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Mayor Tipple's Message

Looking out the window today, gave me time to reflect what a great City we live in. We are blessed with the good quality of life and the caring people in our community. Time and time again, I am reminded about the generous citizens who give to the many worthy causes in our City. When people are hungry, people roll up their sleeves and contribute to our area food pantries. During the holiday season, many of the area churches, businesses, and private citizens buy Christmas gifts so our area families can have a wonderful Christmas season. Take the time to thank the area businesses, churches, and your neighbors for everything they do. We are truly grateful for their generosity.



We look to next year with a lot of hope that our economic recovery will continue in our community. We are adding jobs in all sectors of the market. We will continue to make this our top priority. New businesses continue to put Wausau on their radar screen and want to make Wausau their home. Our superior work force, great educational schools, central location and quality of life all contribute to their decision to locate their business in Wausau.

Finally, our winter season offers many activities for you and your family to enjoy. Ice skating on The 400 Block, tubing at Sylvan Hills, downhill skiing at Granite Peak, cross country skiing or snowshoeing at Nine Mile Recreation Area are all outdoor fun your family can enjoy. Get out, have some fun, and enjoy our winter season in Wausau. Here is hoping you and your family have a prosperous New Year!

James E. Tipple

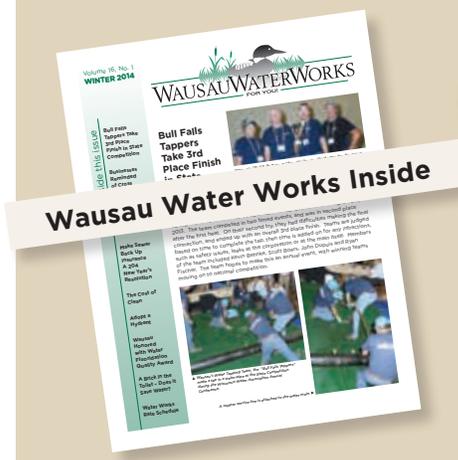
Looking for a winter gift for friends or family? Why not pick up some **Tubing Coupons for Sylvan Tubing Hill!**



\$6.00 for ages 13 and under (must be 42 inches tall)
 \$8.50 for ages 14 and older
 Tubing Hours Fri 6 to 9:30 PM
 Sat 1:30 to 5 PM or 6 to 9:30 PM
 Sun 1:30 to 5PM

Coupons available at the Park Office 212 River Drive, Suite #2, Wausau, WI 54403 or visit our web site at www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp for more information.

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.



26th Annual Badger State Winter Games in Wausau, Wisconsin

The Badger State Games draws in thousands of athletes from around the state of Wisconsin to compete in Olympic-style winter games. The Games are held over a course of 3 weekends (January 25, 2014 - February 1, 2014) and is jam packed with winter sports of all kinds and other fun activities. Over the years the Games have quickly developed into the largest winter sports festival in the state of Wisconsin and continues to grow into a fantastic spectators sport as well with a total of 14 indoor and outdoor events. Here are just a few of the newest events for this year: Fat Bike, Crossfit, Trap Shooting, and Snowboarding/Twin Tip Rail Jam. For more information on specific dates make sure to check out the website or visit us on

Facebook. www.badgerstategames.org



Attention Voters!

Election Day is Tuesday April 1, 2014. All polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The City of Wausau will have Aldermanic Contests in all 11 Districts within the city on the spring ballot.

Where to vote:

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

Absentee ballots are available for anyone that is unwilling or unable to vote at the poll site locations on Election Day. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or download a registration application at the following website: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Services/Elections/Resources.aspx>.

If you are not already registered to vote, if you have moved or had a name change, save time by registering to vote prior to Election Day. Registering before Election Day will speed up the process for you. You may register at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or download a registration application at the website: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Services/Elections.aspx>.

If you have questions regarding elections, absentee ballots or anything else not addressed here, please contact the City Clerk's office at 715-261-6620.

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program - 715-842-3111

This program provides payment assistance to households for home heating and electric costs, energy crisis situations, emergency furnace repairs and replacements, payments plans for arrears owed for heating and/or electric costs, referrals to home weatherization and other programs for Marathon County residents.

Households with total gross income at or below the following amounts may be eligible for assistance.

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR THE 2013-2014 WHEAP HEATING SEASON

60 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	THREE MONTH INCOME	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	THREE MONTH INCOME
1	6,173.00	5	13,771.00
2	8,073.00	6	15,670.00
3	9,972.00	7	16,026.00
4	11,871.00	8	16,382.00





Why should you license your pet?

- If your pet is wearing a license tag and gets lost, there is a better chance of finding your pet.
- Licensing helps prevent the spread of Rabies, as vaccination is required to license.
- The fine for an unlicensed dog or cat in the City of Wausau is \$177.00
- License revenues benefit animal services in our community. Fees collected are an important funding mechanism for Marathon County Humane Society and assist in providing our humane officer and animal control programs.
- Stray pets brought to the Marathon County Humane Society often receive vaccinations upon arrival as their history cannot be verified. This is a costly process for the humane society that can be avoided if the owner/vaccine history can be found via our licensing database.
- All licenses are recorded in a database at PetData Inc, so pets can be easily identified by tag number regardless of which purchase method is used.

How do you license your pet?

The City of Wausau has partnered with Petdata, Inc to provide 3 convenient methods to obtain a license.

- Send the pet application by MAIL – Make sure to include a copy of a current rabies certificate.
- You may license your pet ONLINE – go to www.petdata.com -You must fax, mail or email a current rabies certificate.
- You may license your pet IN PERSON at Wausau City Hall – Bring a copy of a current rabies certificate.

Fee Schedule

- Unaltered Dog and Cat License - \$20.00
- Spayed/Neutered Dog and Cat License - \$10.00

Licenses are due by March 31st each year and a late fee of \$60 for Unaltered Dog/Cat Licenses and \$30.00 for Spayed/Neutered Dog/Cat licenses will be imposed. The City of Wausau receives monthly vaccination logs from veterinarians and reports from PetData as to which households contain unlicensed pets. The City will follow up with owners and issue citations for animals not properly licensed by the March 31 deadline.

Limitations

Wausau residents may own two (2) dogs and three (3) cats by ordinance. While you may purchase licenses in excess of these amounts, the purchase of the license does not exempt pet owners from the limitation unless they registered all animals during the excess animal amnesty period offered in 2013.

Other Requirements

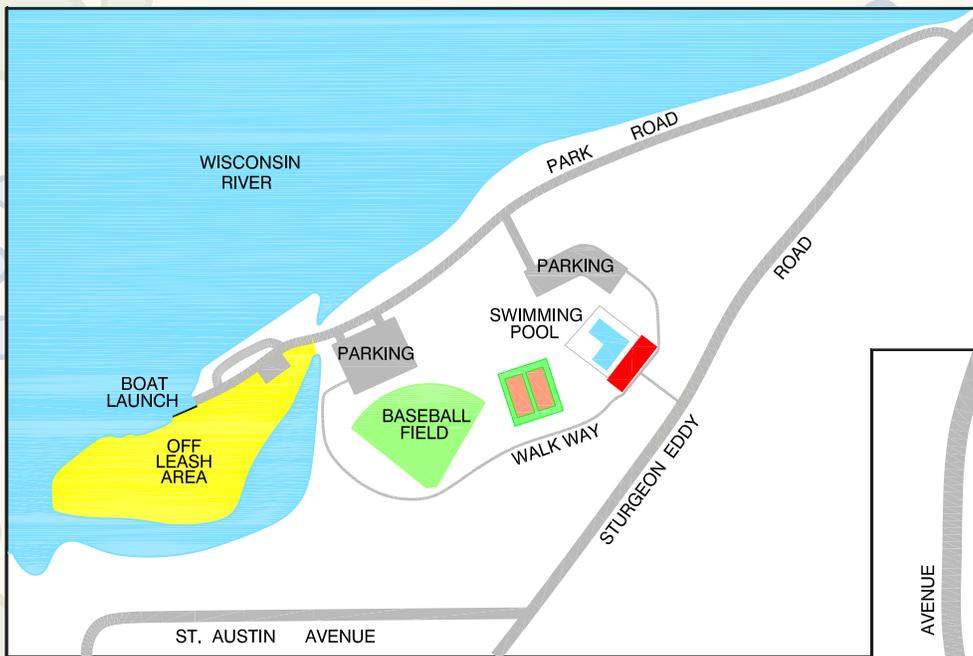
By ordinance, pets must display the license tag on their collar at all times when outside.

Neighborhood Sector Meetings

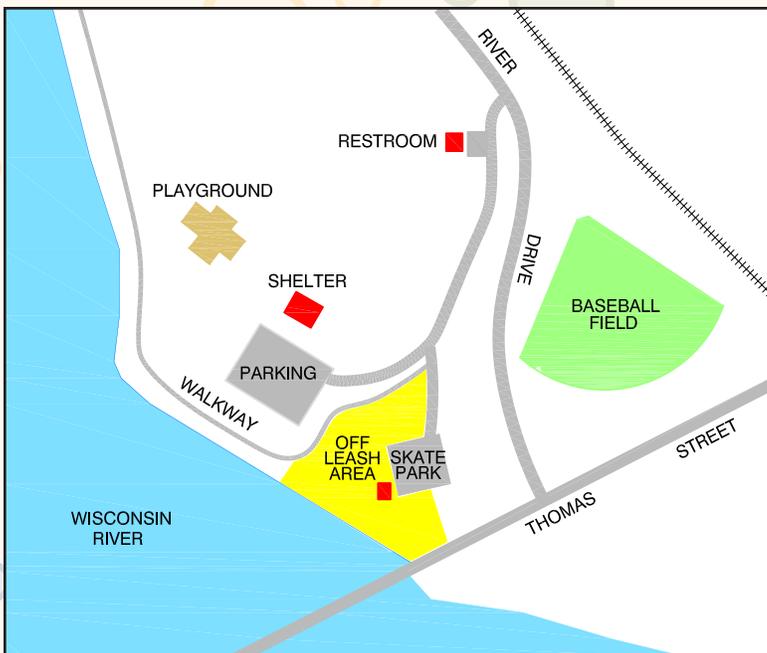
The Wausau Police Department will again host neighborhood sector meetings in 2014. These meetings provide citizens an opportunity to share neighborhood concerns and other enforcement issues they would like the police department to focus on. Officers can educate citizens on national and local crime trends 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 Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The WEST SIDE sector meeting will be held at John Muir Middle School in the auditorium on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.



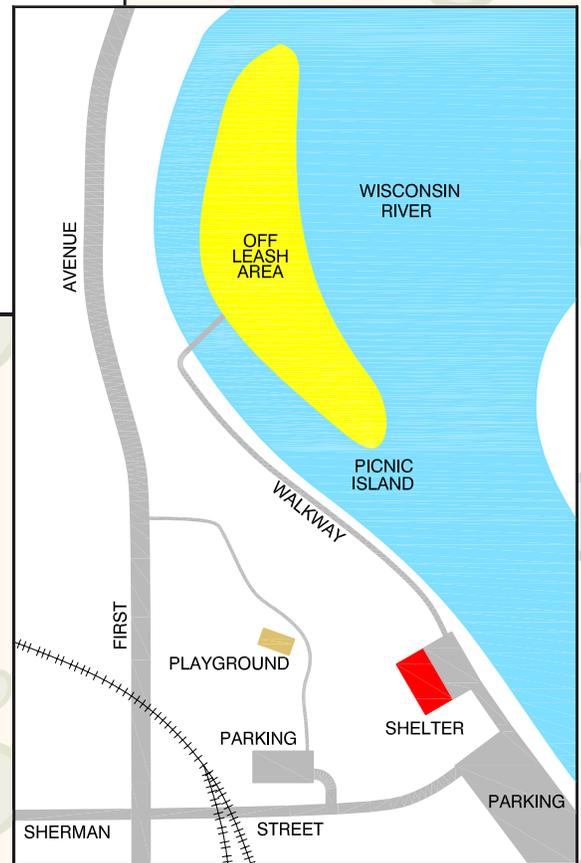
Memorial Park - 505 Memorial Park Road
Hours: 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM Only



Oak Island Park - 500 River Drive
Hours: 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

City of Wausau Off-Leash Dog Areas

1. Clean up after your dog
2. Remove aggressive dogs
3. Keep your dog in sight
4. Dogs must be on a leash when outside the off leash area.



Riverside Park - 100 Sherman Street
Hours: 6:00 AM TO 9:00 AM 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Wausau & Marathon County Parks,
Recreation, and Forestry Department
715-261-1550**

Park, Recreation, & Forestry News

In 2013, the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department entered into a business relationship with Active Network, an on-line, web-hosted reservation company. This partnership has been a huge success and we are moving forward in 2014 by not only continuing to provide the opportunity to make campsite reservations, and swim and tennis lessons on-line, but in addition, are adding 22 shelters within the Wausau and Marathon County park systems. The great part about it is there are no additional fees for using this on-line service, plus customers can make reservations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from any computer with internet access. (cont, pg 5)

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How do you reserve on-line?

Easy, just visit Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department website below to get familiar with the program(s) you are interested in reserving and then follow the links provided to complete your registration. Go to:

- www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp
- In the upper right hand side of this webpage click on 'Camping', 'Shelters', 'Swim Lessons', or 'Tennis Lessons'.

When does the on-line system 'go-live'?

January 13, 2014

Campsite reservations for the 2014 camping season (two night minimum)

January 13, 2014

Shelter reservations (up to one year in advance of event date)

May 1, 2014

Swim and tennis lesson registrations

We will also continue to provide you with the opportunity to make reservations for all these activities through the Park Administrative Office, 212 River Drive, Suite #2, Wausau. Feel free to call the Park Office at ph 715.261.1550 with any questions you may have about the on-line reservation system or on any recreation activities offered through the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. Enjoy all the great recreation opportunities the Wausau area has to offer!



Winter Recreation Programs 2014

www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Open Dec 13- March 01 (weather permitting) Open daily for Christmas Break. Holiday hrs 1:30-5 or 6 to 9:30 PM. Weekend hrs Fri. 6-9:30 PM, Sat. 1:30-5 or 6-9:30 PM, Sun 1:30-5 PM. 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.

Adult Evening Water Exercise

Jan 06-Feb 12, Feb 18- Mar 26 6:30 -7:30 PM, John Muir Pool Mon /Wed nights (some Tuesdays due to school conflicts) 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 Jan 08-Feb 26, '14. Wednesdays 10-11 AM. Fee: \$20. MPB #1, Marathon Park, Wausau Pre-registration/on-site registration allowed. Skate for free - 11AM to 1 PM after each class.

Sledding Hills in Wausau

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

Dog-Gone Snow Stomps

Jan 12 & Feb 09, 2014. 1-4 PM Splash Pad Marathon Park (due to construction at Athletic Park). Fee: \$5 per Adult. Children under 12 must be accompanied by paying 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.

Indoor Ice skating (w/skate rentals)

Dates: Oct 7 - Mar 7, Mon-Fri 11AM - 1 PM., Oct 23- Feb 05, Wed. 7-9 PM, Sun. 2-5 PM. Hours subject to change due to special events and/or scheduling conflicts. Call 261-1550 for rates & to confirm weekly hours.

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 261-1550. Sylvan Hill w/groomed trails. Park Shelter w/restrooms & snack bar available when tubing hill is open. Donation requested.

Winter Special Events Happening in the Parks

Midwest Freeze Indoor Hockey Tournament
www.midwestfreezehockey.com

Midwest Freeze Outdoor 4 X 4 Pond Hockey
www.classicpondhockey.com

Badger State Games
www.badgerstategames.org

Wausau Nordic Ski Club Calendar
www.wausaunordic.com/calendar.htm

Wausau Events Winter Fest
www.wausauevents.org/events/winter-fest

2014 Recycling Collection Calendar

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

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

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Residential Rental Licensing

The residential rental licensing ordinance (Municipal Code 16.04.039) was passed by the City Common Council on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. This licensing ordinance will be in effect starting July 1, 2014. Residential rental licenses will be required for all rental dwelling units within the City of Wausau. This will include single family homes that are rented out.

A rental inspection will be performed on each rental dwelling unit over the course of three (3) years. The city has approximately 6,800 rental dwelling units and the ordinance is set up to inspect each unit on a 3 year cycle. The inspections will be based off of the basic housing and property maintenance code along with other municipal codes such as building, electrical, fire, plumbing and zoning.

Landlords will be notified a minimum of 21 days prior to inspections. It will be the responsibility of the landlord to notify tenants that an inspection will be performed. A time will be scheduled and an inspection will be conducted in a timely manner. A Certificate of Compliance will be issued after inspection and determination that the rental unit conforms to the requirements of the municipal code. Other programs currently in place, such as rental registration, rent abatement, and property maintenance requirements will remain in effect.

Fees generated from this licensing will enable the City of Wausau to hire additional assistance within the Division of the Inspection and Zoning Department.

With the passing of this ordinance, an educational component will be enacted. A Landlord Educational Assistance Program (LEAP) will be offered on a regular basis. This class will be mandatory for landlords that own property designated as a chronic nuisance premise. Watch for further information on the program as it is developed.



Property Maintenance Reminders...

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.

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 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 Inspection and Zoning Division 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, roofing, construction of decks, stoops, ramps, sheds, etc.). A more complete list is available on-line at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/ResidentialPermitRequirements.aspx

Also, any electrical or plumbing work requires separate permits. Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and complies with City and State codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.

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



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S PORTRAIT OF POSITIVE CHANGE

Thank you to our partnering businesses that worked with the City in furthering our commitment to revitalization, job growth and economic viability. We wish you continued success in 2014!!



Briq's Softserve



Compass Counseling



Bull Falls Brewery



Voss Studios
Downtown 3rd Street



Kwik Trip - Ross Avenue



Kwik Trip - Menards Area



Panera Bread, Toppers Pizza, Cellcom
on Stewart Avenue



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

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Businesses Reminded of Cross Connection Inspection Requirements

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Wausau Honored with Water Fluoridation Quality Award

A Brick in the Toilet - Does it Save Water?

Water Works Rate Schedule

Bull Falls Tappers Take 3rd Place Finish in State Competition



Wausau's "Bull Falls Tappers" brought home a third place trophy during the annual tapping competition at the Wisconsin Water Association Annual Conference. Team members included (L-R) John Dupuis, Kevin Behnke, Scott Boers and Ryan Fischer.

In their first appearance in state competition since 1987, Wausau Water Works' tapping team, the Bull Falls Tappers, competed against other Wisconsin water utilities finishing a respectable 3rd Place overall. The competition was held during the Wisconsin Water Association Annual Conference in September, 2013. The team competed in two timed events, and was in second place after the first heat. On their second try, they had difficulties making the final connection, and ended up with an overall 3rd place finish. Teams are judged based on time to complete the tap, then time is added on for any infractions, such as safety issues, leaks at the corporation or at the main itself. Members of the team included Kevin Behnke, Scott Boers, John Dupuis and Ryan Fischer. The team hopes to make this an annual event, with winning teams moving on to national competition.



▲ *Wausau's Water Tapping Team, the "Bull Falls Tappers" make a tap in a water pipe at the State Competition during the Wisconsin Water Association Annual Conference.*



A copper service line is attached to the water main. ►



DON'T
FORGET!

Businesses Reminded of Cross Connection Inspection Requirements

Businesses that completed Cross Connection Inspections in 2012 are reminded that they will need to have an inspection of their internal water system completed in 2014. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources mandates that owners of commercial, industrial and publicly owned properties conduct a Cross Connection Survey every two years.

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

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

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

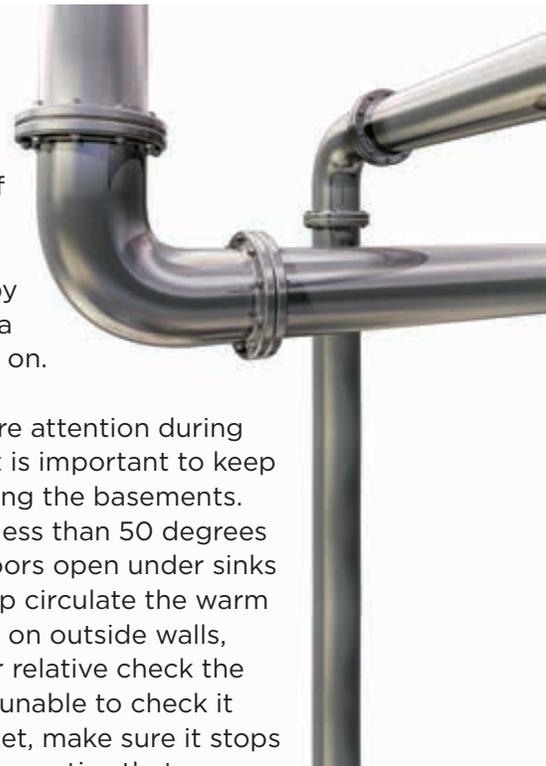
This Winter Keep the Cold Outside

It seems that winter this year came in with a vengeance, and it is a well known fact that winters here in Central Wisconsin can get pretty frigid. That extreme cold can have an effect on water meters and water pipes inside the home. Homeowners are encouraged to make sure basement doors and windows are closed tightly and that heat is allowed to flow freely around water meters. Heat should be kept at around 50 degrees in basements or wherever pipes and water meters reside.

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

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

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



The Cost of Clean

In a recent survey by MSA Professional Services entitled The Cost of Clean, sewer rates for communities around the state were compared and ranked. For communities with populations between 10,001 to 50,000 residents, Wausau ranked near the bottom, in 44th place out of 51 utilities. What does that mean? It means that Wausau has some of the lowest sewer rates in the state for communities of our size.

Adopt a Hydrant

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



Wausau Honored with Water Fluoridation Quality Award

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Department of Health & Human Services recently presented Wausau Water Works with a Water Fluoridation Quality Award for providing fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay.

In a letter from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, it was noted that "community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. Water fluoridation has helped improve the quality of life in the United States through reduced pain and suffering related to tooth decay, reduced time lost from school and work, and less money spent to restore, remove, or replace decayed teeth. Fluoridation is the single most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health over a lifetime, for both children and adults. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing decay. In fact, every \$1.00 invested in fluoridation saves at least \$38.00 in costs for dental treatment."

Wausau Water Works has added fluoride to our water since 1962.

Make Sewer Back Up Insurance A 2014 New Year's Resolution

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

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

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

Another consideration is the amount of coverage, especially if you have an improved basement. The potential for backups can be reduced by having your sewer lateral cleaned on a regular basis and by not putting things like grease, cleaning wipes, diapers or other personal hygiene products down the drain. These items should be placed in your garbage can.

A Brick in the Toilet – Does it Save Water?

Some people say that you should put a brick in the toilet tank to save water. How does that save water and is it a good idea?

Toilet flushing uses a lot of water, and putting something in the toilet tank that takes up space means that less water will be used each time the tank refills after a flush, but putting a brick in your toilet tank is **NOT** a good idea. A brick tends to crumble and might damage the toilet's flushing mechanism. Instead, use a glass jar, a plastic bag, or a jug filled with water (and make sure these items do not obstruct the normal operation of the toilet). Because some toilets require a certain volume of water to work right, be sure to test the toilet to make sure it is still flushing well after any change. *NOTE: Never use your toilet as a garbage can. Using several gallons of water to get rid of a tissue or a cigarette is very wasteful.*

Also remember that toilet tanks can leak. To check, put a few drops of food coloring in the tank, wait about 15 minutes, and look in the bowl. If the food coloring shows up there, the tank is leaking and should be fixed. Toilets should be checked for leaks on a regular basis.

Source: Plain Talk About Drinking Water – Fourth Edition – American Water Works Association

Water Works Rate Schedule

Water Rates: Effective 7/1/10

Quarterly Service Charge (based on size of water meter)

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

Plus Volume Charge below:

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

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

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

Wholesale Service (Brokaw):

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

Sewer Rates: Effective 1/1/11

Quarterly Service Charge (based on size of water meter)

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

Plus Volume Charge below:

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

Private Fire Protection: Eff. 3/1/06

(based on size of connection)

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

Public Fire Protection: Eff. 7/1/10

(based on size of water meter)

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

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

Payments must be received in the City of Wausau Customer Service Department, City Hall, by the 20th of each month. Payments received after the 20th of the month are subject to late payment charges in the amount of 1% of the outstanding balance. **Payments made at grocery stores, electronically, or through the mail, via the Milwaukee lockbox address should be made at least seven (7) days prior to the due date to ensure timely receipt.**