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Welcome to Spring!???... Really?? Is it here??

Meteorologists are saying this was one of the longest/coldest winters on record and it certainly challenged many of our city departments. I'm proud to report we met those challenges head on and were successful at each turn. Numerous problems that were reported consisted of broken water mains, frozen water pipes and laterals, slick roads, automobile accidents, fires, and high snow banks, to name a few. Some municipalities chose to have all their residents run water continuously to avoid freeze ups. This was not the best option for the City of Wausau. I appreciate the patience our citizens have shown us throughout this process as we worked through the difficult issues together. We truly appreciate the dedicated city staff that spent many long hours correcting these problems.



Last summer, a new bicycle route system was implemented through each of seven municipalities that comprise the greater Wausau metropolitan community. New route signs were installed and many residents asked for bike racks in front of our Metro Ride busses. These racks have been added! Please read the additional article on page 2 inside this publication.

With warmer weather comes outside activities and events the whole family can take part in. A Calendar of Events is printed and I, for one, can't wait for the concerts on the 400 Block every Wednesday evening!

After each of these newsletter publications, I receive many favorable comments on the appearance, content, and useful information contained within. It's helpful to hang on to this and refer back to it often. If you have any suggestions of items/articles you would like to see in future editions, please let us know.

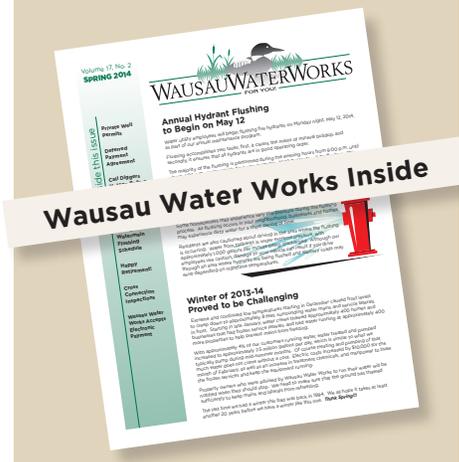
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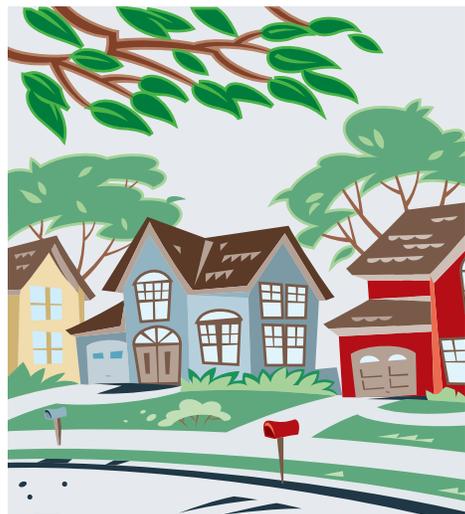
Bike to Work with the Mayor - May 12, 2014

May is National Bike and Walk to Work Week. The community is invited to "Bike to Work with the Mayor" on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. This is the 3rd Annual event the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee coordinates with Mayor Tipple to encourage residents to leave the car behind and bike or walk to work. According to Wausau's Bike and Pedestrian Committee, "this ride is a great way to build a sense of community around biking in the city while encouraging the exploration of healthier, less expensive and more environmentally friendly ways to commute."

"Bike to Work with Mayor Tipple" will begin at 7:30 a.m. at St. Anne's School parking lot at 700 West Bridge Street. Mayor Tipple will welcome commuters and the Wausau Police Department will provide a quick overview of the "rules of the road" for safe cycling. The route will take bikers east on Bridge Street and South on 3rd to Wausau City Hall where a "grab n go" breakfast will be provided for all participants. This is approximately a 2 mile route. Whether participants are first time commuters or avid cyclists or pedestrians, all are welcome to take part in Mayor Tipple's commute. If you are unable to join the Mayor, we encourage you to bike or walk to work that day and if time allows, stop at City Hall Park, for socializing and a healthy snack to start your day in a good way!

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.





Free Neighborhood Presentation May 21, 2014 5:30pm

We often hear the term “curb appeal” from realtors and others when referring to the appearance of the exterior of one’s property and its sideyard/landscape area.

The S.W. Jones District Neighborhood Group and the Wausau Police Department are partnering up to provide a **FREE** class to the whole community on how to improve the appearance of the exterior of your home and how to use outdoor landscaping to reduce the likelihood of crime. This special presentation will be offered on **Wednesday, May 21st, starting at 5:30 PM at the GD Jones Grade School**. Come join us for a fun evening where we learn together how to make our homes more beautiful and our neighborhoods safer.

City of Wausau Neighborhood Groups

The City of Wausau currently has six neighborhood groups operating in the city. These neighborhood groups are organized and run by the citizens who live in the area. The overall goal of the neighborhood groups is to improve the quality of life in Wausau and their neighborhoods. During the meetings, citizens have the opportunity to speak with their neighbors, elected officials, Wausau Police Officers, and city employees. Citizens can share their concerns, voice grievances, or ask questions. The neighborhood group has the ability to have a unified voice to the Police Department and City Government.



The Wausau Police Department’s Mission Statement is “The Wausau Police Department strives for excellence in policing by partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life”. One way the Wausau Police Department partners with the community, is through the neighborhood groups. The concerns and information shared at the meetings helps set the priorities for the police department.

Please consider attending one of the following neighborhood groups. If your residence is not in an established neighborhood group and you are interested in starting one, please contact Wausau P.D. Lieutenant Barnes at 715-261-7884.

The **Longfellow Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Townline Road north to Forest Street and Grand Avenue east to the railroad tracks. The Longfellow group meets the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Wausau Police Department. A contact for this group is Anne Heidemann 715-845-4148

The **S.W. Jones Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Thomas Street to West Street and 17th Avenue to 9th Avenue. The S.W. Jones group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at GD Jones School. A contact for this group is Alderperson Sherry Abitz 715-843-0990.

The **Werle Park Neighborhood Group** is bounded by South side of 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 third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the U.W.M.C. in the Terrace Room (#100), use the west side entrance. A contact for this group is Jerry Melvin at 715-212-4557 or Alderperson Robert Mielke at 715-845-1830.

The **Westies Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Stewart Avenue north to Bridge Street and 1st Avenue west to 7th Avenue. The Westies group meets the second Monday of every month at 5:50 pm at the Salvation Army Community Room. A contact for this group is Deb Ryan at 715-803-4909.

The **East Towne Neighborhood Group** 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 724 Scott Street. A contact for this group is Deanna Schuette at 715-218-4434.

The **Forest Park Neighborhood** is bounded by Sylvan Street to Winton Street and N. 4th Street east to Coates Lane. This Neighborhood is in the beginning stages of establishment and will not be meeting in April, 2014. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Forest Park Village at 2901 N. 7th Street and again on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. A contact for this group is Marcia Marek at 715-843-5930.



Bike Racks on Every Bus!

For your convenience, Metro Ride has added bike racks to the front of every bus. Each rack has the capacity to carry two bikes at once. The racks are easy to use and there is no additional charge for bus riders. Customers are encouraged to review a Metro Ride Bike & Ride brochure in advance. They are available on the Metro Ride webpage at: <http://metroride.ci.wausau.wi.us> or on any Metro Ride bus. Bicycle parking space has been dedicated at the Metro Ride Transit Center in downtown Wausau. For additional information, please contact Metro Ride at 715-842-9287 or metroride@ci.wausau.wi.us.

Property Maintenance Reminders

The City of Wausau has ordinances that are designed to protect the public's health and safety and preserve the appearance of neighborhoods. For the most part, City residents take great pride in maintaining their property in an aesthetically-pleasing condition, and comply with City ordinances. However, following are the most common violations observed by City Inspectors:

Exterior Property Areas:

- Shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of items, garbage, debris, yard waste.
- Dog/animal excreta must be picked up on a daily basis, so as to minimize health hazards.
- Furniture, not intended for outdoor use, is not allowed on yards or open porches.
- Property owners and tenants should maintain their lawns and the boulevard areas abutting their property by destroying all noxious weeds, and cutting all grass, weeds and brush.

Vehicles:

- Must be parked on established driveway/parking areas that are hard-surfaced.
- Parking on the grass is not allowed.
- Vehicles that are inoperable, abandoned, unregistered/unlicensed or dismantled are not allowed on residential properties.
- Motor vehicle repair is not allowed on residential properties.

Trash Containers, Recyclable Containers and Trash:

- Can be set out for collection after 5:00 p.m. on the day before pickup.
- All containers must be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 8:00 a.m. the day after pickup.
- Between pickups, trash and recyclable containers shall be stored inside a garage or in an area where they would not be visible from the front or sides of the property.
- During winter months, trash containers must not be placed on snow banks.
- Trash containers must be:
 - Of substantial construction with tight-fitting covers and strong handles on the outside;
 - Watertight and flyproof, and shall not exceed a capacity of 35 gallons; and
 - Any container when filled shall not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- Landlords must provide a sufficient number of containers to hold the recyclable and nonrecyclable solid waste for their properties.

Recreational Equipment:

- Motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's, utility trailers, etc. cannot be parked or stored in any required front yard or corner side yard, except for on a designated driveway which meets the City's hard-surfacing requirements.
- Equipment or trailers that are longer than 30' (measured from back bumper to tongue) must be parked within enclosed structures.

SIGNS: Rummage sale, garage sale, real estate, advertising or other such signs cannot be placed on boulevards, other public right-of-ways or attached to public utility poles.

If you have any questions or wish to report any violations, call the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780.



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, sheds and fences, and for alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.). Separate permits are required for any electrical or plumbing work.

Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and complies with City and State construction codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.

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

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR INSPECTORS: New office hours for inspectors are 8:00-9:00 AM and 12:30-1:30 PM.

The inspectors issue permits and will answer any questions you may have during their office hours. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. However, if these times are not convenient for you, contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780, and they are generally able to make other arrangements for you to meet with their staff.

Effective April 1 - Permits Required for Fences

Effective April 1, permits are required for the construction, erection and placement of fences on properties in the City of Wausau, 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.

More information can be found on the Inspection and Zoning Division website at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding fences, please contact the Inspection and Zoning Division at 715.261.6780.

**Friends of the Marathon
County Public Library**

**Spring
Book Sale**

May 1-4, 2014
Special Members Only Sale
Thursday, May 1st
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Friday through Saturday
May 2-4**
9:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 4th
BAG SALE
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. \$6
Bags provided

For more information
Call 715-261-7200
info@mcpl.us



**Memorial Day
Parade
Participants Wanted!**

The City of Wausau Veterans Committee is organizing the annual **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** to be held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 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 building will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. with opening remarks by a City Representative. 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.

Calendar of Events - 2014

April

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| 1 | City Yard Waste Site opens <i>See article inside</i> | 9am |
| 12 | Children's Festival - Infant to 12 years - FREE East Gate Hall, Marathon Park | 9am - 3pm |
| 16 | Bike Trail Clean-Up (Hosted by Mayor's N2N Committee) Marathon Public Library West Parking Lot | 1pm - 4pm |
| 21 | Neighborhood Presentation on Home Exterior Appearance and Safety, GD Jones School, Sponsored by S. W. Jones Neighborhood Group and Wausau Police Dept. | 5:30pm |
| 21 | Spring Large Item Pick-up begins - runs 2 weeks <i>See article inside</i> | |

May

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| 1 | Swim Lesson Sign-up begins at Park Office, 212 River Drive or online at www.co.marathon.wi.us Call Parks Dept at 715-261-1550 | |
| 2 | Marathon Park Camping Opens Call 715-261-1566 for reservations | |
| 2 | Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park opens Call Parks Dept at 715-261-1550 | |
| 10 | Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Day - Marathon Public Library West Parking Lot. www.bicyclewausau.org | 1pm |
| 10,11 | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org | |
| 12 | Bike to Work with the Mayor - 3rd Annual - Meet at St. Anne's Parking lot, 700 W. Bridge Street, Bike to City Hall - for information call 715-261-6800 | 7:30am |

Got drugs? We'll take them!

The Wausau Police Department is proud to participate in the Marathon County Medication Drop Box program. To continue our success (collecting thousands of pounds since 2010) please review the following tips:

What's In...

- Unwanted or expired prescriptions & over-the-counter medications (people & pets)
- Pills dumped from original containers into zip-style bags
- Liquids & creams in original containers inside zip-style bags
- Special emphasis on commonly abused medications, such as prescription painkillers, relaxants, and mood-altering medications

What's Out...

For information on how to manage the items listed below, call the Marathon County Solid Waste Department: 1-877-270-3989

- Needles, syringes, or IV bags
- Inhalers
- Personal care products
- Vitamins & supplements
- Medications from businesses such as clinics or group care facilities

Help us protect the environment, public health and public safety for all our residents. Drop box hours are M-F from 8-4pm in lobby.

May (continued)

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| 17 | American Heart Walk, Marathon Park 715-252-9950 | 8am |
| 23 | Marathon Junction opens at Marathon Park | |
| 31 to June 1 | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org | |

June

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| 7 | Marathon County Splast Pad opens - Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult, \$.50. <i>Sponsored by the Parks Dept.</i> | 12noon - 7pm daily |
| 13 | Summer Kick-Off Celebration, Oak Island Park, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 5pm - 11pm |
| 13 | Wausau Outdoor Pools open - See Pool Schedule inside. Memorial Pool, Schulenburg Pool, Kaiser is CLOSED | |
| 14 | Splash into Safety - FREE - All children receive a free life jacket. Memorial Pool - Pre-registration required Call 715-847-2380 | 10am |
| 14,15 | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org | |
| 16 to July 3 | Swimming Lessons - Session I Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550 | |
| 16 to Aug 7 | City Playground Program Opens - Four half-day supervised sites, \$29 - Resident, \$37 - Non Resident. Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550 for information | |
| 16 to Aug 15 | Tennis Camp - Ages 5-17 yrs, Week-long 1/2 day camps. Times and fees vary by age. Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550 | |
| 16 to July 3 | Family Tennis Lessons - Session I Up to 4 family members(must include 1 adult) Mon/Tue/Thursday nights - Oak Island Courts, \$60 - Residents, \$80 - Non Residents | 6pm - 7pm |
| 16-20 | Challenger British Soccer Camp. Times/fees vary. Go to www.challengersports.com to sign up on line or call 715-261-1550 for details | 9am - 4:0pm |
| 18 | Concert on the Square <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 6pm - 8pm |
| 19 | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 9am - 2pm |
| 21 | Wausau Whitewater Age Group Nationals www.wausauwhitewater.org | |
| 22 | Done Gone Pool Party - Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5.00 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult. Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required | 5:30pm - 8pm |
| 22 | Wausau Buttercup Race - Whitewater Park www.wausauwhitewater.org | |
| 25 | Concert on the Square,400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 6pm - 8pm |
| 26 | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 9am - 2pm |
| 27 | Screen on the Green, Date Night Movie "High Fidelity", 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i> | 9pm |

2014 Wausau Outdoor Pools

Pool Locations:

Kaiser

900 E. Bridge Street
Closed

Memorial

505 Memorial Park Road
Open June 13

Schulenburg

1533 Summit Drive
Open June 13

2014 Pool Fees:

Daily Open Swim
(Pools are open, Friday, July 4, 2014, however, no swimming lessons will be held)

- \$1.00 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
- Free Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:50 PM

Season Passes (Available to City of Wausau residents only)

- \$21 - Youth and Adult
- \$52 - Family

FREE Swim Wednesdays from 6 - 7:50 p.m. both 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

Monday through Friday

Swim Lessons 9:15 to 11:55 am

Open Swim 1 to 7:50 pm

Saturday and Sunday

Swim Lessons None

Open Swim 1 to 7:50 pm

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".

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.

Robert W. Monk Public Gardens

4th Annual Green Saturday Saturday, May 17, 2014

The Robert W Monk Public Gardens is hosting their 4th Annual Green Saturday Plant Sale and Garden Flea Market, on Saturday, May 17th, 2014, at the Monk Gardens, 1800 N 1st Av, from 8 am to 1 pm.

Perennials and herbs will be for sale, grown out by Morning Glory Farms Greenhouse, to avoid any disappointment with a late Spring!

A unique part of the sale is their Garden Flea Market. They're asking the community to clean out their garages, garden sheds and yards to donate new and clean gently used garden items. Some examples would be clay pots, yard furniture, garden tools, garden equipment like rotor tillers, garden art and items that can be repurposed for the garden.

All donated items are tax deductible and the Monk Gardens will provide a tax donation receipt upon request.

The drop off locations are:

- Wild Birds Unlimited, 4121 Rib Mountain Dr, Wausau (715) 298-3140
- Ace Hardware, 2606 Schofield Av, Weston (715) 355-1500
- Marathon Town & County, 1300 W Campus Dr, Wausau (715) 675-1700
- Robert W Monk Gardens, 1800 N 1st Av, Wausau, between 9a and noon, Sat, May 10

If your items are too big to handle or too numerous, volunteers will pick them up for you. You can call or email Julie Bollmann at bollmannbozs@aol.com (502) 338-9896 or Lisa Rennie at lisaarennie@gmail.com (715) 574-3290 to schedule a pick up.

If you are hosting a rummage sale, they will take your left over garden related items. They have a storage shed, so can store until the next year. Rather than put the items out on the curb for the City of Wausau pick up, renew, reuse, recycle with the Monk Gardens, and call or email for a pick up or drop at a drop site. Thank you!

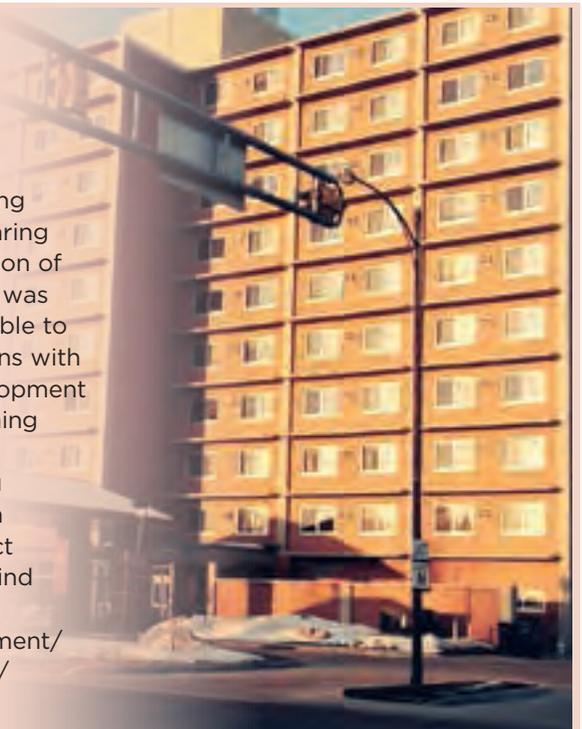
Athletic Park Renovations

The renovation of Athletic Park will modernize the facility while retaining the historic features of the park. Included in the renovated Athletic Park Grandstand will be premium 4-top tables at field level that will appeal to the baseball purist, wider and more comfortable box seats, and luxury suites that will have spectacular views of the field and the City of Wausau. The Concourses in the new Grandstand will be wider and feature a new Concession stand and Retail Store. The entire project was privately funded. At the same time, the City of Wausau will be building a new Neighborhood Park adjacent to Athletic Park. The Neighborhood Park will serve as the entry point to Athletic Park prior to Wisconsin Woodchuck games, but will be available to residents at all other times. The improvement will make Athletic Park one of the nicest and most attractive baseball facilities in the state of Wisconsin.



Riverview Towers, LLC.

It has been a long cold winter, but exciting things have been happening at 500 Grand Avenue. We are nearing the completion of a major renovation of all 149 housing units. The building was originally built in 1969 and is available to individuals 55 and older and persons with disabilities. The Community Development Authority is planning a grand opening at a later date to showcase this landmark in the community. If you are interested in a tour, application or more information, please contact us at 715-261-6687. You can also find us at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopmentAuthority/RiverviewTowers.aspx>



Assessment Department News Dates To Remember:

- **April 17, 2014** - 2014 Change of Assessment Notices to be Mailed
- **April 21st thru April 23rd, 2014** - 2014 Open Book Period
- **May 14, 2014 at 10 a.m.** - First Meeting of the Board of Review

Recently, you may have read or heard information regarding the assessment process which is not totally accurate and needs to be addressed. **IF YOU DISAGREE WITH YOUR ASSESSED VALUE** we encourage you talk with one of our Appraisers to learn how your assessment was determined, what factors were considered, and what type of records we maintain regarding your property.

The Assessment Department is responsible for fair and equitable assessments throughout the City. The Assessor and the Assessment Staff are State Certified Professionals whose duties are to discover, list and value all taxable real and personal property in the City, in a uniform manner. 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 Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 70, 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.

Your assessment is equitable if the "assessment ratio" of your property is similar to the "assessment level" of the taxation district. To determine the assessment ratio of your property, divide the assessed value of your property by the current market value of your property. The assessment level for the City of Wausau in 2013 was 1.0853

$$\frac{\text{Assessed Value of Your Property}}{\text{Current Market Value of Property}} = X\%$$

An Assessment is simply an opinion of value based on the three valuation methods: Market Approach, Cost Approach and Income Approach. In most cases residential property is best represented by use of the Market Approach.

Market Value is defined in the Wisconsin Property Assessment Manual as:

The most probable price in terms of money 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, knowledgeable and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus. Implicit in this definition is the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under conditions whereby:

1. Buyer and seller are typically motivated;
2. Both parties are well informed or well advised, and acting in what they consider their own best interests;
3. A reasonable time is allowed for exposure in the open market;
4. Payment is made in terms of cash in U.S. dollars or in terms of financial arrangements comparable thereto; and
5. The price represents the normal consideration for the property sold unaffected by special or creative financing or sales concessions granted by anyone associated with the sale.

Factors the Assessor considers are: what similar properties are selling for; what it would cost to replace the property; the rent it may earn if it is an income producing property; age; size; condition; quality; amenities and any other factors that affect value. We attempt to inspect every property due to: Sales, Building Permits, Taxpayer Requests, Annexations, Exemption Requests, Annual External Inspections, etc. It is important to remember that the Assessor does not create this value, but rather interprets what is happening in the market place.

After talking with your Appraiser, 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 for the Board of Review. This objection for the Board of Review must be filed in writing with the City Clerk on forms available in the City Clerk's Office or on-line at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Clerk/PropertyAssessmentObjection.aspx.

View the "2014 Guide for Property Owners" published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of State & Local Finance, Office of Technical and Assessment Services for complete details on the appeal process at: www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf

Keep in mind that at the Board of Review you must present evidence that is strong enough to prove the Assessor's value is incorrect.

- Stating that property taxes are too high is not relevant testimony.
- Stating your property value changed at a different percentage than your neighbor is not relevant testimony.

The best evidence of value would be a recent sale price of your property. The next best evidence would be recent sales prices of properties that are similar to yours. Another type of evidence is oral testimony from a witness who has made a recent appraisal of your property.

After April 17, 2014 the Preliminary 2014 Assessment Rolls will be available at:

1. The Assessment Department at the City of Wausau City Hall
2. Online at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/webapps/AssessmentSearch/index.asp.

To contact the Assessment Department:

1. Online - Complete a Pre-appointment Questionnaire at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Assessment/PreAppointmentQuestionnaire.aspx
2. Calling the Assessment Department at 715-261-6600
3. In Person at: City Hall, 407 Grant St., 1st Floor, Wausau, WI 54403

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/>.

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

City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

The City of Wausau Yard Waste Site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street.

2014 Hours of Operation

The Yard Waste Site will be open from: April 1st through November 17th, 2014 during the following hours:

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| Monday | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. |
| Tuesday | CLOSED |
| Wednesday | CLOSED |
| Thursday | CLOSED |
| Friday | 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |
| Sunday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. |

The Yard Waste Site will be **CLOSED on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.**

Please note that the site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours. Citations will be issued to parties who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

Materials Accepted:

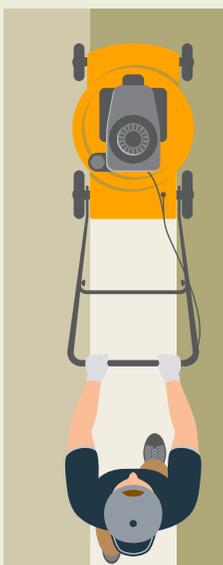
Garden & flower debris, Grass, Leaves, Tree branches/brush

Materials That Will Not Be Accepted:

Tree stumps, Root balls (Stumps and root balls that are under 60 lbs. can be placed at the curb with your normal garbage for pickup).

The City of Wausau appreciates your cooperation. The site is for City of Wausau residents only.

Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions, Office hours are: Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



City of Wausau Large Item Pick-Up April 21 – May 2, 2014

The City of Wausau Large Item Pick-Up 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 FROM RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AND APARTMENTS ONLY. ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP FROM BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Examples of large items which will be picked-up

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| Bathroom fixtures | Hot Water Heaters |
| Lawn Mowers (gas & oil removed) | |
| Pool Tables | Carpeting |
| Large Furniture Items | Sinks |
| Small Engines (gas & oil removed) | |
| Cabinets and Countertops | Large Grills |
| Overstuffed Chairs | Mattresses |
| Dining Room Tables | Sofas |
| Large Metal Items | Pianos |



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 Advanced Disposal to collect. **SMALL ITEMS AND TRASH WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**

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 and ELECTRONICS such as televisions, refrigerators, air conditioners, microwave ovens, ranges/stoves, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, vending machines, computers and monitors, water purifiers, dehumidifiers. *Advanced Disposal will pick-up appliances for a fee, 715-359-6637. Good News Project will take electronics for a fee, 715-843-5985.*

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, or contact Advanced Disposal 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 Advanced Disposal 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.*

TRASH BAGS, CONTAINERS, DRUMS OR BARRELS CONTAINING UNKNOWN MATERIAL. *Dispose of properly as noted in the next article.*

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS; HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES; LIQUID, HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL. *These items may be taken to the Marathon County Clean Sweep/Hazardous Waste program by appointment ONLY (call 715-446-3101 ex. 100 to make an appointment). After making the appointment, bring the items to the Marathon County Landfill on Highway 29, about 12 miles east of Wausau. Common hazardous wastes accepted include: lawn and garden chemicals, cleaning solvents, automotive fluids, solvent-based adhesives, glues, mercury products, degreasers, and lead-based paints. (No latex or non-lead oil paints accepted.) QUESTIONS? CALL THE TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE AT 1-877-270-3989.*

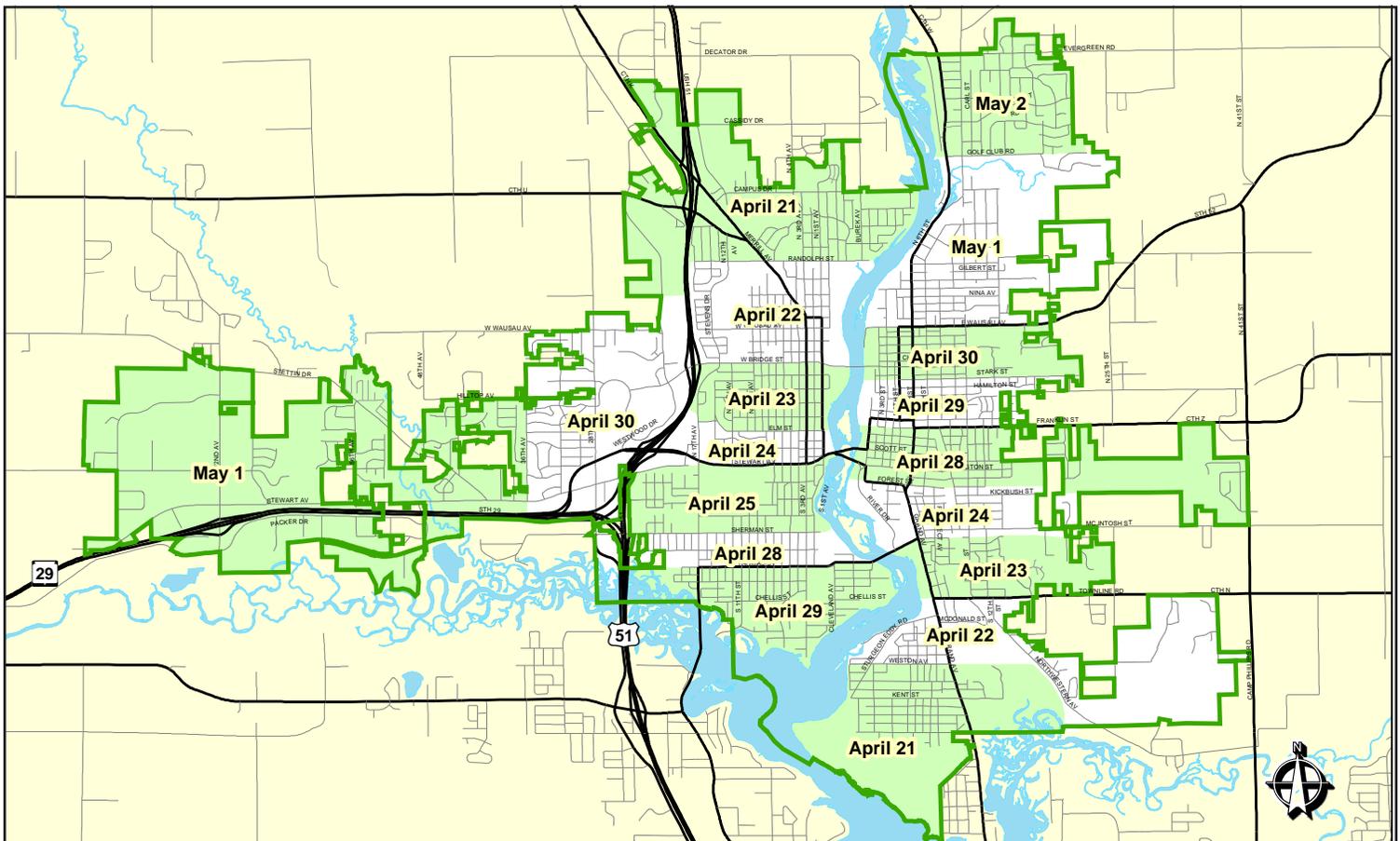
HOME-GENERATED SHARPS (NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND LANCETS ONLY) may only be taken to the Marathon County Landfill Clean Sweep program (call ahead 715-446-3101 ext. 100) in Sharps containers purchased at pharmacies or in a heavy plastic laundry detergent bottle, with a screw on lid, marked in big letters with permanent marker "Bio-Hazard" or "Sharps". Medical waste may not be deposited in garbage containers or recycle bins. QUESTIONS? CALL THE TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE AT 1-877-270-3989. INFORMATIONAL WEBSITE WITH FEES, HOURS, DIRECTIONS: www.marathoncountysolidwaste.org

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.

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.

THIS PICK-UP SERVICE IS FOR LARGE ITEMS ONLY - AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

| West Side of Wisconsin River | East Side of Wisconsin River |
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| Monday April 21 - North City Limits to Randolph Street and Hwy U west of USH 51/I39, Merrill Ave to Westwood Dr. | South City Limits to Weston Ave |
| Tuesday April 22 - Randolph Street to Bridge Street between USH 51/I39 and Wisconsin River | Weston Ave to Town Line Road (includes: Northwestern Ave. area & Golf Course area) |
| Wednesday April 23 - Bridge Street to Elm Street between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue | Town Line Road to E. Thomas Street |
| Thursday April 24 - Elm Street to Stewart Avenue between 17th Avenue and 1st Avenue | E. Thomas Street to Forest Street |
| Friday April 25 - Stewart Avenue to Sherman Street between USH 51/I39 and 1st Ave | All of Grand Avenue from south city limits to Forest Street |
| Monday April 28 - Sherman Street to Thomas Street between USH 51/I39 and Wisconsin River | Forest Street to Franklin Street |
| Tuesday April 29 - Thomas Street to south City Limits between USH 51/I39 and Wisconsin River | Franklin Street to Stark Street |
| Wednesday April 30 - US Hwy 51 / I39 West to 36th Ave | Stark Street to East Wausau Ave (includes: DeKalb, Short, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Streets) |
| Thursday May 1 - 36th Avenue to West City Limits | East Wausau Ave to Golf Club Road |
| Friday May 2 - | Golf Club Road to North City Limits |



Local Street Projects:

The following city streets are anticipated to be reconstructed in the summer of 2014:

- 14th Avenue from Randolph Street to Bissell Street
- 16th Avenue from Randolph Street to Golden Meadow Street
- Golden Meadow Street from 16th Avenue to Stevens Drive
- Silver Spring Street from 16th Avenue to Bissell Street
- Rose Marie Street from Silver Spring Street to Bissell Street
- Bissell Street from 16th Avenue to Rose Marie Street
- 11th Avenue from Campus Drive to the north
- 2nd Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street
- Clark Street from 2nd Avenue to the cul-de-sac
- Scott Street from Bellis Street to 10th Street
- McClellan Street from Bellis Street to Gray Place
- Kent Street from Curling Way east to dead end
- Curling Way from cul-de-sac to Junction Street
- 80th Avenue from Stewart Avenue to cul-de-sac

Description: The street reconstructions will include removing the existing street surface, installing new sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, curb and gutter and pavement. Sanitary sewer and water laterals will also be replaced where required.

Traffic Impacts: The streets will be closed to thru traffic during construction. Residents should have access to their driveways for a majority of the project.

Schedule: May - October

If you have any questions regarding the reconstruction of the city streets please call the Engineering Department at 715-261-6740.



2014 Major Road Construction Projects

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Projects: US 51/Marathon County U and K interchange in Wausau.

Schedule: March 2014 - November 2014

Description: The \$28 million reconstruction of the interchange started back up in March.

The prime contractor for the reconstruction project is Michels Corporation of Brownsville. Crews will continue work to include:

- Repave US 51 from West Wausau Avenue to Decator Drive
- Replace the deck on the existing US 51 bridges over County K/Business 51 and the southbound US 51 bridge over Decator Drive
- Reconstruct the US 51/County U/County K/Business 51 interchange as a single diamond interchange at County K/Business 51 with a half diamond interchange at County U. Roundabouts will be constructed at the County K/Business 51 interchange ramps.
- Construct a multi-use path from the cul-de-sac at 14th Avenue through Northcentral Technical College's property and ending at the College Drive/Business 51 intersection.

Traffic Impacts:

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained on US 51 during peak travel hours.
- County K will be closed to traffic beginning March 10, 2014 for approximately six months. During the closure, traffic will be detoured utilizing CTH U and Overlook Drive.
- Periodic 15 to 20 minute closures of US 51 for blasting operations and beam placement.
- Periodic, temporary closures of interchange ramps.

Residents and motorists are encouraged to check the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website for the latest traffic bulletins and updates.

Grand Avenue (Business 51) Kent Street to Division Street

Schedule: May 2014 - September 2014

Description: The pavement rehabilitation project will involve milling the existing concrete pavement, concrete pavement repair, curb repair, street lighting and asphalt overlay.

Traffic Impacts:

- Grand Avenue will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction
- Access to side streets will be limited during construction

Share the Roadway with Bicycles

After Grand Avenue is repaved this summer from the Courthouse to Kent Street, motorists will see a new symbol painted on the pavement in the outside travel lanes. It's called a sharrow and it indicates that the use of the lane is shared with bicycles. A recent change in city ordinance allows the operation of bicycles on the street or on the sidewalk on Grand Avenue.

The outside lanes of Grand Avenue will be 14' wide. Four feet of area along the curb has been provided for the operation of bicycles.

Bicycles are street legal under state law and motorists are required to give a bicycle three feet of room when passing.

Remember, Wausau prohibits use of cell phones and texting while driving. Don't be a distracted driver. Let's make public safety our highest priority.



Recreational Fires & Burning Permits

After a long and hard winter (no more Polar Vortex's!), we are able to get outside and enjoy the great Spring and Summer weather that Wausau has to offer. Every year around this time, the Wausau Fire Department receives many inquiries regarding Recreational Fires.

Permits are required to have a recreational fire and are available at City Hall or online. Burn permits are issued for a term of five (5) years and expire on March 31 of the fifth year. Permits are only available for one and two family homes. If the property is a rental unit, the permit application must be completed and signed by the property owner – not the tenant – and a copy of the permit must be available to anyone that wants to see it. The complete rules for recreational fire permits and the application process are outlined in the Wausau Municipal Code, Chapter 17 that can be accessed at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/>.

Fires are only allowed in a pit that must be at least four inches in depth and surrounded by noncombustible materials such as concrete blocks, rocks, or metal. Portable fire pits that are commercially designed and intended for outdoor wood fires may be used as well, as long it is used within manufacturer's specifications. Only clean, dry wood that isn't treated or painted is permitted to use as fuel. You may not burn garbage, furniture, or recyclables. You must have a minimum of at least twenty five feet from any building, structure, shed, garage, combustible fence or any combustible material or ten feet from any lot line. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a fine of at least \$250.00.

Recreational fires must be extinguished when the wind speed or direction causes smoke or embers towards any buildings or combustible materials. In fact, the fire must be extinguished when the wind speeds exceed seven miles per hour. Smoke from your fire may have a tendency to create a nuisance for neighboring property owners. Please be considerate of your neighbors!

Have your garden hose or fire extinguisher ready! Fire suppression equipment must be available immediately to control or extinguish the fire. The recreational fire must also have a responsible adult acting as a firewatch from the time of ignition until the fire is out.

Depending on conditions, the Fire Department may terminate all recreational fires within the City. Watch the City of Wausau web site or the Department of Natural Resources web site for additional information. All recreational fires must be extinguished between 12 A.M. and 12 P.M.

For more information, contact the Wausau Fire Department at 715.261.7900. Have a fire safe spring and summer – you deserve it!



Wausau Fire Department Checking on Recreational Burning

Odd/Even Overnight Parking

From April 1 through November 30, parking is allowed on the odd or even side of the street in the City of Wausau. 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. Overnight parking downtown is restricted all year long.

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.

Cell Phone Ban in Effect

An ordinance banning cell phone use while driving within the City of Wausau became effective February 14, 2014.

Any use of hand-held mobile telephones and mobile electronic devices while driving is prohibited unless used with a hands-free or voice-operated device. That includes a text messaging device, a paging device, a personal digital assistant, a laptop, video game or digital video disk or equipment on which digital photographs are taken or transmitted. Any person violating this ordinance is subject to a forfeiture of \$111.40 including court costs.

This ordinance does not apply to emergency vehicles or a member of the armed forces operating a military vehicle in the performance of his/her official duties in the scope of employment.

Please pull off to the side of the road and place your vehicle in PARK if you must receive or make a call. Practice safe driving at all times.





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Residential Rental Licensing

In November, the City of Wausau Common Council passed a residential rental licensing and inspection ordinance (Wausau Municipal Code Section 16.04.039). This ordinance was enacted to encourage property owners who rent residential dwelling units to exercise their responsibility to ensure that they maintain safe, decent and sanitary living conditions for residents living in the units and to prevent blighted conditions. The licensing requirements will be in effect **July 1, 2014**. All rental dwelling units within the City of Wausau are required to be licensed, including single-family homes that are rented out.

A letter and license application form will be mailed out to owners of rental dwelling units around May 1, and completed applications should be returned by June 30. The cost of the rental license is \$20 per unit. All rental dwelling units **must be licensed by July 31, 2014**, or they will be subject to a late fee.

As part of the rental licensing ordinance, an inspection will be required every three (3) years. The inspection will be based off of the City's adopted basic housing and property maintenance code along with other municipal codes such as building, electrical, fire, plumbing and zoning. A checklist of what will be inspected is available on the Division of Inspection and Zoning website. Buildings that have been built within the last five (5) years will be exempt from inspection for the first three-year cycle.

If you have any questions regarding the rental licensing and inspection program, please contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780, or visit their website at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/RentalLicensing.aspx>

PET LICENSE & PET REMINDERS

The City of Wausau requires all dogs and cats of 4 months of age or more to be licensed each year. You can obtain a license application at the Clerk's Office in Wausau City Hall, 407 Grant Street. The fee is \$10 for pets that are spayed/neutered and \$20 for pets that are NOT spayed/neutered. A rabies certificate must accompany the license application. Licenses are due by March 31st each year and a late fee of double the license fee will be added after March 31st. All pet licenses shall be securely affixed to an animal collar or harness to allow lost animals to be returned and also to save the Humane Society re-vaccination fees, as the animals history cannot be tracked if a license isn't affixed to the animal. The forfeiture for NOT having a license is \$177.00.

As a resident in the City of Wausau you are allowed by ordinance to keep a maximum of 2 dogs and/or 3 cats. Animals are not allowed on the 400 Block park during organized special events (this excludes a service dog aiding a person with a disability). When out in public, animals need to be on a leash no more than six feet in length and accompanied by a responsible person or under the control of a responsible person. The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for **CLEANING UP ANY FECES** of the animal, whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on public property. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!





WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

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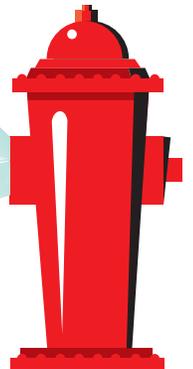
Water utility employees will begin flushing fire hydrants on Monday night, May 12, 2014, as part of our annual maintenance program.

Flushing accomplishes two tasks; first, it cleans the mains of mineral buildup, and secondly, it ensures that all hydrants are in good operating order.

The majority of the flushing is performed during the evening hours from 9:00 p.m. until about 4:00 a.m. during which time approximately 1600 hydrants will be flushed. This process takes three weeks to complete. **A complete schedule is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.** Flushing in the Riverview, Highway U, Industrial Park areas, and the high pressure zone around 28th Avenue reservoir will take place during the day, starting on Tuesday, May 27.

Residents are urged to avoid water use when the flushing occurs near their neighborhood, especially for laundry purposes, as it may stain clothing. Water softeners should also be bypassed during this time. Some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process. As flushing occurs in your neighborhood, businesses and homes may experience dirty water for a short period of time.

Residents are also cautioned about driving in the area where the flushing is occurring. Water from hydrants is under extreme pressure, with approximately 1,000 gallons per minute being discharged. Although our employees use caution, damage to your vehicle can result if you drive through an area where hydrants are being flushed and slippery roads may exist depending on nighttime temperatures.



Winter of 2013-14 Proved to be Challenging

Extreme and continued low temperatures starting in December caused frost levels to creep down to approximately 8 feet, surrounding water mains and service laterals in frost. Starting in late January, water crews thawed approximately 400 homes and businesses that had frozen service laterals, and had water running at approximately 400 more properties to help prevent mains from freezing.

With approximately 4% of our customers running water, water treated and pumped increased to approximately 7.5 million gallons per day, which is similar to what we typically pump during mid-summer months. Of course treating and pumping of that much water does not come without a cost. Electric costs increased by \$10,000 for the month of February, as well as an increase in treatment chemicals, and manpower to thaw the frozen services and keep the equipment running.

Property owners who were advised by Wausau Water Works to run their water will be notified when they should stop. We need to make sure that the ground has thawed sufficiently to keep mains and laterals from refreezing.

The last time we had a winter this bad was back in 1994. We all hope it takes at least another 20 years before we have a winter like this one. **Think Spring!!!**

Private Well Permits

It's that time of year when we all hope spring comes soon so we can get out and do some yard work and get our gardens ready. With that in mind, Wausau Water Works reminds property owners that the WNDR requires permits for any property in the City of Wausau that has a private well. The cost of the permit is \$15.00 for five years. In order to obtain a permit, the well must be inspected and pass a bacteriological test. Owners of any property with a well that does not have a current permit should make arrangements to have the well inspected and permitted as soon as possible by a licensed well driller or pump installer. Any well that fails the bacteriological test twice must be abandoned by a licensed well driller or pump installer.

For more information on either permitting or abandoning a private well, please contact Deb Geier at 715-261-7262.

Deferred Payment Agreements

Residents with past due or large water and sewer bills may request deferred payment agreements to help them pay off balances prior to bills being transferred to the property taxes. Inquiries regarding deferred payment agreements may be made by calling Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530. Please ask for Terry.

Please note that proof of income and monthly expenses may be required to help set up an equitable payment agreement.

Call Diggers Hotline Before You Dig

Construction projects such as installing decks, fences and tree planting are another sign of spring. Homeowners are reminded to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig by simply dialing 811 from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at www.diggershotline.com. Homeowners are also reminded that they must allow 3 business days (not including the day the request is called in) for all their utilities to be located before they dig, and should plan their projects accordingly. There is no cost to the homeowner to contact Diggers Hotline, who will then inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Get the Lead Out

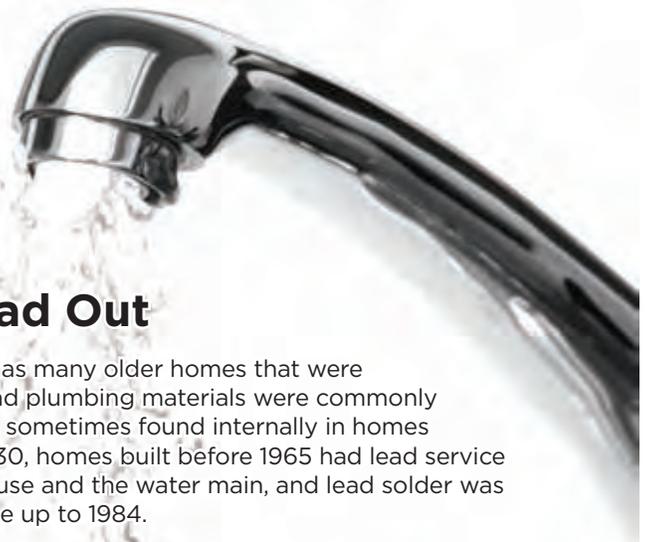
The City of Wausau has many older homes that were constructed when lead plumbing materials were commonly used. Lead pipes are sometimes found internally in homes built before about 1930, homes built before 1965 had lead service lines between the house and the water main, and lead solder was used with copper pipe up to 1984.

Lead is not found in our groundwater or water in the City's distribution mains but is absorbed from lead service lines and lead plumbing materials. We recommend that residents with homes built before 1984 flush their water line before using water for cooking or drinking. It takes time for the water to absorb lead so the idea is to use water that has not been in contact with lead plumbing materials for more than a few hours.

Adequately flushing the water line can require running 1 to 2 gallons of water to draw fresh water from the water main. It would not be necessary to run as much water if the home does not have a lead service line or if water was recently used elsewhere in the house such as to flush a toilet or wash clothes for example.

Wausau Water Works continues to monitor the corrosion potential of our drinking water to minimize the amount of lead absorbed from household plumbing.

If you have any questions regarding lead in drinking water, lead plumbing, or flushing requirements, please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530



Spring Watermain Flushing Schedule

Utility crews will flush watermains through the operation of hydrants from 9 p.m. until about 4 a.m. (except as noted below). You may want to draw a supply of water prior to your area being flushed. Please be aware that adjacent neighborhoods to the area being flushed may experience dirty water for short periods of time.

Avoid water use during the scheduled flush, for laundry purposes especially. It is particularly important not to use bleach in your laundry as it may stain your clothing. It is also suggested that you bypass water softeners during this time. Please also be aware that some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process.

Flushing Schedule

West Side

Monday Night May 12 - West Wausau Avenue north to City limits

Tuesday, Night, May 13 - Wausau Avenue south to Bridge Street and Pinecrest area to Stettin Drive, west to 48th Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue.

Wednesday Night, May 14 - Oak Street south to Sherman Street

Thursday, Night, May 15 - Rosecrans Street south to City limits

East Side

Monday Night, May 19 - Steuben Street north to Sylvan Street; 6th Street to City limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive

Tuesday Night, May 20 - Hamilton Street south to Forest Street

Wednesday Night, May 21 - Kickbusch Street south to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue

Thursday Night, May 22 - Town Line Road south to City limits

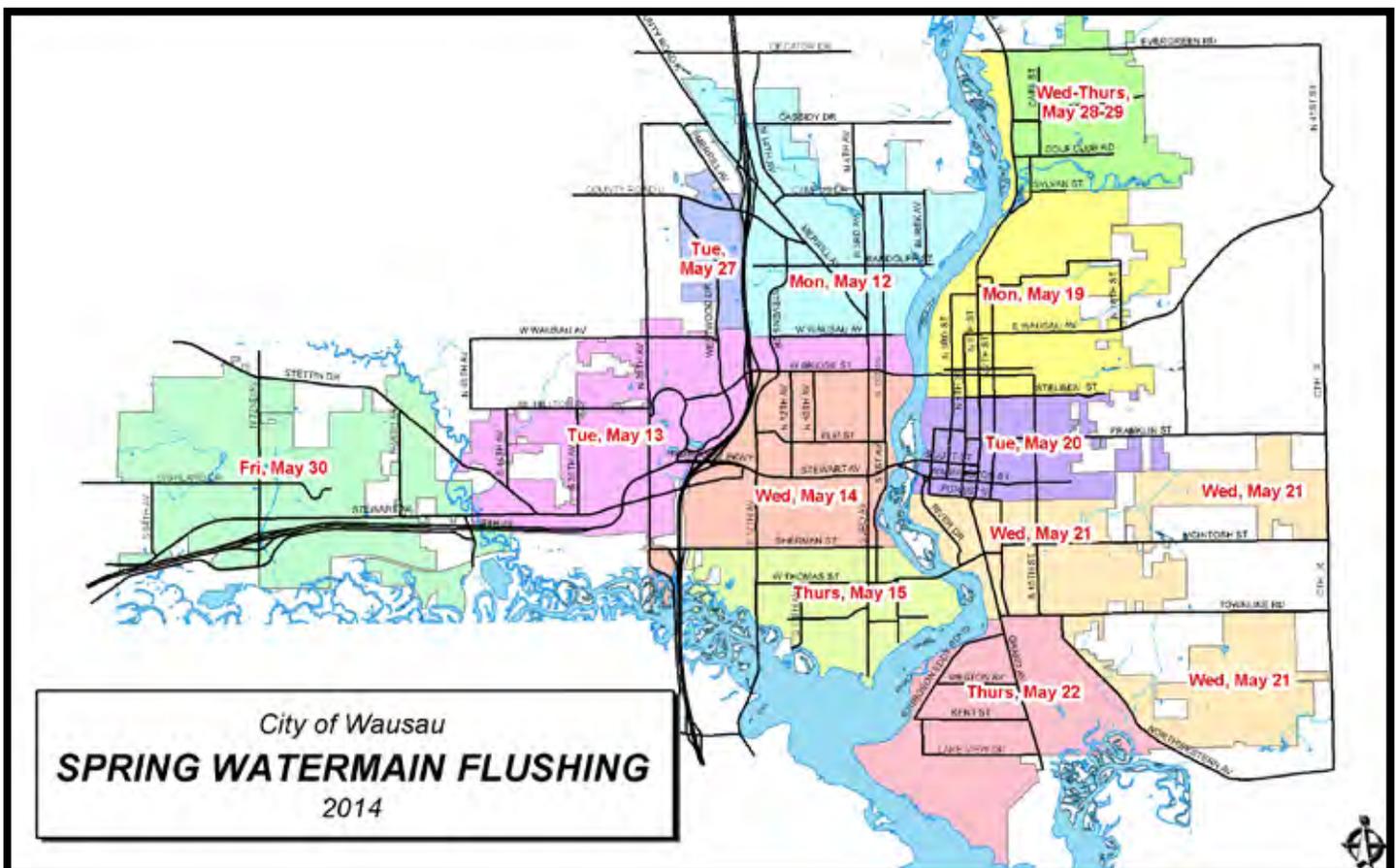
Other Areas

(Flushing performed during the day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 27 - high pressure zone by 28th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U

Wednesday and Thursday, May 28-29 - Riverview area

Friday, May 30 - 56th Avenue west to City limits



Happy Retirement!

Bob Thompson, Assistant Water Superintendent, retired on January 22, 2014 after 35 years with Wausau Water Works and the City of Wausau. We thank Bob for his many years of service and wish him the happiest of retirements.

Bob's retirement opened up promotion opportunities for Deb Geier who was promoted to Utility Resources Manager and Scott Boers who took on additional responsibilities as Senior Distribution Maintainer.

Cross Connection Inspections

Businesses are reminded that cross connection inspections are required every two years per Wisconsin State Statute 810.15. Businesses that are out of compliance will be sent letters advising to submit the required documentation to bring them into compliance with State Statutes.

Wausau Water Works Accepts Electronic Payments

Are you tired of writing out checks each quarter for your water and sewer bill? If so, Wausau Water Works has just the answer. You can pay your Wausau Water Works bill via electronic payments. To sign up for this service complete the shaded portion of the form below and return to Wausau Water Works, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403-4783 along with a VOIDED CHECK. Payments are deducted on the 20th of the month that the bill is due. You will still receive a copy of your quarterly bill showing the usage and billing amount. If you have any questions, please call our office at 715-261-6530.

| AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL | |
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| COMPANY NAME WAUSAU WATER WORKS | COMPANY ID NUMBER |
| I (we) hereby authorize WAUSAU WATER WORKS hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate entries and to initiate, if necessary, entries and adjustments for any entries in error to my/our account indicated below and the depository name below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to credit and/or debit the same to such account. | |
| DEPOSITORY NAME | BRANCH |
| TRANSIT/ABA NUMBER | |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP | ACCOUNT NUMBER |
| TYPE OF ENTRY (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEBIT | TYPE OF ACCOUNT (select only one) <input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS |
| This authority is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford COMPANY and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it. | |
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