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Fall means budget time for the City of Wausau. Departments have submitted their 2015 goals and financial plans. Balancing the budget is increasingly difficult due to inflationary increases in health insurance, utilities, fuel and employee cost of living increases. In addition, while we have reduced staffing, demand for services increases. Property value growth and new construction generate additional tax income for the city and are critical to keeping taxes affordable. Commercial and industrial development are particularly attractive because they do not demand significant city services, they provide employment opportunities for our citizens and can promote and support the residential base of the community.



Mayor Tipple's Message

I have been working diligently to support the business community in their development goals. It is important for the city to remain business friendly and not unduly restrictive when considering business development and redevelopment plans.

I have a core group of engineers, planners and community development staff who meet weekly with me to discuss the East Riverfront Development. Currently, we've day-lighted an underground stream and the area is under construction for a waterfall and 1st Street Bridge. Future infrastructure projects consist of 1st Street expansion, River Edge walkway completion and construction of a wharf.

I am pleased to announce that the City of Wausau has currently partnered with the Wausau Daily Herald to print a bi-weekly article on various department projects, developments, strategic plans, and news. These articles are created by city department staff and showcased in the newspaper every other Monday. Please keep an eye out for these informative articles to provide you with timely local government issues.

We held our annual Employee Appreciation picnic on a beautiful September day to honor and appreciate all our loyal public employees. We awarded 42 employees with milestone anniversary gifts, celebrating 10 years to 35 years of service to the city. It's a great pleasure to work with employees who come in each day with a smile and willingness to serve. Great employees are an invaluable resource to the city and our community.

Stop into City Hall anytime to visit as I welcome your comments and feedback. Make it a GREAT DAY!

City Hall Holiday Closure

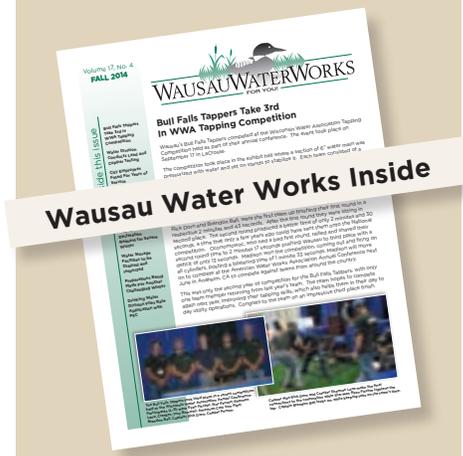
The City of Wausau administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will also be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, 2014 for Christmas and Thursday, January 1, 2015 for the New Year holiday.

Yard Waste Site current hours are:

Friday 9am - 8pm • Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 9am - 5pm • Monday 9am-8pm

The site closes permanently for winter on Monday, November 17, 2014 - 8:00 pm
The City of Wausau Yard Waste Site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street.
Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions.

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.





Halloween

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be on Friday, Oct. 31st from 4-7 pm.

Halloween Safety Tips

In order to make Trick-or-Treat a fun experience for all children, please review the following safety tips and discuss them with your children.

- A parent or other responsible adult should accompany younger children on their Trick-or-Treating rounds. Children should not Trick-or-Treat alone, regardless of their age.
- Make sure the children are clearly visible to drivers. Place glow-in-the-dark patches or strips on costumes. Carry a flashlight, glow stick or reflective bag.
- Costumes should fit properly to prevent tripping or restricting sight or sound.
- Children should be instructed to remain outside of the home to collect their treats.
- Advise Children to watch for traffic and look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Parents should examine their children's treats when they return home. Any candy that is not wrapped or sealed should be thrown out. If a candy item appears to have been tampered with or looks suspicious, parents should notify the police.

2014 Leaf Collection Schedule

This schedule is subject to change depending on the weather.

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

Residents wishing to dispose of leaves prior to their collection date may deposit leaves in the dumpsters at the yard waste site at 105 East Chellis Street. Leaves should not be raked into gutters after the scheduled collection date. After the scheduled date all remaining leaves should be taken to the yard waste site for disposal.

The yard waste site will close at 8:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2014.

West Side

Monday, October 27
 Tuesday, October 28
 Wednesday, October 29
 Thursday, October 30
 Friday, October 31
 Monday, November 3
 Tuesday, November 4
 Wednesday, November 5
 Thursday, November 6

Lake Wausau North to Chellis Street
 Chellis Street North to Rosecrans Street
 Rosecrans Street North to West Street
 West Street North to Callon Street
 Callon Street North to Spruce Street
 Spruce Street North to Bridge Street
 Bridge Street North to Union Avenue
 Union Avenue North to Randolph Street
 Randolph Street North to North City Limits
 (Bovine, Merrill Ave, Arlington, Arthur and Brandon court)
 28th Avenue to West City Limits

Friday, November 7

East Side

Monday, October 27
 Tuesday, October 28
 Wednesday, October 29
 Thursday, October 30
 Friday, October 31
 Monday, November 3
 Tuesday, November 4
 Wednesday, November 5
 Thursday, November 6
 Friday, November 7
 Monday, November 10

South City Limits North to Kent Street
 Kent Street North to Weston Avenue
 Weston Avenue North to Sturgeon Eddy Road
 McDonald Street North to Single Avenue
 (& Greenwood Hills)
 Single Avenue North to Kickbusch Street
 Kickbusch Street North to Franklin Street
 Franklin Street North to Stark Street
 Stark Street North to East Wausau Avenue
 East Wausau Avenue North to Brown Street
 Brown Street North to Sylvan Street
 Sylvan Street North to North City Limits

If collection progresses faster than anticipated, areas will be checked again on the scheduled date. Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960.

Way to "Clean It Up, Wausau"!!!

The City of Wausau held their 5th annual "Clean it up, Wausau" event on Saturday morning, September 20, 2014. Two hundred and twenty-five (225) vehicles crossed through the east end gate of the yard waste site to dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances and electronics. We wish to thank the Public Works crew, Good News Project, 5R Processors and Schultz's Recycling for their assistance.

The City of Wausau is always looking for ways to keep our city neat, clean, and free of unsightly debris. This coming spring, the city will hold the "Spring Large Item Pick-up" whereby residents have the opportunity to place large unwanted items at the curb for pick-up. Please watch for the spring date in upcoming newsletter publications.



2015 Recycling Collection Calendar

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Refer to the table and the calendar to determine your recycling and garbage pick-up day. If you have any questions as to whether you live in a blue or yellow collection area, call City Hall at 715-261-6500. Residents are recommended to use a City authorized green recycling bin for recycling to be identified by the drivers. Recycling bins should be set out with garbage containers between the hours of 3:00 pm the day before pick-up and 5:45 a.m. the day of collection, and containers should be removed from the curbside area by 11:00 a.m. the day after pick-up. Between pick-ups, bins and containers should be kept where they are not visible from the front of your property. **Keep this schedule for future reference and remember the holiday schedule of a "day delay" pick-up.**

West Side of Wisconsin River:

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

East Side Of Wisconsin River:

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

Recycle in Wausau

Following is a list of items you can place out for recycle pick-up:

#1-7 Plastics

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

Aseptic Containers

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

Glass

Any color glass. Only bottles and jars. **NO CERAMICS, DISHES OR WINDOW/MIRROR GLASS!**

Aluminum Cans

NO PIE TINS, ALUMINUM FOIL OR SCRAP ALUMINUM!

Tin/Bi-metal Cans

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

Paper Products

Office paper, newspaper, magazine - mixed papers. This includes junk mail, nonmetallic wrapping paper, pizza boxes (remove food debris), cereal boxes, soda/beer cartons, books, etc.

Corrugated Cardboard

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

Used Motor Oil, oil filters & lead-acid batteries

Motor oil should be left curbside on your scheduled recycling day in a plastic container with lid (milk jug with lid). Collection of waste oil is done according to room on the Advanced Disposal truck. Advanced Disposal has a separate bin on their truck for oil and batteries. Once that bin is filled, they cannot accept any more oil or batteries and will leave it behind. Batteries include lead acid batteries...car, lawn mower, motorcycle, etc.

Oil filters are now banned from landfills.



Wausau Community & Economic Development



Bicycle Sharrows

Over the past few months, city crews have been updating the roadway markings on various streets throughout the city with "Sharrows". You will see the new bike markings on Grand Avenue, Third Avenue, and other main roadways throughout the city. Sharrows are pavement markings designating a shared bicycle and motor vehicle travel lane, the shared lane is not a specifically designated bicycle lane. The markings are designed to indicate where the bicyclists should be anticipated to operate. They are meant to increase awareness to the possible presence of bicycle traffic in these areas and are often used when roadway conditions or width may not permit a dedicated bicycle lane.

A bicycle is considered a vehicle and bicyclists are granted the *same rights* and duties of the driver of any other vehicle. The motoring public should expect bicyclists to be using a lane of traffic much like a vehicle and should remember to give bicyclists 3 feet of clearance when passing. Also, bicyclists are required to ride in the same direction as other traffic and should obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.

Wausau Area Access Channels

Following the digital cable conversion which occurred on July 15, 2014, all consumers of Charter Cable should be able to see Channels 980 through 994 on any tier. Programming on Wausau Area Access Channels (WAAC) can be seen on channels 980 (public access) and 981 (government and educational). If you are a subscriber of Charter Cable and are unable to view our programming, we want to help you watch our programming.

If you experience issues related to watching our channels on cable, please call Charter at 1(888) 438-2427, and tell them that you want to be able to watch WAAC channels, and call our WAAC office at 261-6550 and leave your name, address, and contact information and what type of Charter cable box you have.



Northeast Side

Exciting things are happening on Wausau's northeast side this fall! **Thrive Foodery** is preparing to open at the corner of East Wausau Avenue and 2nd Street, near the newly renovated Athletic Park. Thrive will feature "community-supported and community-minded food" from local owners and chefs, Beth Hinner and David Lorio. The two-story restaurant will feature a full bar, open kitchen and outdoor dining. Follow Thrive Foodery on Facebook for updates.



Adding to the revitalization taking place in the neighborhood, **Zillman's Meat Market** recently began a renovation that will include a brand new façade. Family owned since 1961, Zillman's is well known for exceptional service and quality meats.

Both Thrive and Zillman's Meat Market worked with the Community Development Department to take advantage of the City's Commercial Rehabilitation Program. For more information on the program, please call 715-261-6680.

Tribute Golf Course a City Jewel

Two years ago Wausau native Richard Dudley purchased the American Legion golf course to save it as a community treasure for continued use as a public course. It has been over a year since this community lost Mr. Dudley but his legacy lives on and he continues to give back. Children under 12 years of age are able to golf free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult at the golf course. Families are encouraged to try the sport, with a free practice range open to all. They are developing additional programs for youth golfing. Quite often you will hear from the older residents how they rode their bikes with their clubs on their shoulders to the course as kids - may this tradition continue. This open green space serves as a quality of life for the City and an attractor to our neighborhoods and a great way to get outside and enjoy our Wisconsin weather.



Giving back to the community continues with the Dudley family and foundation. To honor their father this past summer a memorial golf outing was held with all proceeds going to American Legion Post #10 to assist with programs that benefit veterans and youth.

Thank you Dudley family for saving a piece of Wausau's history and a jewel within the City.

Consolidated Plan Available

Every five years the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has agencies prepare a five year plan that takes a look at the needs of the community and sets priorities. Several round table discussions were held over the past few months with various citizens, public officials, and business and organization representatives from the community. Each group chose three top priority needs from their developed lists. Members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Block Grant were in attendance at these meetings listening to the needs that were brought forth.

From this information we have prepared a five year plan which is available to the public for comment and review. Please contact Community Development for a hard copy or visit our web site at www.ci.wausau.wi.us

Attention Electors

Bring It To The Ballot

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for this change as you are.

State It – As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in at the poll site or the clerk's office. They'll check your information in the poll book. Some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections. **SHOW IT** – Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you. **SIGN IT** – You'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you are ready to vote!

Is My Voter Registration Up To Date?

Registering to vote and/or updating your voter information PRIOR to Election Day will speed up the process for you and your fellow voters. You may register with the Clerk/Customer Service Office at City Hall (407 Grant Street) Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Don't forget to bring proof of residency. To check the accuracy of your voter registration, go to "My Vote Wisconsin" website at <http://myvote.wi.gov>. This site also has valuable information such as poll site location, what is on the ballot and information on the new Photo ID law. Check it out!

When Will Ballots Be Available

Are you traveling to a warmer climate? You may sign an absentee request form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us> under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or send a signed letter requesting a ballot to be mailed to you. Don't forget to include a copy of your Photo ID. You may also vote in-person at City Hall during early voting: October 20, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

Unwilling Or Unable To Vote At A Poll Site Due To Age, Illness, Or Disability?

You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us> under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or send a signed letter requesting permanent status. Once you are signed up, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you for every election and you will remain on the permanent list as long as you continue to return a ballot. An indefinitely confined voter does not need to provide a copy of photo ID. Instead, the witness' signature on the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope in which you return your voted ballot to the municipal clerk, satisfies the photo ID requirement.

Common Absentee Balloting Errors

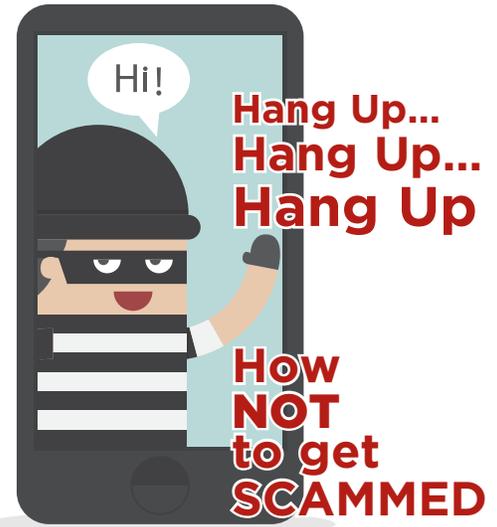
Please take an extra moment to make sure the following requirements have been met so that your absentee vote counts: 1) The name and address on the envelope label is your current name and residence for voting purposes. If the information is not correct – do not write over it, you must reregister at the new address to have a new ballot issued. 2) Make sure you have signed the absentee ballot envelope. 3) Make sure a witness has signed the absentee ballot envelope indicating they witnessed that you were the person who cast the ballot.

Become Involved In The Election Process

Want to spend a rewarding day and serve your country? Sign up to be a poll worker! Citizen involvement ensures open, accurate and fair elections. Job duties include: greeter, registering new voters, poll list check in, ballot issuance and managing ballot counter. Job requirements: good with people, detail oriented, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of the polling sites located within the City of Wausau. All day and half day shifts are available. Training is provided. Applications are available in the clerk's office or online at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Services/Elections/Resources.aspx>.

Election Day is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014. Please exercise your right to vote!

City of Wausau Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Staff will be available at the Clerk Customer Service Office to assist voters during polling hours. 715-261-6620.



It seems so simple... "I will just hang up the phone on scammers". Why do so many people still fall into their traps? Come join Wausau Police Detective Jon Kindlarski for a FREE city wide crime prevention program focusing on current scams, how they work, how criminals "set the hook", and convince you to turn over (steal) your money. Jon will share with you tips on how not to get scammed. This program is open to all residents. Caregivers will also find this program beneficial to help our "at-risk" or vulnerable community members.

Join us on **November 19th** in the cafeteria at GD Jones Elementary School, 1018 S. 12th Ave (at the corner of W. Rosecrans St and S. 12th Ave). The program begins at **6:00 PM** and will last for approximately 45 minutes. No reservations are needed. This program is co-sponsored by the SW Jones District Neighborhood Group in cooperation with Wausau Police.

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

From April 1 through November 30, parking is allowed on the odd or even side of the street. 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.

Wausau Area Neighborhood Groups

These groups have formed and continue to function independently for the betterment of their neighborhoods. Goals of neighborhood groups include: meeting neighbors, problem solving neighborhood concerns, receiving helpful information from officials/experts and enjoying neighborhood gatherings and clean up sessions. The city of Wausau offers and makes available support and informational resources to assist these groups in achieving their goals.

East Side Groups:

Forest Park Neighborhood Group

The Forest Park Neighborhood is bounded by Winton Street north to Sylvan Street and 6th Street to 13th Street. Forest Park Neighborhood Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The meetings are held at Forest Park Village at 2901 N. 7th Street, use the entrance under the green awning.

East Towne Neighborhood Group

The East Towne Neighborhood is bounded by Forest Street north to Franklin Street and N. 6th Street east to LaSalle Street. East Towne Neighborhood Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Neighbor's Place at 745 Scott Street.

Longfellow District

The Longfellow Neighborhood Group is bounded by Townline Road north to Forest Street and Grand Avenue east to the railroad tracks. Longfellow Neighborhood Group meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Wausau Police Department Community Room.

Southeast Neighborhood Group

The Southeast Neighborhood Group is bounded by Lakeview Drive north to Sturgeon Eddy and Grand Avenue west to the river. The Southeast Neighborhood Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Wausau Airport at 725 Woods Place.

West Side Groups:

Westies Neighborhood Group

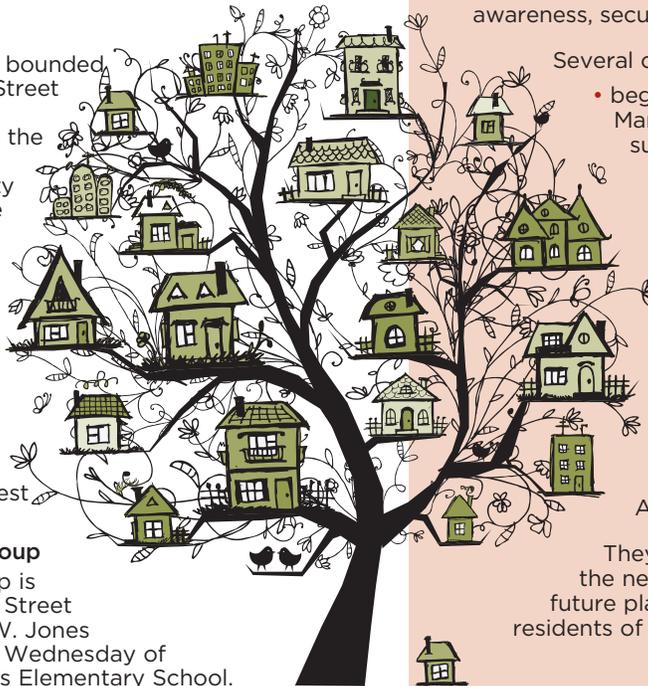
The Westies Neighborhood Group is bounded by Stewart Avenue north to Bridge Street and 1st Avenue west to 7th Avenue. Westies Neighborhood Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Salvation Army Community Center at 103 S. 2nd Avenue, use the entrance closest to Sam's Pizza.

Werle Park Neighborhood Group

The Werle Park Neighborhood Group is bounded by West Street north to the south side of Stewart Avenue and the east side of 3rd Avenue west to the west side of 9th Avenue. Werle Park Neighborhood Group meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the U.W.M.C. in the Terrace Room (#100), use the west side entrance.

SW Jones District Neighborhood Group

The S.W. Jones Neighborhood Group is bounded by Thomas Street to West Street and 17th Avenue to 9th Avenue. S.W. Jones Neighborhood Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at G.D. Jones Elementary School.



Neighborhood Sector Meetings

The Wausau Police Department will again host neighborhood sector meetings in 2015. 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 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The WEST SIDE sector meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School in the auditorium on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life.

Southeast Side Neighborhood News

The Southeast Side Neighborhood Group started meeting in June of 2014 and continues to meet the third Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Wausau Downtown Airport. Each month a speaker is invited to share relevant neighborhood information. Their mission is "To preserve and enhance the quality of life of our residents by encouraging connections, communication and friendliness between neighbors while increasing awareness, security and beauty in our community."

Several current initiatives of the group include:

- beginning a connection with John Marshall School as they find ways to support students and school activities,
- development of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a system where residents can give or receive short term assistance for various needs,
- hosting the first Southeast Side "Snowmen in the Park" event to be held on Sunday
- February 8, 2015 at the Alexander Park and the Downtown Airport grounds,
- Yoga Class on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:45 am at the Downtown Airport.

They are currently conducting a survey in the neighborhood to guide the efforts and future plans of the neighborhood group. All residents of the southeast side are welcome.

Are Home Energy Costs Putting the Squeeze on You?

The Home Energy Plus Program May Be Able to Help!

New 2014-2015 Energy Assistance Gross Income Guidelines

Household Size	Three Month	Household Size	Three Month
1	\$ 6,288	5	\$14,027
2	\$ 8,223	6	\$15,961
3	\$10,157	7	\$16,324
4	\$12,092	8	\$16,687

DON'T DELAY, APPLY TODAY!

3 Simple Steps to Apply!

1. Call your local service center to schedule an appointment: **1-800-506-5596**
2. Have all available needed documents for eligibility for assistance. **Applicants must provide the following:**
 - Your most recent energy bill
 - Photo ID and Social Security Numbers
 - Written proof of your household's gross income for the three months prior to your application, such as: Payroll Stubs, Child support printout, Unemployment printout, Social Security benefit verification letter
3. Bring your documents in when you apply!

Fall & Winter Recreation Programs 2014/15

Adult Evening Water Exercise

Oct 13-Nov 19, 2014

Jan 5-Feb 11, Feb 16- Mar 25

6:30 -7:30pm, John Muir Pool

Mon /Wed nights Fee: \$37 Wausau residents, \$47 non-res. Space limited, pre-registration required.

No children or drop-ins allowed.

Skating with Charlotte

Adult Beg. & Adv Figure Skating

Oct 15-Dec 3, '14 & Jan 7-Feb 25, '15

Wednesdays 10-11am. Fee: \$20

MPB #1, Marathon Park, Wausau

Pre-registration/on-site registration

allowed. Skate for free-11AM to

1pm after each class. (please note construction may delay the start of this class one week)

DL Corbin Shooting Range Park

Open thru. Nov. 21, 2014. Fee: \$3 daily,

\$30 season. Kids 12 & under, free w/

adult. Targets and ear cover for sale on site. Call 715-261-1550 for details.

Camping

Season open through Oct. 31, 2014

Electric/dump sites-Big Eau Pleine &

Marathon Pk. Electric-Dells of the Eau

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EFFECT. Firewood sold on site. Call

261-1566 for rates and site information.

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Open Dec 12- Feb 28 (weather

permitting) Open daily for Christmas

Break. Holiday hrs 1:30-5 or

6 to 9:30pm. Weekend hrs Fri.

6-9:30pm, Sat.1:30-5 or 6-9:30pm, Sun

1:30-5pm. Must be 42 inches tall to ride.

One rider per tube. Fee: \$6-13 & under

(min. 42 inches tall); \$8.50 14 & older.

Hill available to rent for private parties.

Call 715 261-1550 for details. Group

rates now available.

Sledding Hills in Wausau

Open when snow cover permits.

Hours: sunrise to 11pm Fee: FREE!

Locations:

Pleasant View-1221 Sumner St (lights)

"3M" Park-405 Park Blvd (lights)

Riverside Park-100 Sherman St

Schofield Park)-606 E Randolph St

Dog-Gone Snow Stomps

Jan 11 & Feb 8, 2015. 1-4pm

Splash Pad Marathon Park

Fee: \$5 per Adult. Children under 12

must be accompanied by an adult.

Proof of current vaccinations required.

Door prizes & doggie clean-up bags

provided on site. Cancelled if air/wind-chill temps are 10° or colder.

Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Open when snow conditions permit.

9-Mile County Forest Recreation Area

w/groomed & signed trails, ski &

snowshoe rentals, a chalet & 3.7 miles

of trail with lights for night skiing.

Season or daily pass required, Call

for rates, hours and conditions 715-

261-1550. American Legion/Sylvan

Hill w/groomed trails. Park Shelter w/

restrooms & snack bar available when

tubing hill is open. Donation requested.

Indoor Ice skating (w/skate rentals)

Dates: Oct 6- Mar 6, Mon-Fri 11am - 1pm.

Oct 22- Feb 4, Wed. 7-9pm, Sun. 2-5pm.

Hours subject to change due to special

events and/or scheduling conflicts.

Call 715-261-1550 for rates & to confirm

weekly hours. (Note: Construction

may delay the start of public

skating by one week.)

How many Pets per household??

Wausau Approves Pet Fancier Permit

On September 9, 2014, the City Common Council passed an ordinance amending the limit of cats and dogs per household. A "Pet Fancier" permit has been approved.

"Pet Fancier" means any person owning, keeping or possessing on their property, at one location, up to and **NOT TO EXCEED five (5) dogs or cats combined**, with the **maximum number of dogs being four (4) and the maximum number of cats being four (4)**; limited to a single or two family dwelling. The annual Pet Fancier Permit fee is \$35.00 and can be obtained at the Wausau City Clerk's Office. Pet Fancier's permits shall expire on December 31 each year.

Please note that all pet owners must license each animal and provide a safe, clean, environment for their pet. Those purchasing a Pet Fancier permit must not have a conviction for cruelty, neglect or mistreatment of an animal. Pet Fancier permits granted hereunder may be revoked, suspended or not renewed for just cause upon notice and an opportunity to be heard by the Public Health and Safety Committee.

The City Humane Officer may be called upon to inspect the premises of all animals located in the city, if just cause is noticed. Just cause shall include having an animal declared as a dangerous or prohibited dangerous animal under section 8.08.200 of the Wausau Municipal Code.

Pet License Deadline



Pet licenses are required for all dogs or cats more than four months of age on January 1 of any year, or four months of age within the license year, regardless of whether or not your pet is allowed to go outside.

Proof of rabies vaccination, expiration date and proof of spayed or neutering is required at the time of licensing. The license can be obtained in a variety of ways:

- In person at the Customer Service Counter or mail a payment along with required documents to City Hall 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403
- You can visit PetData at www.Petdata.com and process the application electronically
- You can mail the application and payment to Wausau & Weston Animal Licensing C/O PetData, P.O. Box 141929, Irving, TX 75014-1929

Dog and cat licenses are due no later than March 31 of every year. A late fee of double the regular license fee in addition to the required license fee is imposed if the license is obtained after March 31. The forfeiture for NOT having a current pet license is \$177.00.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

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 and roofing, construction of decks, stoops, ramps, and sheds, and for alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.). Separate permits are required for any electrical or plumbing work.

Fences: Permits are also required for the construction, erection and placement of fences on properties in the City, and for the replacement or expansion of existing fences. The purpose for requiring permits for fences is to ensure the location, height, materials and maintenance of them, so they properly comply with City regulations and in order to prevent the creation of nuisances.

For more information, contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780 or visit their website at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/ResidentialPermitRequirements.aspx

Important Reminders For The Heating Season:

- Make sure that your furnace/heating unit is in proper working condition by having it serviced through a licensed heating contractor. Also, be sure to change filters monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Make sure that you have the required number of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors installed and that they are in working condition. These detectors and fire extinguishers are the most important life safety devices that no home should be without.



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Assessment Department News

The City of Wausau will be conducting a "Revaluation" of all taxable property for the 2015 Assessment Roll. For the 2015 Revaluation the Assessment Department will estimate the market value of all locally assessable property in the City of Wausau and produce an assessment roll listing all taxable property as it exists on January 1, 2015. The assessment roll describes the property, states the assessed value as of January 1st and lists the owner's name and address. These new values will be used to compute property tax statements delivered in December 2015.



The goal of a revaluation is to create uniform, equitable and fair assessments so that each property bears its fair share of the property tax burden. The last revaluation in Wausau was conducted in 2007. The Assessment Department is well aware that the current dynamics of the market are significantly different than the conditions we were experiencing in 2007. By tracking the sales, foreclosures, and other market information throughout the City we see varying degrees of market influences that need to be reflected in the assessed values.

There are many forces in the marketplace that affect a property's value. The Assessor is interested in determining the value based on the price a knowledgeable buyer would pay for a piece of property. As defined by Wisconsin State Statute, assessors must value property at "full value." "Full Value" has been defined by the courts as synonymous with market value. Market value is, "the most probable price, in cash or its equivalent, which a property would bring in a competitive and open market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale: the buyer and seller each acting prudently, knowledgeably, and without compulsion". Note that market value is neither the highest nor the lowest price paid, but the 'most probable price'. Buyers and sellers, through their market transactions, tell Assessors important factors and trends taking place in the market. It is the consummated sales between buyers and sellers that meet market value conditions that ultimately are used in determining assessed values.

Many property owners equate new assessed values with corresponding changes to their property tax bill. That is not necessarily the result nor is it the reason for the revaluation. The revaluation ensures that the distribution of property taxes is fair, impartial and uniform based on the market value standard.

Many factors affect values and cause assessment changes to differ. As all real estate professionals will agree, location is the single most important consideration. However, type of property, design, condition, quality and many other factors also play a role in determining value. Property taxes, on the other hand are determined by various taxing bodies including, the City of Wausau, the State of Wisconsin, either the Wausau or Everest Public Schools, Marathon County, and the North Central Technical College - not the Assessment Department. The amount that each property owner will pay in taxes based on the revaluation will not be determined until December 2015 when all the taxing units have approved their budgets.

Once the revaluation is completed, property owners will receive a notice in the mail stating the new assessed value of their property. A public service announcement will also be made when the revaluation is complete. If the property owner feels the new assessed value is not reflective of the current market value of their property, they will be invited to discuss the valuation with the assessor and may be asked to offer evidence of an alternative value. Property owners can assist the revaluation process by: 1) allowing interior home inspections if asked; 2) responding to requests for information; 3) verifying the physical attributes of your property and others are correct by reviewing online assessment data: http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/webapps/AssessmentSearch/a_search1.asp. If you have questions about the revaluation process or would like to speak with an assessor, please call 715-261-6600.



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Bull Falls Tappers Take 3rd In WWA Tapping Competition

Wausau's Bull Falls Tappers competed at the Wisconsin Water Association Tapping Competition held as part of their annual conference. The event took place on September 17 in LaCrosse.

The competition took place in the exhibit hall where a section of 6" water main was pressurized with water and set on stands to stabilize it. Each team consisted of a Cranker, Star Man, Copper Man and Coach who worked in concert to drill and tap a 6 inch corporation stop into the pipe, attach a section of flared copper pipe from the corporation to a curb stop with a second section of copper running from the curb stop to a meter setter. The action was fast and furious as the teams raced the clock having two chances to achieve the best time. Penalties were assessed for leaks, safety and procedural violations.

The Bull Falls Tappers team, which consisted of Shannon Lane, Ryan Fischer, Rick Dorn and Brandon Ball, were the first team up finishing their first round in a respective 2 minutes and 43 seconds. After the first round they were sitting in second place. The second round produced a better time of only 2 minutes and 30 seconds, a time that only a few years ago could have sent them onto the National competition. Oconomowoc, who had a bad first round, rallied and shaved their second round time to 2 minutes 17 seconds pushing Wausau to third place with a deficit of only 13 seconds. Madison won the competition, coming out and firing on all cylinders, posting a blistering time of 1 minute 33 seconds. Madison will move on to compete at the American Water Works Association Annual Conference next June in Anaheim, CA to compete against teams from around the country.

This was only the second year of competition for the Bull Falls Tappers, with only one team member returning from last year's team. The team hopes to compete again next year, improving their tapping skills, which also helps them in their day to day utility operations. Congrats to the team on an impressive third place finish.



The Bull Falls Tappers took third place in a recent competition held at the Wisconsin Water Association Annual Conference. Participants (L-R) were Ryan Fischer, Star Person; Shannon Lane, Cranker; Troy Braswell, American Cast Iron Pipe; Brandon Ball, Captain; Rick Dorn, Copper Person.



Copper Man Rick Dorn and Cranker Shannon Lane make the final connections to the corporation while Star Man Ryan Fischer tightens the tap. Captain Brandon Ball looks on, while keeping tabs on the team's time.

Water Division Conducts Lead and Copper Testing

The Wausau Water Works Drinking Water Division has been performing their lead and copper testing which is required every 3 years under WDNR rules. The utility is required to test 60 homes that are known to have either lead service lines or lead solder. The homes are selected from a list of 100 properties approved by the DNR. All homeowners that participate are provided with the results of the tests to help understand the concerns with lead in their drinking water. Wausau Water Works appreciates the cooperation of homeowners who participated in this important testing.

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and it can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by lead levels more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

There are ways you can reduce exposure to lead in drinking water:

- *Run your water to flush out lead.* Run the water until it becomes cold. That ensures that you are getting fresh water from the mains, rather than water that has been sitting in the home's piping.
- *Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.* Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily in hot water.
- *Do not boil water to remove lead.* Boiling water will not reduce lead levels.
- *Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.* If your lead result is above 15 ppb, you may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 1-800-NSF-8010, or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards on water filters.
- *Identify whether your plumbing fixtures contain lead.* New faucets, fittings, and valves manufactured prior to 2014 may contribute lead to drinking water. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

According to the EPA, homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead pipes, fixtures and solder. However, new homes are also at risk: even legally "lead-free" plumbing may contain up to eight percent lead. Beginning, January 2014, changes to the Safe Drinking Water Act will help to further reduce the maximum allowable lead content in pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures to 0.25 percent. The most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures with lead solder, from which significant amounts of lead can enter into the water, especially hot water.

Although the primary sources of lead exposure for most children are deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil, the U.S. EPA estimates that 10 to 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from drinking water.

For more information, contact Deb Geier, Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7262, or for information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit the U.S. EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

City Employees Feted For Years of Service

Three Water Works employees were among City employees honored for years of service during an appreciation picnic held over the lunch hour on September 3rd.

Those honored included: Tom Stieber, Meter Technician, 30 years; Deb Geier, Utility Resources Manager, 25 years; and Ken Rye, Senior Sewer Maintainer, 20 years.

Thanks to all the employees for their many years of dedicated service to Wausau Water Works and the City of Wausau.

Dorn Takes 2nd Place in DPW Winter Kickoff

Rick Dorn, Water Distribution Maintainer, finished in 2nd Place at the Wausau Department of Public Works Winter Kickoff Rodeo on Wednesday, October 1. Winner of the rodeo was DPW employee Chad Stockinger. Brad Wendtland from the Wastewater Division took a fifth place finish.

The Rodeo consists of a variety of obstacle courses and other driving tests all while being timed. The annual event helps ready snowplow drivers for the challenges of the winter plowing season.

Congrats Rick on the great finish!



Delinquent Notices to be Issued

Properties with past due water and sewer bills will be receiving Delinquent Notices by mid-October. Delinquent bills for rental properties are sent to the property owners. Past due bills not paid by November 1 will be assessed a 10% penalty. Delinquencies not paid by November 15, including the 10% penalty, will be transferred to the property taxes.

In 2015, changes will be made to the procedure to include sending delinquent notices to both tenants and property owners, and delinquencies that are transferred to the tax roll will also be placed on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program (CCAP) website.

FEMA Denies Disaster Declaration Request for Severe Winter

Utilities from around the state participated in a request to FEMA for disaster declaration funds for the severe winter of 2013-2014. FEMA denied both the initial request and an appeal. In April, Wausau Water Works submitted nearly \$800,000 in costs during the preliminary filing period, while incurring additional costs to repair mains and services that are found to be leaking over the summer months as a result of the severe winter. Unfortunately, budgeting for these types of winters is difficult, and as a result has required the utility to file a rate application with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Water Storage Facilities to be Drained and Inspected

Residents who live around Wausau's water towers and reservoirs may experience a temporary drop in water pressure when these facilities are drained and inspected later this fall. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires storage facilities be inspected every 5 years, with a complete draining and inspection every 10 years.

Drinking Water Division Files Rate Application with PSC

In July, Wausau Water Works filed an application with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) for a rate review. The PSC, which sets rates for public water utilities in Wisconsin, does a thorough review of expenses and revenue sources as well as debt service and anticipated projects to determine if revised rates are warranted. A public hearing is expected to be held in early January, 2015, with any increase in rates to be put into effect around the end of the first quarter of the year. The last full rate increase requested was in 2006, with a Simplified Rate Case of 3% put into effect in 2010.

The amount of increase to customer bills is unknown at this time, as the application is still being reviewed by the PSC. Watch this newsletter for more information on the upcoming public hearing and the PSC determination on the rate case.

Preparations Being Made For Another Challenging Winter

The *Farmer's Almanac* is predicting another unseasonably cold winter. After last year's Polar Vortex, it's not something any of us in Wisconsin are looking forward to.

There are precautions that home and business owners can do help alleviate concerns of water freeze-ups. Make sure properties, especially properties that are vacant, are heated. As the temperatures start to drop, make sure to check these properties regularly. Owners of a property that is expected to be vacant for any length of time should consider having the water meters removed, the service turned off the street and plumbing winterized. Although there is a fee to turn everything back on, it is considerably less than the damages a frozen or burst pipe could cause. Ensure that all windows and doors in basements or crawl spaces are closed tightly, and if you have a finished basement, open up the wall around the water meter to allow adequate flow of warm air.

The winter of 2014 was definitely one for the record books, and it had been 20 years since we had seen a similar winter. The water utility thawed 425 homes and businesses, and had water running at a total of 800 properties throughout the city in an effort to keep service lines and mains from freezing or refreezing. Some homes were also asked to run water to help with sewer laterals and mains that were also freezing. We did not need to run water city-wide since only certain area of the city were experiencing freezing issues, and most of those were in areas where there were sandy soils.

Lessons were learned from the Polar Vortex of 2014 that will change how we go into this coming winter. We will be monitoring water temperatures earlier to be prepared to advise property owners if they will need to run water. It is important to understand that only property owners who are requested to run water will be given credits. We take readings at the time we ask you to start running water and again when you're advised to stop. These readings help our billing department determine how to equitably bill for water that was used for day to day functions. Running of water on your own, without direct contact from utility employees will be done at your expense. Whenever our staff thaws the service line at a property, you will be advised to run your water. Those who are asked to run water will need to do so until notified by the utility to stop. If you turn off the water and it refreezes, there will be a charge to re-thaw the service. Even though other communities in the area may issue community-wide water running orders, that does not mean Wausau will be doing so. If in doubt, please contact the water utility at 715-261-6530 before assuming that you should run water. Please also understand that if we do have a winter like last year and we have a considerable number of freeze-ups, we will make every effort to address your situation as soon as possible, but each thaw that we do varies and time appointments are impossible to accommodate.

So, keep warm thoughts and hopefully we won't have another winter like that last one for another 20 years.