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Welcome to Summer in Wisconsin!

As I look out my 2nd story office window, I see the City Hall Haage Fountain running and the grass and trees and shrubs are full of buds and lush green from all the rain we recently received. This is just one feature that makes the quality of life in Wausau so great.

The beauty of nature with the Wisconsin River running through our city is a jewel we hope to build upon as we celebrate being a quarterfinalist in the AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES contest. Wausau is one of only 50 communities in the nation to advance to the quarterfinal round of this competition and we invite you to read more about this honor inside.

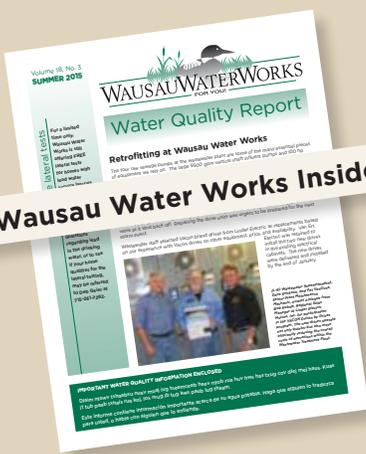
The photo attached was taken upon the conclusion of a reception held at City Hall in partnership with the Scholarships for Education & Economic Development (SEED) Program with Northcentral Technical College (NTC). The international SEED scholars have put in numerous volunteer hours within our community as part of their learning education. SEED scholars come from Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico, and participate in a scholarship program which draws from marginalized communities and populations in a need and merit based two-year scholarship. Additionally, 2015 represents the final year of the SEED Program both at NTC and nationwide. USAID has chosen to defund the SEED Program in favor of in-country programming. The SEED program has been an institution within NTC's global programming for 27 years. When the SEED program concludes in July, more than 340 international students will have participated at NTC. The City of Wausau is proud to partner with NTC and all our educational institutions. Thank you, Scholars!

As a reminder, we will be moving to an automated garbage cart system in January of 2016 and we plan to educate the residents on this change within the city as we move forward. An article inside will provide you with important information regarding this garbage/recycling contract.

I conclude my message with the hope that you enjoy your summer and all that Wausau has to offer. The Calendar of Events listed inside will certainly keep you busy. Remember, my door is always open and I welcome your comments and suggestions.



Wausau Water Works Inside



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.

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.



2nd Annual Forest Park Neighborhood Picnic

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Where: Forest Park, 9th Street
Time: 6:30 p.m.

***Bring your picnic meal and a dish/snack to share!

This is a carry in - carry out event

Extra Special Guests Appearance:

A Wausau Police Department K9 Unit will give us a demonstration

and

Wausau Fire Department will have a fire truck for us! Brief demonstration, firemen will talk to the kids, kids will be allowed to explore the fire truck!

***Picture taking is encouraged! Bring your camera!**

Questions:

They can contact Marie Schmidt at ForestParkNeighborhood@aol.com

If it rains, the alternate location is at Salem Lutheran Church, 2822 N 6th Street, Wausau.



Calendar of Events - 2015

June

11	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
18	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
19,20,21	Summer Kick-Off Celebration, Oak Island Park - Friday 5pm-11pm; Caribbean Marketplace on 400 Block - Saturday 9am-3pm and Fathers Day Car Show on Sunday 10am-3pm <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	
21	Dog 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	5:30-8pm
24	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
25	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
25	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
26	Screen on the Green, Athletic Park <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9pm
27,28	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	

July

1	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	
2	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
2	Wausau Concert Band - 400 Block	7pm
6,7,8,9,10	Challenger British Soccer Camp. Ages 3-12, Times/fees vary. Go to www.challengersports.com to sign up on line or call 715-261-1550 for details	9am-2pm
6	Family Tennis Lessons - Session II	9am-4pm
6	Swimming Lessons - Session II Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	6-7:15pm
7	Wausau Whitewater Age Group Nationals www.wausauwhitewater.org	
8	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	
9	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
9	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
9,10,11,12	Balloon Rally & Rib Fest, Downtown Airport and 400 Block, Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328	9am-2pm
12	Wausau Buttercup Race - Whitewater Park www.wausauwhitewater.org	
15	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	
16	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
16	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
19	In Bloom: Yawkey & Woodson Garden Tour, Marathon County Historical Society 715-842-5750	9am-2pm
18,19	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	1:30-3:30pm
22	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	
23	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
23	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
24	Screen on the Green, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
7/27-8/14	Swimming Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	

CVA 2015 Exhibit Schedule

Contact Information:

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Online: cvawausau.org

Caroline S. Mark Gallery:

May 22 - July 18

Lake Effect - New Work by Valerie Berkely

July 24 - September 19

Opening Gallery Gala: Friday, July 31 from 5-7pm

MANimal - Creating Connections... the Artists Perspective

September 25 - October 31

Opening Gallery Gala: Friday, October 2 from 5-7pm

The Artist's Muse 2015: Wisconsin Artists - Wisconsin Poets

Loft Gallery:

May 22 - July 18, 2015

7th Congressional District Art Competition - "An Artistic Discovery"

July (cont.)

7/27-8/13	Family Tennis Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
29	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
30	Wausau Concert Band - Rothschild Pavilion	7pm
30	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
31	Screen on the Green, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9pm

August

1,2	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	
3	Dog-Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult	
3	Summer at the Museum: Kid's Camp <i>Sponsored by Woodson History Center</i>	9am-3pm
4,5,6,7,8,9	Wisconsin Valley Fair - Marathon Park	
5	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
6	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
6	Wausau Concert Band - 400 Block	7pm
12	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
13	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
13	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
13,14	Wausau Whitewater Jackson Freestyle Clinic, www.wausauwhitewater.org	
16	Dog-Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult	5:30-8pm
16	Making a Splash: A History of the Bathing Suit, <i>Sponsored by Woodson History Center</i>	2pm
15,16	Wausau Whitewater Midwest Freestyle Championships	
19	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
20	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
20	Wausau Concert Band - Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
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September

3	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
6,7	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279	
10	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
12,13	Festival of Arts, Artrageous Weekend	
12	Wausau Concert Band, 400 Block	TBA
13	Genealogy 101, <i>Sponsored by Woodson History Center 715-842-5750</i>	1:30pm
15	Forest Park Neighborhood Picnic (at Forest Park 9th Street) Contact ForestParkNeighborhood@aol.com with questions	6:30pm
17	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
20	Mid-Century Modern Collectibles, <i>Sponsored by Woodson History Center</i>	2pm
19,20	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279	

July 24 - September 19, 2015

Opening Gala, Friday July 31, 5-7pm
Visualizing Wausau

September 25 - October 31, 2015

Opening Gala, Friday October 2, 5-7pm
CVA Volunteers/ Students

Transitions Gallery:

April 28 - June 20

Northwoods Inspiration: Four Artists

Fred Zarembka - Connie Kerkove -
Kay Lorbiecki - Melinda Schnell

June 23 - July 18 - Andrea Fenner

July 21 - September 12 - Jeff Lange

September 15 - November 7

"Two Squirrels in a Basket"
Terry Shulta & Krista Vendetti

November 10 - December 31

Steven Brock

America's Best Communities Award

In April, 2015 the City of Wausau was notified that we were among the top 50 communities in the nation to advance to the quarterfinals of the "America's Best Communities" competition. This was sponsored by Frontier Communications, DISH Network, CoBank and The Weather Channel.

Wausau will receive \$50,000 and a corporate sponsor partner to help further develop the strategic community and economic revitalization plans outlined in the initial application. These plans, which focus on reviving the Wausau region economy and improving the quality of life in the community, were developed over a period of six months. It was in September of 2014 that a cross-sector applicant team composed of government, education, business and community leaders met regularly to compile the application material. The Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce led the charge.

"We are excited and honored to be selected with 49 other communities across the United States", said Mayor Tipple. "This competition provides a wealth of creative ideas from our area leaders on how to revitalize the City of Wausau's wayfinding project and bring it from vision to reality", he added.

The team now has six months to complete the revitalization plans in order to move to the next level of the competition and become a Top 15 semifinalist. In early 2016 these 15 semifinalists will attend the America's Best Communities summit to present their strategies to a panel of judges. Eight finalists will then be selected and awarded an additional \$100,000 to begin the implementation of their plans over the next 11 months, with the top three winners being awarded \$1 million, \$2 million and \$3 million in prize money in April 2017

We are excited to showcase that Wausau truly is a great place for people of all ages to work, live and play. It really is "AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITY".

Wausau Community & Economic Development



I am Christian Schock and the new Economic Development Manager for the City of Wausau. In addition to being new to this role, I am also new to Wausau and Wisconsin. In my short time here, I am impressed by the quality community and economic development work that the City of Wausau has successfully completed: leveraging extensive private investment, developing a level of infrastructure that- I must admit- I did not expect this far north!, and supporting an outstanding quality of life. These assets are what makes our community economically competitive and what brings pride of place to the City of Wausau and to our partners like you.

While I've had the opportunity to work in at least 8 States and bring that diversity to this new role, I am most interested in listening, learning and working with you as stakeholders. Economic growth is a narrow concept that implies expansion of output, but the definition of economic development means broader and more important goals. Economic development is the process of how economic growth influences our quality of life, supports aspects of our community, and how economic growth is leveraged and multiplied to reach community goals.

One goal we have is to continue improving the City's economic development investment strategy, Council and staff will soon adopt new strategy guidelines and improved processes which are clearer for potential developers and investors, as well as more strategic for the long term goals of the City. From my perspective as a newcomer- Wausau has been a successful partner in leveraging public resources for private investment and the City is a friendly place to do business, that's reflected in the major improvements in downtown, the successful attraction of new national retailers across the City, and the continued expansion and diversification of our employment base.

It is an exciting time in the history of Wausau to be here with you, 2015 marks a major milestone in reclaiming the riverfront and reflects years of the City's efforts across many departments to assemble, remediate, and plan an entirely new front door for Wausau. This year we will extend First Street past Bridge, finish the link of the River's Edge Trail, and complete momentous public park areas including a new wharf and extensive landscaping along the reestablished Stinchfield Creek. The City will also open over 15 acres of new, fully-remediated and shovel ready riverfront land which will include mixed uses including housing, office, restaurant and entertainment facilities like Wausau On the Water (WOW). (See the East Riverfront Concept drawing below)

When I asked Mayor Tipple why Wausau has been so successful- he didn't hesitate and answered- "because we hustle harder". I've taken that as a great charge. The City's development team, City staff along with many partners, rise to this opportunity to continue guiding redevelopment of our riverfront, to continue reinvention of our successful downtown, to attracting and retaining skilled young professionals, to encouraging private investment and business expansion and to expanding housing, retail, and commercial choices for the future.

My favorite definition of economic development is from a famous economist Michael Todaro who states that "economic development is a process of creating greater freedom, greater choice and greater community self-esteem..." This definition encompasses the many aspects of the development process which are broader than just economics and shows the interconnectedness of our efforts. Also, I think this definition helps define our goals- ensuring that economic growth brings with it a sense of opportunity, richer options for personal and professional development, and greater community pride in Wausau.

What's your definition of economic development? I'd be interested in hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Legend

-  Mixed-Use
-  Residential
-  Commercial
-  Office



Check Out the 600 Block of Washington Street

Riverview Terrace

A Jewel in the Wausau Community

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living is tucked away on Thomas Street surrounded by lush gardens and a tranquil setting in the heart of Wausau. Riverview Terrace is a 36-unit Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC), licensed to provide each resident up to 28 hours per week of supportive, personal and nursing services. A midday meal is provided seven days a week and professional supportive service staff is onsite and available daily from 7:30 am-9:00 pm.

Residents must be 62 years of age or older, and qualify under applicable income limits. Riverview Terrace offers a subsidized rent and a flat monthly service fee for those in need of assisted living. Residents Michael and Laura Gau commented, "We have somebody to call when we need assistance. Everything at Riverview Terrace is great, the food, the care, the activities and especially the gardens." Laura also said she just loves it when her clean laundry comes back so fresh and warm.

This facility is owned and operated by the Wausau Community Development Authority (WCDA) and, as part of the organization's mission; we provide affordable housing with a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Dorothy Korzilius, a resident and WCDA Board Commissioner says, "The location is so convenient and the activities and personal care of the staff are the best. I love living next to Hammond Park."

Come visit and see what Riverview Terrace has to offer. If you are seeking assisted living care for yourself or a family member, please schedule a tour and find out what we are all about. Staff may be reached at 715-261-6687 or you may visit us on the web at www.riverviewterracewi.com.

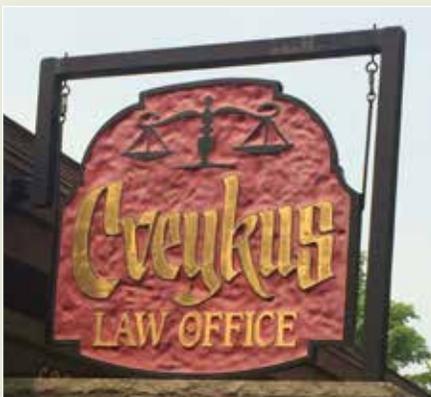


When was the last time you checked out the 600 block of Washington Street in downtown Wausau? This block has attracted a variety of new businesses over the past few years.

Red Eye one of Wausau's "to go" places is currently expanding its parking lot-rumor has it to accommodate more bicycles! There are a couple of new comers to the block; **Patina** recently opened its doors for business. It is a great little coffee shop with smoothies and other offerings. Soon to open is the **Croi Cro'ga Yoga Studio**. Celine Kline owner says "We are happy to see the city's central east side become revived and we are pleased to bring life back into the street and neighborhood."



Long time business **Presto Prints/Presto Calls** has provided a number of services to area businesses for quite a few years with the second generation now in charge. One cannot help but smile as you enjoy their greenery and those geraniums every year. **Central Wisconsin Firearms** set up their business a few years ago. Along with the retail component of their business, they offer various gun educational classes. **Expressions Ink** is a local tattoo parlor also located on the 600 block. **Home Brew Bull Falls Depot** made this block their choice business location. They have assisted the growth of home brewers in this area and beyond, and attract customers from a wide geographical area. Perhaps one day one of these home brewers may become our next local craft brewer. **Exit Greater Reality** joins in as they have recently opened a new real-estate office on the block. Another business, the office of **Attorneys Daniel and Rick Cveykus and Zachary Glascock** has set up shop here as well. That is quite an array of businesses on one block!



So next time you are out and about take some time to visit and see the revival of the 600 block of Washington Street. Thank you from the City of Wausau to all the businesses that have invested in this block, we are excited to have you





Wausau's Park Sponsorship Program is in the Works

The City of Wausau boasts a wealth of public parks that contribute greatly to our community's quality of life, providing places for recreation, reflection, exercise and events. Look for the amazing, newly redesigned Kaiser Pool opening soon!

While the City remains dedicated to maintaining and improving these valuable, taxpayer-funded resources, associated costs place a strain on annual budgets. Accordingly, we're turning to our business and philanthropic community, and individuals for help in alleviating the burden.

Wausau is developing a drive to secure private sector funding to foster our cherished park system, offering maintenance sponsorship opportunities — including some naming rights — for selected facilities. Look for more details in coming weeks. If you'd like to learn more, email us at www.wausau.sponsorship@ci.wausau.wi.us or call 715-261-6800.

Wausau Vet Center

The Wausau Vet Center provides FREE counseling to combat Veterans and their families. The Vet Center in Wausau is entirely staffed by Veterans.

"Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran returns from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential."

www.vetcenter.va.gov

News from the Assessment Department City-Wide Revaluation for 2015

The City of Wausau is in the process of a City-wide Revaluation for 2015. Wisconsin Statutes require all taxable real estate and personal property, except agricultural land, shall be assessed at Market Value, or the same percentage of Market Value as of the close of January 1st each year. (Agricultural land is assessed according to its use, based on a formula which considers its income generated through crop production and rents).

Every taxpayer in the City will be receiving a Notice of Assessment Change from the Assessment Department in August 2015. Directly after these notices are mailed, we will be holding an Open Book period from August 24th thru September 18th in the Assessment Department. Your notice will show your: 2014 Assessed Value, 2014 Estimated Full Value Assessment, and 2015 Full Value Assessment. Compare the change in your property value by comparing the 2014 Estimated Full Value Assessment to the 2015 Full Value Assessment.

Sample for demonstration purposes only:

General Property					
2014 Assessed Value		2014 Estimated Full Value Assessment		2015 Full Value Assessment	
Land	15,000	Land	14,300	Land	14,700
Buildings	72,000	Buildings	68,600	Buildings	70,600
Total	87,000	Total	82,900	Total	85,300

What if I don't agree with my assessment?

First talk with one of the professionals in the Assessment Department. Minor errors and misunderstandings can often be corrected with the Assessor instead of making a formal appeal. To schedule an appointment please complete a pre-appointment questionnaire online: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Assessment/PreAppointmentQuestionnaire.aspx. During this informal session, you can learn how your assessment was made, what factors were considered, and what types of records are kept regarding your property. Bring any information you have regarding the value of your property. Please remember the Assessor does not determine the amount of taxes for your property. After this review, if you still think the assessment is incorrect you can proceed with an appeal at the Board of Review. Remember, when you receive your tax bill in December, it is too late to file an objection. Paying your taxes under protest does not constitute an assessment objection unless you have first filed an appeal with the Board of Review.

What is the Board of Review?

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

The First Meeting of the Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. In order to appear at the Board of Review you must give notice of your intent to appeal by contacting the Board of Review (BOR) clerk (city clerk) at least 48 hours before the BOR begins. Complete and file your appeal form with the BOR clerk no later than the first two hours of the BOR's first meeting. Make sure you file a completed form or the BOR may not review your appeal.

What evidence do I need to present to the Board of Review?

State law puts the burden of proof on the property owner to show that the assessment is incorrect. Keep in mind that your evidence must be strong enough to prove that the Assessor's value is incorrect. Only relevant testimony given at the hearing will be considered by the Board. STATING THAT PROPERTY TAXES ARE TOO HIGH IS NOT RELEVANT TESTIMONY. You should establish in your own mind what you estimate your property is worth. The best evidence for this would be recent sales prices for properties similar to yours. The closer in proximity and similarity, the better the evidence. Another type of evidence is oral testimony from a witness who has made a recent appraisal of your property.

Does the Board of Review have the final say?

Appeals can be withdrawn or settled at any stage in the process. If you don't agree with the Board of Review decision after receiving their written determination, the next step is an appeal to the Circuit Court or the Department of Revenue.

City of Wausau Moves to Automated Garbage and Recycling Collection on January 1, 2016

The City of Wausau went out for bid for residential curbside refuse and recycling services effective January 1, 2016. The Common Council awarded the contract to Harter's Fox Valley Disposal who offered the City significant cost savings with an automated system.

What is an automated system? As you drive around town today you will notice that many homes currently rent rolling carts from Advance Disposal. These carts are designed to be lifted and emptied without the driver leaving the truck. This system provides a number of savings to the garbage hauler that are then passed on to the City. These benefits include less worker injury, faster collection processes, increased recycling and decreased landfill costs.

To accommodate the automated system, a number of changes need to be integrated into our curbside program.

- Harter's Disposal will deliver, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, one 95 gallon recycling rolling cart and one 65 gallon garbage rolling cart to each residential unit in the City of Wausau. Residents will not be charged for these carts but will be expected to care for the carts so that they will last many years.
- Placement of the carts at the curbside will need to be adjusted to accommodate the mechanical arm as it grips the cart and empties its contents. Carts must be placed at least 4 feet from other objects such as other carts, mailboxes and trees.
- Recycling will change to single stream collection. Single stream means that all of your recycling such as paper, cardboard and cans can be placed in the large rolling recycling cart without separation. It is preferable that recycling items are not bagged or bound together in any manner.
- Garbage and recycling will need to be contained within the cart with no overflow. Residents will have the opportunity to rent additional carts from Harter's Disposal for \$60 if they have excessive garbage needs.
- The curbside collection will be limited to each single, duplex, triplex and fourplex unit and mobile home located within the City of Wausau.

The City also engaged the contractor to provide additional services to city residents. These services will be contracted and paid for directly by the homeowner including: curbside yardwaste collection and large item pick up.

The automated system is currently in place in many of our surrounding communities and large cities throughout the state. Each city that has implemented the system has experienced dramatic increases in recycling participation which is great for the environment! The automated system will improve neighborhood appearance and prevent littering due to blowing of uncovered refuse and recycling.

The City will be developing educational material to further explain the program and prepare residents for these changes. The materials will be delivered to each residence as we approach the implementation date. We have received very positive feedback from other communities who have transitioned to this program. Thank you in advance, for your cooperation and patience during implementation!

Maryanne Groat, Finance Director, City of Wausau



City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

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

2015 Hours of Operation

The Yard Waste Site will be open from: April 1 through November 22, 2015 during the following hours:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9 am to 8 pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm
Sunday	9 am to 5 pm

The Yard Waste Site will be CLOSED on Independence Day (4th of July).

***NOTE* There will be extended hours starting approximately the last week of September to November 22nd.**

The site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours. The site is monitored by video surveillance. 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 am - 3:30 pm

Watch for Fall CLEAN IT UP, WAUSAU Dates!!!

Due to the success of the Spring CLEAN IT UP, WAUSAU event, please watch for dates in the fall for the next one. This is another opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unwanted household goods. This will take place adjacent to the Yard Waste site at 105. E. Chellis Street in late September or early October.



CITY OF WAUSAU

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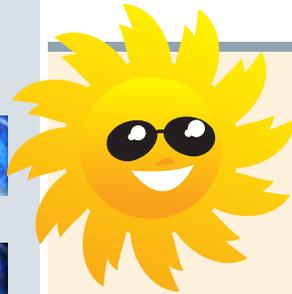
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2015 Wausau Outdoor Pools

Kaiser, 900 E. Bridge Street -
Opens July 1, 2015

Memorial, 505 Memorial Park Road -
CLOSED for the season

Schulenburg, 1533 Summit Drive -
Open June 12

2015 Pool Fees

Daily Open Swim
(Pools are open, Saturday, July 4, 2015)

Special Deals

- Free Wednesday nights from 6-7:50pm
- Half Price from 6-7:50 daily

Schulenburg Pool Daily Fees 1-7:50pm

- \$1.00 - Ages 1 and older

Kaiser Pool Daily Fees 1-7:50pm

- Infants up to 1 year free with paying care giver **(must wear swim diapers)**.
- Youth 1-7 years \$2.00
- Adults 18-59 years \$3.00
- Seniors 60 years and older \$2.00

Season Passes

City of Wausau Residents

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

Non-Resident Pass

- \$27 - Youth & Adult
- \$65 - Family

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

Infants & toddlers who aren't toilet trained must wear swim diapers.

Pool Hours of Operation

Swim Lessons Mon.-Fri. 10:05-11:55 am
Open Swim Mon.-Fri. 1-7:50pm
Sat. & Sun. 1-7:50pm

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

Kaiser Opens July 1

The new Kaiser Neighborhood Aquatic Center will open on Wednesday, July 1 at 1 PM. Kaiser was closed last season for renovation. The new facility includes two large water slides, a climbing wall, a walk-in shallow end with a large water play structure and dump bucket, and semi-circle seating area built into the side of the pool. The grounds include new fencing, landscaping, and a new pool building that encloses the mechanical room, locker rooms, a family changing room, guard/first aid room, and a new concession stand.

The building is situated at the west side of the property providing a clear view of the pool and its amenities from Bridge Street. The original granite retaining wall and bleacher-like seating area at the back of the grounds was preserved, while additional grass areas have been added around the deck.

Hours: Swim Lessons 10:05-Noon (weekdays)
Open Swim 1-6:50pm (daily)

Daily admittance fees for Kaiser are:

Infants under 1 year	Free with paying care-giver
Youth 1 to 17 years	\$2.00
Adults 18 to 59 years	\$3.00
Seniors 60 & older	\$2.00

Fees are half price after 6 PM
Wednesdays from 6 to 7:50 PM are FREE.

Season passes for swimming are

Wausau Resident Youth	\$21.00
Non-Resident Youth	\$27.00
Wausau Resident Adult	\$21.00
Non-Resident Adult	\$27.00
Wausau Resident Family	\$52.00
Non-Resident Family	\$65.00

Swimming Lessons are available at Kaiser beginning Session II. For class times and fees go to the www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp. Swim lesson registration is available on-line, by phone with a credit card or in person at the park office at 212 River Drive, Suite #2, Wausau WI 54403. For more information call the park Office at 715 261-1550.





WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

free lateral tests

For a limited time only, Wausau Water Works is still offering FREE lateral tests for homes with lead water service laterals. Generally, homes built prior to 1965 would have lead laterals and would qualify for this testing. Questions regarding lead in the drinking water, or to see if your home qualifies for the lateral testing, may be referred to Deb Geier at 715-261-7262.

Water Quality Report

Retrofitting at Wausau Water Works

The four raw sewage pumps at the wastewater plant are some of the many essential pieces of equipment we rely on. The large 9500 gpm vertical shaft influent pumps and 100 hp electric motors, in turn, aren't very useful without the electrical panels that control them. That's why Senior Plant Maintenance Mechanic, Pat VanOuse, knew he was going to have some major challenges on December 16, 2012 when he walked into the plant and smelled a burnt plastic odor coming from the pump room.

The original motor drives were installed in 1989. They were state of the art at that time but also very costly, so only two drive units were installed for the four pumps. With one drive unit down, a second pump could only be run in an on or off mode. If needed, one of the massive pumps would repeatedly kick in at full speed followed by a loud bang of the check valve as it shut back off. Repairing the drive units was urgent to be prepared for the next storm event.

Wastewater staff selected Vacon brand drives from Linder Electric as replacements based on our experience with Vacon drives on other equipment, price, and availability. Van Ert Electric was retained to install the two new drives in the existing electrical cabinets. The new drives were delivered and installed by the end of January.



(L-R) Wastewater Superintendent, Dave Erickson, and Pat VanOuse, Senior Plant Maintenance Mechanic, accept a plaque from Bob Rohde, Regional Sales Manager at Linder Electric Motors, Inc. for participation in the VACON Driven by Drives program. The new drives operate not only quieter but also more efficiently reducing the overall costs of operations within the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Dlaim ntawv tshaabxu nuav muaj lug tseemceeb heev nyob rua huv hws has txug cov dlej mej haus. Kuas it tub paab txhais rua koj, los nrug ib tug kws paub lug thaam.

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

Did You Know?

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas productions, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential users.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum productions, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring, or be the result of oil and gas production and mining operations.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Let's Raise Our Glasses to Toast Water Quality Excellence!

Wausau Water Works is proud to present this year's Water Quality Report, and even more proud to announce that our test results for 2014 met all the requirements for safe, excellent water quality. A complete list of the results of these tests are shown on pages 4-5 of this report.

We are often asked "why do you prepare this report?" Because we want you, our valued customers, to be informed about your drinking water, and know that the product you are drinking is safe and of the highest quality. The federal government also wants you to be informed about your drinking water, and requires all water utilities in the United States to provide this information to their customers on an annual basis. So let's raise our glasses (of water, of course) and toast to another year of water quality excellence!



Water Utility Complies with Lead Action Levels in First Round of Testing

Wausau Water Works recently completed their first round of lead compliance tests after their 2014 exceedance. Results of the 60 homes tested between January-June, 2015 came back with only 3 properties testing higher than the action level of 15 ppb which puts us back into compliance. A second round of testing will be conducted starting in July.

We often get asked if the lead in the water is in specific areas of town. The answer to that is no. Actually, the water mains themselves are not where the problems occur, it's when the water sits in lead service lines, or copper lines with lead solder, or the home's plumbing that the lead gets into the water. There are a couple of easy things to do to help minimize the amount of lead that your family would be exposed to. The first is to flush any faucet that you would normally drink from, such as kitchen and bathroom faucets, anytime the water has sat for 6 hours or longer. Running the cold water from 30 seconds to 2 minutes, or until it runs cold-cold, should do the trick to bring in the fresh water from the mains. Also, when using water for cooking or preparing baby formula, never use hot water from the tap. Hot tap water is more apt to leach the lead from the pipes than the cold water. Always draw the water from the cold water tap and heat.

Important Info

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

You may also contact our office at 715-261-6530 if you have any questions regarding your water quality. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Routine Water Quality Testing...

The Water Quality Test Results shown on pages 4-5 only lists substances which were detected. **We run numerous tests for substances which are not detected.** We also run routine tests to help us evaluate water characteristics such as pH, alkalinity, hardness, etc. A summary of those results is shown below.

pH - Typical result: 8.5. Ideal range: 7 to 8.5. Measure of acidity—low values may indicate corrosive water.

Alkalinity - Typical result: 70 to 80 mg/l. Measure of water's ability to neutralize acids—is related to pH and hardness.

Hardness - Typical results: 80 to 100 mg/l or 4-1/2 to 6 grains/gallon. Wausau's water is moderately soft. Hard water is beneficial to health, but high levels can decrease soap's cleaning ability and cause scaling inside of pipes.

Iron - Typical result: less than 0.05 mg/l. Natural levels in our well water can be high, but it is removed by our treatment plant - not a health concern, but it can cause taste and odor problems as well as staining of laundry when bleach is used.

Manganese - Typical result: less than 0.04 mg/l. Like iron, a naturally occurring mineral that is removed at the treatment plant.

What these tests indicate is that we have high quality, good tasting water available right at our taps!

Definitions of Terms

The terms listed below relate to the tables as shown on pages 4-5

AL - Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

PPM - Parts Per Million or milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

PPB - Parts Per Billion or micrograms per liter (ug/l) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

pCi/l - Picocuries per liter - measure of radioactivity.

MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level - the "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - the "goal" (MCLG) is a level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

TCR - Total Coliform Rule.

ND - None Detected.

MCLs are set at a very stringent level. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Do Not to Flush!

With today's hectic schedules we all enjoy the modern conveniences such as anti-bacterial wipes, diaper wipes, disposable diapers, etc. Unfortunately, our Wastewater Treatment Plant has seen an increase in these types of products. These items are notorious for plugging up pumps and can get caught on roots or other debris in laterals and sewer mains causing backups to occur. Maintenance costs to remove these products and repair equipment is also increasing. These items do not break down like toilet paper does.

Our sewer collection crew also has seen an increase in rags and wipes in our sewer mains. When backups occur as a result of these types of items, it is often at the expense of the property owner. Grease is another issue that causes homeowners problems. Grease should be wiped from pans and disposed of in the garbage prior to washing dishes. Using soaps that claim to eliminate grease, only breaks it down for a short period of time where it again congeals further down the line, clinging to other debris such as rags or roots.

Remember, use your toilet only for its' intended purpose.

Never flush

diapers, wipes of any type, feminine hygiene products, rags, paper towels, or anything that is not intended for the toilet. Dispose of these products in your garbage can.

**WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS**

Substance	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation Y/N	Likely Source Of Substance
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Disinfection Byproducts

HAA5 Site D11 Site D16	ppb	60	60	18 14 (Range 14-18)	NO 	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM Site D11 Site D16	ppb	0	80	10.5 13.6 (Range 10.5-13.6)	NO 	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Barium	ppm	2	2	.006	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (Last sample date 09/09/2011)	ppb	200	200	12		Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.7	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nickel	ppb		100	0.56 (Range .54-.56)	NO 	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products
Nitrate (N03-N)	ppm	10	10	0.49 (Range .46-.49)	NO 	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (N02-N)	ppm	1	1	0.021 (Range 0.015-0.021)	NO 	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	ppm	N/A	N/A	14	NO 	Naturally occurring, contained in corrosion control additive

INFORMATION ON MONITORING FOR CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND RADON—Our water system did not monitor our water for cryptosporidium or radon during 2014. We are not required by State or Federal drinking water regulations to do so.

Substance	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation Y/N	Likely Source Of Substance
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Inorganic Contaminants (continued)

Copper	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	0.0580 (0 of 30 results were above the action level)	NO * 	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	ppb	0	AL=15	16.00 (4 of 30 results were above the action level)	NO * 	Corrosion of service lines and household plumbing systems

Radioactive Contaminants

Radium (226 + 228)	pCi/l	0	5	0.8 (Range 0.5-0.8)	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits
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Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Sulfate	ppm			9.20 (Range 8.90-9.20)	NO 	Naturally occurring
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* Systems exceeding a lead and/or copper action level must take actions to reduce lead and/or copper in the drinking water. The lead and copper values represent the 90th percentile of all compliance samples collected. If you want more information on the number of sites or the actions taken to reduce these levels, please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7262.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS—Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The tables on these two pages list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in these tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the table along with the sample date.

Health Effects for any Contaminants with MCL Violations/Action Level Exceedances

LEAD INFORMATION—Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wausau Water Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Data presented in these tables represent the most current test results. Some tests are performed on a 3 year cycle.

How to Avoid a Water System Cross Connection

What is a Cross Connection? A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

How does contamination occur? When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backwards: backsiphonage and backpressure.

Backsiphonage may occur due to loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a watermain break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

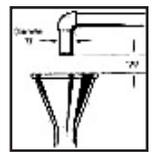
Backpressure may be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection,

Insights to Protect Your Drinking Water DO...

- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper air-gap device
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home

DON'T...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is an one inch "air gap" separation



In the Bathroom Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is Compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)



- Complies with ASSE #1014

Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle

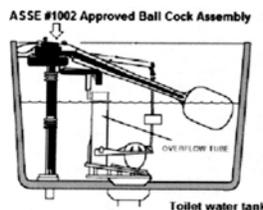
1" minimum AIR GAP above Tub GAP from fixture outlet



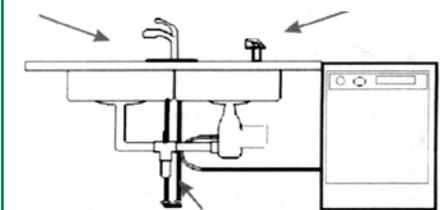
In the Bathroom—Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an ASSE #1002 approved anti-siphon ball-cock assembly. Average cost is typically between \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on device.



In the Kitchen

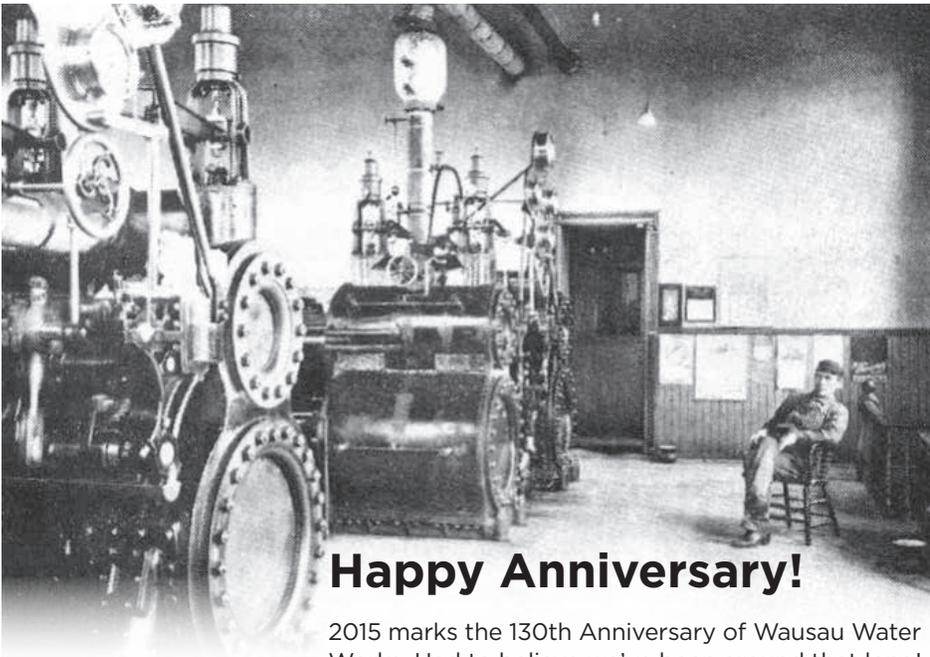


Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

Source—Wisconsin Municipal Environment Group—Water Division

Upcoming Taxroll Changes to Affect Tenants

Based on a 2014 change to Wisconsin State Statutes, tenants who default on their water and sewer bills could see these charges applied to the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access (CCAP) program. The public, including landlords, have access to this program and will be able to assess whether future tenants have a history of defaulting on public utility bills. When delinquent notices are sent in October, tenants will also now receive a copy of the notice if there is an outstanding balance and if the quarterly bills typically are mailed directly to them. Questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Wausau Water Works billing office at 715-261-6530.

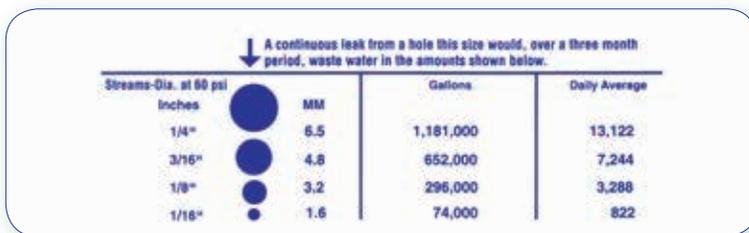


Happy Anniversary!

2015 marks the 130th Anniversary of Wausau Water Works. Had to believe we've been around that long!

Back in 1885 when the utility was created, land was purchased north of Bridge Street along the Wisconsin River for the first well and pumping station which consisted of boilers and two steam driven Holly pumps (pictured above). The pumps had a rated capacity of 2,100 gpm each and the boilers were fired with "hog feed" (wood chips and sawdust). 10 miles of water mains, 100 hydrants were also installed for a grand total of \$115,175.

Today, have 6 supply wells, a 12 mgd water treatment plant, over 230 miles of water mains, in excess of 1,600 hydrants and provide service to almost 16,000 customers. Yes, we've come a long way, but one thing has remained consistent, and that is our commitment to provide the best quality drinking water possible for our residents!



Fixing a Leak Can Save \$\$

A leaky faucet that runs a stream of water as small as 1/16" can waste 74,000 gallons over a three month period. You might think that it couldn't possibly increase your bill that much, but in fact a continual leak can cause bills to go up tremendously! That 74,000 gallons can equal an increase in your quarterly water and sewer bill of almost \$465.00. Take the time now to check those faucets and repair any known leaks. Toilets can also be checked by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank of the toilet. If the color comes through without flushing then the stopper is not closing off properly. Generally inexpensive repairs can ultimately create significant savings on your water and sewer bill.

Private Well Permits

Property owners in the City of Wausau are required to have a permit for wells on their property. Wells that do not meet code requirements or that are not operational must be properly abandoned.

The procedure for obtaining a permit has changed in response to changes in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. To obtain or renew a well permit the property owner must submit an application form, an inspection report from a licensed well driller or pump installer certifying that the well is in compliance, a passing bacteria test, and a \$15 fee.

Wells that are not in use must be properly abandoned by a licensed well driller or pump installer. DO NOT attempt to fill a well yourself as it is very expensive to remove unapproved materials from the well casing.

Please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7262 if you need an application for a well permit or information on well abandonment.

Questions About This Water Report?

If you have questions regarding this water quality report, or concerns about your water, please contact Eric Lindman, Director of Public Works and Utilities at 715-261-6745 or Scott Boers, Drinking Water Superintendent at 715-261-7286.

If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works visit our website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks.aspx.

Utility Commission Meets Monthly

The Wausau Water Works Commission typically meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. (some exceptions do apply).

If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works, please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled Commission meetings. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for Commission consideration, please contact Lori Wunsch at 715-261-6742 two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Meeting agendas and minutes of prior meetings are available on the City of Wausau website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Shannon Lane who was recently promoted to the position of Senior Distribution Maintainer. We wish Shannon the best in his new position.

Rich Wendlick has recently transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Water Utility as a Distribution Maintainer.

Floyd Smith Jr. has also recently started with the Water Utility as a Distribution Maintainer.

We welcome both Rich and Floyd to our Team!



Thousands of Water Quality Tests Conducted Annually

The substances shown on the tables on pages 4 and 5 indicate contaminants that are detected in our drinking water. Other items that are tested, but are indicated as non-detects (meaning their amounts are so low, if at all present, that they are not detected during testing) include: Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury, Selenium, Thallium, Aldicarb, Atrazine, Pentachlorophenol, Toxaphene, Benzene, Styrene, Vinyl Chloride, and Xylene, just to name a few.

Thousands of water quality tests are performed annually to ensure that you are receiving the best possible quality of drinking water. Additional tests, including inorganic substances, disinfection byproducts, radioactive substances, unregulated contaminants, microbiological, volatile organic and synthetic organic substances which include pesticides and herbicides, are conducted on a three to five year cycle.

Where Does Our Water Come From?

Wausau's drinking water comes from six municipal wells, all of which are located near the Wisconsin River. These wells range in depth from 95 feet to 160 feet and pump anywhere from 900 to 3000 gallons per minute.

From the wells, the water travels to our Water Treatment Plant where it undergoes treatment to remove iron and manganese prior to distribution to your home or business. Approximately 250 miles of mains deliver the water from the Treatment Plant to approximately 16,000 homes and businesses served by Wausau Water Works.

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, please contact Scott Boers at 715-261-7286.

Did You Know?

All drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain naturally dissolved elements/minerals. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk, and generally are required for a balanced diet. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring, or are man-made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

