, which can have an effect on water meters and water pipes inside the home too. Homeowners are encouraged to make sure basement doors and windows are closed tightly and that heat is allowed to flow freely around water meters. Heat should be kept at around 50 degrees in basements or wherever pipes and water meters reside.

Thawing frozen pipes can be a little tricky, and should only be done with a hair dryer or heat tape. NEVER use an open flame. Before starting to thaw, it is important to know where your water shutoff valve is located, (typically on either side of the water meter) and to make sure it operates as expected. When thawing, if you were to discover that a pipe has a crack, you should immediately shut off the water supply. Wausau Water Works can also turn off your water service out by the street however there is a fee to turn the service back on.

Vacant properties need more attention during the winter months. Again, it is important to keep heat in the property, including the basements. (Setting thermostats at no less than 50 degrees is recommended.) Leave doors open under sinks or other closed areas to help circulate the warm air, especially those located on outside walls, and have a trusted friend or relative check the property regularly if you're unable to check it yourself. If you flush the toilet, make sure it stops completely. We often see properties that are vacant during winter months have high water usage when a toilet is flushed but doesn't turn off as expected. It can then run until the next time it is flushed, when the stopper is reset. Also, never leave an outside hose connected during the winter months, even those with freezeless faucets.

Properties that are expected to be vacant for a longer period of time or are in foreclosure should have the water service turned off at the street, the meter removed and fixtures winterized. This eliminates the potential for broken pipes, property damage and high bills.



## Happy Retirement

Retirement wishes are sent to Ric Frahm who retired on December 31, 2012 after 28 years on the Sewer Collection Crew. We all wish Ric the happiest of retirements.

## Water Main Break Discovered in Wetlands

Every year, Wausau Water Works experiences a number of water main breaks. These are typically the result of the ground shifting either from frost, or as seen this year, extremely dry conditions.

Due to that fact, we typically hire a consultant about every other year to review our system for potential leaks. The consultants will listen on hydrants and valve covers in the street for anything that could possibly be an issue. In 2011, we hired a consultant to do such a survey. Although a few minor leaks were determined, nothing significant surfaced. However, when we prepared our Annual Report to the Public Service Commission we found at that time that we had higher than expected water loss. This triggered staff to start reviewing all possible causes. After exhausting all the possibilities, it was determined that we needed to do another survey of our water system. Again, a few hydrants were found to have minor issues along with a couple of service leaks, but after almost two weeks into the survey very few issues were found. Then late on a Friday afternoon, a large leak was found in a wetland on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Unlike most main breaks which surface in a roadway, this particular section of water main ran cross country and the water was entering the Bos Creek about 300 feet off the roadway in a remote section of the City.

The ductile iron water main, which was installed in 1982, was isolated and repairs were made early the next week to repair the 2-1/2 to 3" hole at the bottom of the pipe. The repair was made and the pipe wrapped with a polyurethane membrane to avoid further contact with the corrosive soils. However, when the water was turned back on the following day, it was found that another leak existed further down the pipe, so the main was again shut down. The second repair meant digging under the creek which required DNR approval to divert the creek. When the main was dug at this point, it was found that the pipe had numerous weak spots and had deteriorated so severely that it was determined that additional repairs would not be prudent. That section of main was then abandoned and a new water main was installed under 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

It seems that anything that could have possibly gone wrong with a main break situation did in this case. The main was in a remote section of the City, feeding only one commercial property; it was one of only a few water mains that run cross country rather than in the roadway; the lost water was feeding into a creek; deterioration of this type on a pipe that is only 30 years old is very unusual, as we have many pipes that have been in service for up to 100 years. The break in the pipe didn't just occur overnight, but was likely going on for



*Top Photo: Water from the main break discharges into the Bos Creek. Middle Photo: Utility contractor digs in the wetlands to make repairs to the water main. Bottom Photo: A section of the pipe showing the deterioration and pocking caused from corrosive soils.*

some time before it was found. An extremely hot, dry summer also caused high water pumpage further masking the problem.

Water main breaks can occur at all times of the year, and Wausau Water Works employees strive to repair breaks as quickly as possible to ensure high quality drinking water for our residents and businesses as well as to keep our loss water numbers in check and keep our utility operating as efficiently as possible.

## Reminder for Residents about Summer Sprinkling

Residents who do outside sprinkling of lawns or gardens during the summer months are reminded that they may want to install a water only meter to avoid sewer charges for the water that is used outdoors.

All customers are charged for sewer based on the amount of water they use unless a separate water meter is installed for outside sprinkling. A couple of exceptions may apply, such as for new lawn construction or discharge from swimming pools that does not go into the sanitary sewer. All requests for adjustments are to be made in writing and must meet the criteria of the Sewer consumption Adjustment Policy.

No adjustments will be considered for the following:

- Any type of plumbing leak (e.g. toilet leaks, leaking faucets or broken pipes, irrigation systems, etc.) or increases in sewage charges as a result of other surreptitious use of water.
- Any leaks resulting from vacant or neglected properties
- No adjustments will be offered on accounts that are not in "good standing".

Customer Service staff are happy to review account history with residents to see if their typical summer usage would warrant installation of an irrigation meter.

Forms to request a sewer adjustment are available at the Customer Service Department in City Hall or on the Wausau Water Works website at: [www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks/Billing.aspx](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks/Billing.aspx)

## Adopt a Hydrant

As winter comes and drops that snowy blanket on everything, it's important to remember your neighborhood fire hydrant as you're shoveling or snow blowing. Remember, keeping hydrants free of snow and accessible to fire fighters could mean saving your property or your neighbors and could mean the difference between life and death.



## Make Sewer Back Up Insurance A 2013 New Year's Resolution

With the start of a new year, we all like to come up with resolutions to make our lives better. One that shouldn't be overlooked is to purchase sewer backup insurance.

Sewer backup insurance can be added to most homeowner's policies at a minimal expense. It's typically a good value when you consider what it costs to replace goods and clean up the mess. This is especially important for homeowners who have improved basements.

Backups are typically the result of a blockage in either the homeowner's sewer lateral or the City's sewer main the street. It should be noted that damages from blockages in the City's mains are not automatically reimbursed by the utility. We follow the Wisconsin State Statutes as it pertains to negligence and as long as we have maintained the main within the last 3-5 years, there may not be coverage. That is why it is important for homeowners to carry sewer backup insurance. Another consideration is the amount of coverage, especially if you have an improved basement.

The potential for backups can be reduced by having your sewer lateral cleaned on a regular basis and by not putting things like grease, cleaning wipes, diapers or other personal hygiene products down the drain. These items should be placed in your garbage can.



DON'T  
FORGET!

## Businesses Reminded of Cross Connection Inspection Requirements

Businesses that completed Cross Connection Inspections in 2011 are reminded that they will need to have an inspection of their internal water system completed in 2013. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources mandates that owners of commercial, industrial and publicly owned properties conduct a Cross Connection Survey every two years.

A cross connection can occur when a drop in pressure in the water system causes a back siphoning into the water system (such as when a hydrant is opened, or a water main breaks). Making sure that no cross connection exists ensures a safe drinking water supply for our customers.

Residential customers can do their part to make sure the water supply stays safe by installing hose bib vacuum breakers on outside faucets and removing any hoses that may be connected to laundry tubs or other sinks or tubs. Additional information is provided to residential property owners during routine meter upgrades.

For more information on cross connections, contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7265.

## Water Works Rate Schedule

### Water Rates: Effective 7/1/10

#### Quarterly Service Charge (based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$ 15.45
3/4 inch meter	15.45
1 inch meter	24.72
1-1/4 inch meter	37.08
1-1/2 inch meter	43.26
2 inch meter	64.89
3 inch meter	117.42
4 inch meter	166.86
6 inch meter	315.18
8 inch meter	482.04
10 inch meter	707.61
12 inch meter	933.18

#### Plus Volume Charge below:

First 6,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.69 per 100 cubic feet.

Next 54,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.53 per 100 cubic feet.

Over 60,000 cubic feet used each quarter - \$1.16 per 100 cubic feet.

#### Wholesale Service (Brokaw):

Quarterly Charge \$167.00, Volume Charge: \$1.46 per 100 cu. ft.

### Sewer Rates: Effective 1/1/11

#### Quarterly Service Charge (based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$ 17.00
3/4 inch meter	17.00
1 inch meter	23.00
1-1/4 inch meter	32.00
1-1/2 inch meter	37.00
2 inch meter	62.00
3 inch meter	112.00
4 inch meter	183.00
6 inch meter	361.00
8 inch meter	568.00

#### Plus Volume Charge below:

All volume, as recorded by the water meter each quarter, shall be charged at the rate of \$2.59 per 100 cubic feet. Unmetered sewer rate is \$85.85 per quarter outside the City of Wausau.

### Private Fire Protection: Eff. 3/1/06

(based on size of connection)

2 inch connection	\$ 12.00
3 inch connection	22.00
4 inch connection	37.00
6 inch connection	74.00
8 inch connection	117.00
10 inch connection	176.00
12 inch connection	256.00

### Public Fire Protection: Eff. 7/1/10

(based on size of water meter)

5/8 inch meter	\$ 8.96
3/4 inch meter	8.96
1 inch meter	22.25
1-1/4 inch meter	32.75
1-1/2 inch meter	44.19
2 inch meter	71.07
3 inch meter	132.87
4 inch meter	222.48
6 inch meter	444.96
8 inch meter	704.52
10 inch meter	1056.78

**Wholesale Public Fire Protection (Brokaw) Quarterly Charge: \$2431.00**

Payments must be received in the City of Wausau Customer Service Department, City Hall, by the 20th of each month. Payments received after the 20th of the month are subject to late payment charges in the amount of 1% of the outstanding balance.

**Payments made at grocery stores, electronically, or through the mail, via the Milwaukee lockbox address should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the due date to ensure timely receipt.**

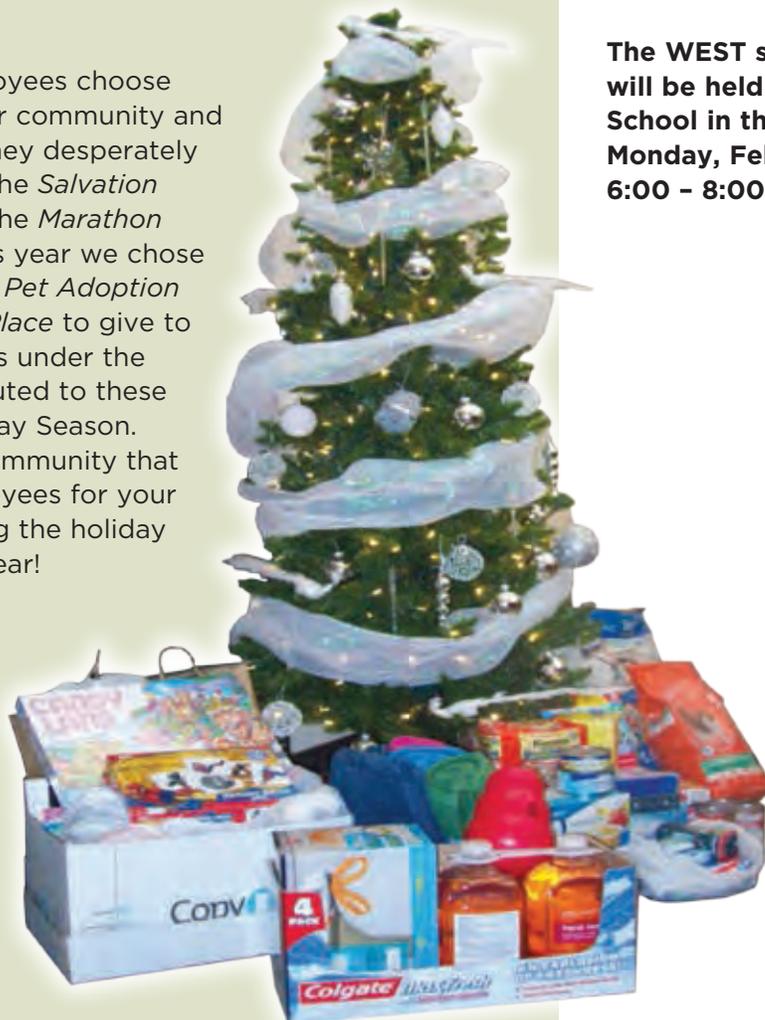
## City Employees Give Generously!!

Wausau City employees know the importance of giving back to a community that supports the needs of others. Every year, our employees generously donate their time, money and needed items to local charities.

The Wausau Fire Department personnel lend assistance to The MDA (*Muscular Dystrophy Association*) motorcycle ride that is held annually in the fall, and the Police Department provides support to the *Special Olympics*, *St Paul's Open Door*, *McCrime Stoppers*, *Randlin House*, and the *Ronald McDonald House*, to name a few. This fall, the City County IT Department headed up a campaign to provide needed canned goods for *Peyton's Promise*. And many City employees help with the set-up and raising money for the *Susan G. Komen* race that is held in downtown Wausau.

In September and October of each year, the *United Way Campaign* is kicked off by the annual *United Way Parade* and city employees participate in fundraisers and pledging of various dollar amounts to help meet our goal that is set each year. This year's goal was \$9,717.00 and we surpassed that by raising \$10,476.77!

At Christmas time, City employees choose three organizations within our community and fulfill a "Wish List" of items they desperately need. In 2011 we supported the *Salvation Army*, *Rebecca's Closet* and the *Marathon County Humane Society*. This year we chose *Wausau Head Start*, *New Life Pet Adoption Agency* and *The Neighbor's Place* to give to this Holiday Season. The gifts under the tree shown here were distributed to these agencies right after the Holiday Season. We are blessed to live in a community that cares! Thank you, City employees for your generous contributions during the holiday season and throughout the year!



## Neighborhood Sector Meetings

The Wausau Police Department will again host neighborhood sector meetings in 2013. 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 28, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**The WEST side sector meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School in the auditorium on Monday, February 4, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

# Dog and Cat Licensing Facts

## *Be a Responsible Pet Owner*



The City of Wausau pet ordinance requires all dogs and cats over 4 months old to be vaccinated against rabies

and licensed by March 31st each year. We have partnered with the Village of Weston to provide a new on-line pet licensing system called PetData, a national provider of animal licensing services, for the upcoming tag year to increase the cost effectiveness of the program and to provide additional services.

### Benefits to getting your dog/cat licensed:

- If your pet is wearing a license tag and it gets lost or goes missing, licensing increases your chances of finding your pet. Dogs/cats that are licensed will be returned quicker and have a better chance of being returned than those that are unlicensed.
- Licensing helps prevent a rabies outbreak by requiring a certificate of vaccination for all dogs and cats over the age of 4 months.
- You avoid receiving a fine. (The fine for an unlicensed dog or cat is \$177)
- License revenues will continue to benefit animal services in our community. The fees collected are also an important funding mechanism for the Marathon County Humane Society operations including shelter for homeless animals, community education and cruelty and neglect investigation. This revenue will be used to partner with area communities to create an animal control division which will free officer time for other crime and enforcement related duties.

### Obtaining a license:

- Send the pet application by MAIL - Make sure you include your pet's current rabies vaccination

certificate. Enclose proof of spay/neuter if it is not indicated on the rabies certificate. Make your check or money order payable to Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing (please do not send cash).

MAIL TO: Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing  
C/O PetData  
P O Box 141929  
Irving, TX 75014-1929

- License your pet ONLINE - Go to [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com) and enter your zip code. Under License Now, click "Online". Documentation may be uploaded or submitted later by fax, mail or email. Multiple pets can be licensed in one transaction.
- Purchase a license IN PERSON at City Hall, 407 Grant Street

Pet owners who have previously licensed in 2012 can expect to receive a renewal notice from PetData later in December.

### Pet License Fees for dogs and cats over 4 months old:

- Unaltered Dog and Cat License - \$20.00
- Spayed/Neutered Dog and Cat License - \$10.00
- Unaltered Dog and Cat License **AFTER March 31st - \$60.00**
- Spayed/Neutered Dog and Cat License **AFTER March 31st - \$30.00**

### Cat and Dog Limitations

- 2 dogs and 3 cats may be licensed per address (HOWEVER, The City Council JUST approved a measure to grant amnesty until March 31, 2013 to anyone currently living with more pets than the city's legal limit of 2 dogs and 3 cats. To get a waiver from the city, residents who own more than 2 dogs or 3 cats must register their pets by March 31, 2013).



## Animal Control Officers

The Wausau City Council approved a measure to hire one humane officer and two part-time animal control officers in 2013.

Currently the police department receives over 2,000 pet related complaints per year. The three officers will be funded through pet licensing fees collected from residents living in Wausau and the Village of Weston.



### Wausau & Weston Animal License Application

The City of Wausau and Village of Weston Ordinances require all dogs and cats over 4 months old to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed by March 31st each year.

Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing  
c/o PetData  
PO Box 141929  
Irving, TX 75014-1929

Please print clearly and fill in all information.

Owner Last Name		Owner First Name		Microchip Number (if applicable)		
Residential Address (required)			Apt #	Rabies Tag # (Enclose Certificate)	Rabies Vacc. Date	Vacc. Exp. Date
City		State	Zip		<b>Annual License Fees through March 31st</b> Unaltered Pet <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 Spayed/Neutered Pet (Proof Required) <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 <b>License Fees after March 31st</b> Unaltered Pet + Late Fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00 Altered Pet + Late Fee <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	
Mailing Address						
Home Phone		Work Phone		Alternate Phone		
Email Address						
Species	Breed (If unknown, list breed most resembles)		Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Spayed/Neutered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
Pet Name		Color(s)	Weight	Age/Birthdate		

**Voluntary Donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Benefits animals in the care of the Humane Society of Marathon County

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

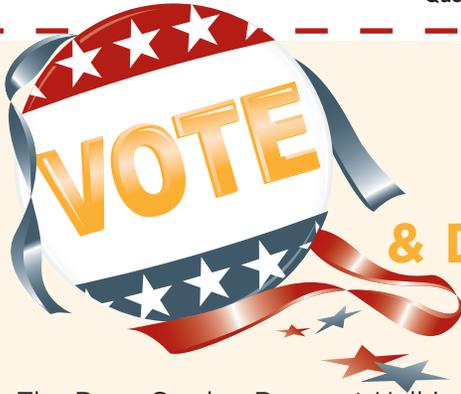
*Rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spay/neuter will not be returned - please submit copies of required documents and retain the originals for your records.*

**License Your Pet Online:** Go to [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com) and enter your zip code. Under License Now, click "Online." Documentation may be uploaded or submitted later by fax, mail or email. Pay with a major credit card. A convenience fee will apply per transaction. Multiple pets can be licensed in one transaction.

**License Your Pet by Mail:** Complete this application, Enclose a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate, Enclose proof of spay/neuter if it is not indicated on the rabies certificate, Make your check or money order payable to [Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing](http://Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing) (please do not send cash) **Mail to:** Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing, c/o PetData, PO Box 141929, Irving TX 75014-1929.

Wausau residents may purchase a license in person at City Hall, 407 Grant St.

Questions? Call toll-free 1-866-220-5551 or visit [www.petdata.com](http://www.petdata.com)



## Attention District 3 & District 10 Voters:

The Rose Garden Banquet Hall is no longer available for use as a polling location.

**For the election(s) in 2013 your polling site will be relocated to Marathon Park East Gate (Youth Building) 600 Block of Garfield Avenue.** This site provides easy access to a large space that is handicapped accessible along with more than sufficient and available voter parking. This site will be shared with voters from Districts 9 and 11. If you have questions regarding this site, please contact me at 715-261-6620.

Toni Rayala, City Clerk

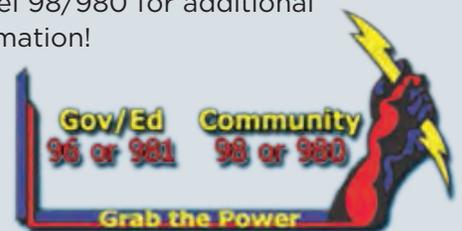
**Election dates for 2013:**

**Spring Primary Election** (if necessary) - **February 19, 2013** and **Spring Election - April 2, 2013**

## Wausau Area Access Channel

The Wausau Area Access Channels 96 & 98 (Digital 981 and 980) are back up and running. Mr. Kristopher Berge and David Dickinson are directing, producing and broadcasting local programs throughout the Wausau metro area. City and County Government Board Meetings are now accessible live on Channel 96 (Digital 981) and on-line for later viewing on the Wausau Area Access Channels Video-On-Demand website: [waac.pegcentral.com](http://waac.pegcentral.com).

Please feel free to contact Kris (715-218-0350) or David (715-581-2089) with questions or concerns about public access broadcasting. Watch Channel 98/980 for additional Wausau information!





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## City of WAUSAU Promotional Items

With the advent of our new registered "Cityscape" logo, The City of Wausau is proud to offer a number of apparel items for residents and visitors to purchase. Sweatshirts, Polo tops, T-shirts and jackets will all be made available to you through the new online web store linked through the City of Wausau website [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us). You may purchase items on-line or at various local stores throughout the Wausau metro area. These items make great gifts for class reunions or for students and guests visiting the area. Watch for the online store coming soon.

