

# CITY OF Wausau WORKS FOR YOU



SUMMER 2024



Dear Residents,

I want to speak candidly about what is going on at city hall because residents whose doors I knocked on are smart and deserve no less. With sixty days on the job as of writing this, I am pleased to say that we are making progress.

**DEVELOPMENT:** On May 30th, we had the ground-breaking for the Foundry on 3rd project. At last, we are putting shovels in the ground to redevelop the site of the former Wausau Center Mall. Added touches from Wausau Opportunity Zone (WOZ), LLC, the current owner of the mall site, includes the Children’s Imaginarium and a beautiful new

north facing façade and entrance to HOM Furnishing, a stalwart partner for the last 5 years on that site. We’re looking at this project as a catalyst for WOZ to attract additional developers for the rest of the site.

**STREET MAINTENANCE:** Whether shopping for a new home or a business looking to expand, the condition of our roadways plays a key in role in making that first impression, and it is not always a favorable one. We also had a stroke of luck. From January to April, we had a very mild winter. That has left money budgeted for snow plowing and salting unspent. I asked staff to put together a plan to use those funds to reduce the backlog of resurfacing & sealing roads. It makes sense to use unspent money from one type of roadwork for another type of roadwork and make more use of recent investments in city owned paving equipment for in-house hot mix applications. This, on top of the council funding of about \$500,000 in ARPA funds should make some visible headway.

**WATER BILLS:** I’m asking City Council and our water commission to look at utility finances to find ways to reduce costs for water and wastewater treatment. Wisconsin law allows municipalities to collect a Payment in Lieu of [Property] Taxes or PILOT payment from local utilities, but it does not require it. We should consider a mock rate case study internally before involving the PSC. Reducing that tax will necessitate some belt-tightening at city hall, but I know we can do it. The public expects 100% of the money they pay for water bills to go toward the cost of operating the utilities and not have one-in-eight dollars siphoned-off to other things.

**BUDGET:** I plan to put forward a bare-bones budget for 2025. The citywide revaluation triggered at the end of 2023 by WI State Statute has made double-digit property tax increases unavoidable for many residents. So, it is imperative that we do all we can to cut costs in the 2025 budget.

That is a taste of what is going on at city hall. I invite you to weigh in on these topics as the council takes them up.

*Doug Diny*

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Wausau, WI 54403  
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General Hours: M-F, 8-4:30

# Economic Development



May 30<sup>th</sup> saw the groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of a transformative endeavor that will uplift downtown Wausau and be a catalyst for future housing and business development.



Foundry on 3rd will be a five-story mixed-use development containing 153 units with a mix of studios, one bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments. Foundry on 3rd will have retail and commercial space fronting 3rd Street and Washington Street for potential businesses such as a salon, financial firm, café/coffee shop, health spa, clothing store, boutique shop, etc. The development will also have climate-controlled underground parking and supplementary parking in the Forest Street parking structure (parking structure can be directly accessed via a skywalk from Foundry on 3rd). Foundry on 3rd will have an onsite leasing office and a beautifully landscaped courtyard, which will include fire pits, grilling areas, cabanas, and a resident bar area. The amenity-rich development will also include a fitness center, game room, clubroom with full kitchen, library, dog wash station, electric vehicle charging stations, and more.



The City of Wausau and Foundry on 3rd will be working in parallel with each other to complete site excavation, contaminated soil removal, utilities, building construction, and street construction. Infrastructure and street construction around the development will be ongoing through 2026. Jackson Street will be constructed to a temporary state in 2025 and the permanent Jackson Street will be completed as surrounding development is completed.

Mayor of Wausau, Doug Diny, says, “Wausau is pleased to renew streets and utilities to this area of the city as a catalyst for a great development. We are proud of our partnership with T.Wall and WOZ to bring this vision to life.”

# Community Development

## Request for Community Input: 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan for CDBG Funding



Dear Community Members,

We are seeking your valuable input for the 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Your feedback will help shape the priorities and projects that will enhance our community over the next five years. The Consolidated Plan aims to address housing, economic development, and public services, ensuring that our community's needs are met effectively.

Please take a few moments to complete our survey and share your thoughts on how we can best allocate resources to improve our city.

You can access the survey using the QR code, visiting the city website ([www.wausauwi.gov](http://www.wausauwi.gov)), or by contacting Community Development at 715-261-6800 to request a hard copy. Your participation is crucial in making informed decisions that reflect the aspirations and needs of all residents.

Thank you for your time and contribution to building a better future for Wausau.

Community Development Department, City of Wausau



# Fire Department

Melted snow, budding trees, longer days: they're all signs that the warmer months are here. For many of us, these seasonal hallmarks are reminders to start spring cleaning in and around our homes.

As people power up their lawnmowers, rake up debris, touch up chipped paint, and take on myriad projects to get their homes and yards ready for the months ahead, following are six key practices and supporting recommendations to help minimize the risk of fires and associated hazards:

## Properly use and store gasoline

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel, never as a cleaner or to break down grease.
- Only store gasoline in a container that is sold for that purpose and never bring it indoors, even in small amounts.
- Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use.

## Carefully dispose of rags with paint and stain

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air as the rags dry, the heat is trapped, builds up and can cause a fire.

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. When you're finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.
- Hang rags outside or spread them on the ground and weigh them down so that they don't blow away.
- Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution, which will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on how to properly dispose of them.

## Use/store flammable and combustible liquids with care

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.
- Never smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.



## Inspect grills to ensure they're in good working order

- Inspect your grill carefully and make sure it's free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.
- For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

## Keep debris well away from your home

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., with more and more people living in communities where wildfires are a real risk.

- Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to reduce fuel for fire.
- Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on or under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first five feet of the home.
- Move construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.

## Clean out your clothes dryer

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. This includes making sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow.
- Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.



# Emergency Management

## Preparing for the Summer Heat Marathon County/City of Wausau Emergency Management



As we kick off the summer season, it is important to be prepared for the heat that comes with it. Extreme heat can put everyone at risk of heat-related illnesses, but those risks are increased for older adults, infants, and children. Those who are pregnant, work in the heat, exercise in the heat, and those with chronic medical conditions such as breathing difficulties, heart conditions, diabetes, kidney disease, and obesity are also at an increased risk of heat-related illness.

Before the heat wave hits, there are ways to prepare: install window air conditioners and insulate around them, do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device (fans create airflow but do not reduce body temperatures or prevent heat-related illnesses), cover windows with drapes or shades, weather-strip doors and windows, and identify places in the community where you can get cool. During the heat wave, it is important to drink plenty of water, limit alcohol consumption, cover windows to keep the sun from shining in, take frequent breaks if working in the heat, cut down on exercise, wear sunscreen (sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down), wear a wide-brimmed hat and check on your neighbors and loved ones.

During periods of extreme heat, the National Weather Service will issue heat-related alerts as conditions warrant. An excessive heat warning is issued when the maximum heat index temperature is expected to be 105°F or higher and not go below 75°F for a heat index the morning before or after. A warning may also be issued if the maximum heat index will be between 100-104°F for four days in a row. Heat watches are issued with conditions favorable for an excessive heat event in the next one to three days. A heat advisory is issued when the heat index is expected to be 100°F or higher. It may also be issued if the heat index will be between 95-99°F for four days in a row.

For more information or tips, please visit [ReadyWisconsin.gov](http://ReadyWisconsin.gov)

Kelly Bremer, Emergency Management Coordinator

**CITY HALL  
HOURS  
FOR SUMMER**

**FROM JULY 8 - AUG 2,  
2024, CITY HALL  
WILL BE OPEN  
MONDAY - THURSDAY  
7:15 AM - 4:30 PM  
FRIDAY 8 AM - 1 PM**

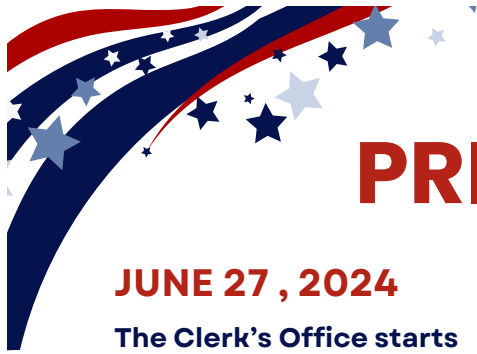
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*Save the Date!*

**WELCOMING  
WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 13-22**





# August 13th is PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!

## JUNE 27, 2024

The Clerk's Office starts mailing absentee ballots daily to voters with active absentee applications. Voters can track their ballots at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

## JULY 24, 2024

Last day for electors to register to vote by mail or online in the Partisan Primary. After this date, electors must register in person.

## AUGUST 13, 2024

**Partisan Primary Election.** This includes U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress District 7, County Clerk, and County Treasurer.

## POLLING LOCATIONS FOR 2024

District	Location
1 & 2*	Lakeview Conference Center, 1000 Lakeview Dr
3 & 10	Marathon Park East Gate Hall, 801 Garfield Ave
4 & 5	Thrive Church, 400 Grand Ave
6*	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 930 Edgewood Rd
7 & 8	St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Dr
9 & 11	National Guard Armory I, 833 S 17th Ave

\*New Poll Site in 2024! Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to see which district you live in.

### ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Absentee ballots are being mailed to voters. Eligible voters can request a ballot be mailed to them until August 8 at 5:00pm :

- Online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)
- By mail, email, or fax

Ballots need to be returned to City Hall by 8:00pm on Election Day!

### IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

In person absentee voting allows electors to vote in person before election day. It will be held at City Hall:

- July 30 - August 2
- August 5 - August 10

### Scan the code to discover:

- In person absentee voting dates and times
- How to register to vote
- More information on Badger Book e-pollbooks



### REMINDERS FOR VOTERS

- All poll sites are open from 7:00am - 8:00pm
- All voters will need to show a valid photo ID to receive a ballot









New **24/7** Online  
Account Management and Payments



**Pay Online**

-  VIEW USAGE HISTORY
-  VIEW PAYMENT HISTORY
-  SET UP RECURRING PAYMENTS
-  SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS BILLING

SAVE **TIME.** SKIP THE **LINE.** PAY **ONLINE.**

Service Fee of 3% or \$2.95 minimum.

City of Wausau  
407 Grant Street  
Wausau, WI 54403-4783





# CSO

The Community Service Officers (CSOs) are non-sworn officers who are seasonally employed by the Wausau Police Department. CSOs can handle complaints and take non-criminal enforcement action. They can issue municipal and parking citations, direct traffic, and assist sworn officers as necessary. CSOs are often seen walking or biking on the streets or parks throughout their shift. This year, the police department hired 19 CSOs! Be sure to wave and say hi when you cross paths with them!

**LIQUOR LICENSES**

### Do I Need a Liquor License for my Summer Event?

A retail alcohol beverage license is required any time alcohol beverages are sold to consumers. Temporary Class "B" beer and Temporary Class "B" wine licenses are options for qualified applicants for a limited duration picnic, meetings, races, or other special events. These licenses can only be issued to bona fide clubs, chambers of commerce, churches, lodges, societies, or veteran organizations.

For more information please contact the Clerk's Office at 715-261-6620 or email [clerk@wausauwi.gov](mailto:clerk@wausauwi.gov).

## DO YOU HAVE A PET?

Pet license fees start as low as \$12!

Puppies and kittens (less than 6 months old) are half price after July 1!

### 3 Reasons to License your Cat or Dog:

- Your animal has a better chance of being returned to you if lost.
- It proves your animal is properly vaccinated.
- It's the law! Fines can reach up to \$187.50 for unlicensed or unvaccinated pets.



Learn more about licensing your pet, find local dog parks, and license your pet by scanning the QR code

# Slow YOUR MOW



## Flowers LEAVE THEM BEE

Flowers that grow within your lawn also provide forage for insects and bees.



## Clippings LEAVE THEM THERE

When you mow, mulch the grass and spread it on the lawn. This will help the lawn retain moisture and returns nutrients to the soil.

## Grass LEAVE IT LONG

Keep your grass between 2-6" tall

Conserve water, become more resilient to dry spells, save water and money

## Consider Planting

### Native Plants

Reduce your carbon footprint & support long-term ecosystem health

### Diverse Species

Provide blooms and food to pollinators and wildlife throughout the entire season (spring & fall)

### Pesticide-free Plants

Ask the suppliers if pesticides were used. Local nurseries tend to be the best source of pesticide-free plants.

### Bee Lawns

Turn your turf into food for pollinators. Bee lawns attract over 50 species of native bees.

### Avoid Chemicals

Pesticides (including herbicides) become incorporated into the soil and our water supply, harming both wildlife and people.

## Newcomer's Corner

*If you are new to Wausau, here are some things that are handy to know, before you learn the hard way...*

- Wausau has a limit of 2 dogs and/ or 3 cats per household. A permit can be obtained if you have more. All cats and dogs must be licensed. Chickens can be kept with a permit.
- Building permits are required for most home improvements—call before you start a project!
- Garbage and recycling pick up is included in the property taxes. All residences are issued bins. Consult the schedule on our website to find out your pick up day.
- Backyard fires are allowed only by permit, which can be applied for at City Hall.
- Overnight parking follows an even/ odd date schedule all year long. See the police dept section of the website for details.
- Sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours. There are blue barrels for sand throughout the city that you can help yourself to for your slippery sidewalks. Snow is not to be shoveled into the street.
- During a major snowfall, a snow emergency may be declared, which means absolutely no parking on the street, even if you don't have driveway space.
- Water bills are sent quarterly, so it can take some time to get your first one (homeowners.)
- There is a curfew for those under the age of 16 between midnight and 6 am.
- You can view city meetings on our public access station, and on YouTube.





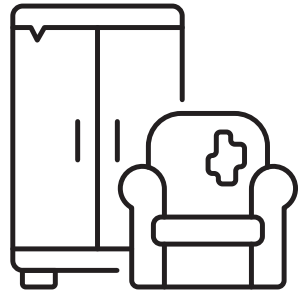
# Public Works

City Of Wausau

## Clean It Up, Wausau! Large Item Drop-Off

Friday & Saturday,  
September 20-21 • 9am - 5pm

Location: east end of E. Chellis Street - Near the Yard Waste site



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY	
<b>September 20th, September 21st</b>	<b>9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>CITY OF WAUSAU RESIDENTS ONLY - (*proof of residency required*)</b>	

ITEMS ACCEPTED
<b>Appliances (examples):</b>
<b>*FEE TO DISPOSE OF*</b> <b>\$25.00 PER ITEM THAT CONTAINS FREON</b> <b>Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Refrigerator, Freezer</b>
<b>* NO CHARGE ITEMS* -</b> Microwave, Dishwasher, Dryer, Humidifier, Stove, Washer
<b>If your appliance is gently used and in working condition -</b> it can be donated to Habitat for Humanity's Recycled Building Materials Facility
<b>OR if in NON working order -</b> Contact: Alter Metals, Wellers Salvage, Yaeger's or other salvage scrap vendors

Marathon County Hazardous Waste Facility - Located at the Marathon County Landfill
<b>*NOTE -</b> you need to make an appointment at least 1 day in advance* there may be fees associated with specific items <b>715-446-3101 ext. 100</b>
Aerosol Paint cans with paint in it (empties can be recycled)
Antifreeze
Ballasts, Fluorescent bulbs, Tubes
Cleaning Solvents, Degreasers, Drain Cleaners, Oven Cleaners
Dry Cleaning Fluids
Ether, Fuel
Floor / Furniture Polish
Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides
Gun Cleaners
Hobby materials / chemicals
Metal Cleaners
Mildew Cleaners
Oil / or any gas mixtures exceeding 5 gallons
Paint (Oil based), Thinners, Turpentine, Varnish
Photography chemicals

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Bathroom plumbing fixtures
Cabinets
Carpeting
Chairs
Concrete chunks (small amount)
Countertops
Furniture
Gasoline engine equipment - gas and oil removed
Grills (propane tanks removed)
Hot tubs
Lawn mowers - gas and oil removed
Long boards (that do not fit in a garbage container)
Mattresses
Metal
Plastic childrens toys (too large to fit in garbage dumpster)
Pool tables
Remodeling waste - Insulation, Fiberglass (small amount)
Sinks
Snow blowers - gas and oil removed
Sofas / Couches
Tables
Toilets
Vacuum cleaners
Wash tubs
Water heater
Weed eater - if the unit is gas, gas and oil removed

Electronics (examples):
<b>*FEE TO DISPOSE OF - *based on weight*</b> TV's, Computer monitors, Computers, Laptops, Keyboards, Cameras & Recorders with video display, DVD & VCRs, Printers, Scanners, Fax machines, Cell phones with video display Contact Good News Project, Helping Hands Recycling or Wellers Salvage

TIRES - (CASH ONLY) No credit cards accepted
Under 22" - \$5.00 22" and Over - \$10.00

The City of Wausau Department of Public Works facility is monitored by video surveillance, a citation will be issued to those who intentionally dispose of unacceptable items at their facility

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CITY'S DROP OFF SITE
<b>NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE</b> and/or items in an enclosed bag
<b>PAINT</b> - can be dried by opening the cover to let dry, or use cat litter and place within your normal garbage container provided by Harters.
Cardboard, Plastic containers - can be placed bi-weekly in a container provided by Harter's

SHARPS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL
- Put them in a commercial sharps disposal container, or in a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw-on cap for sealing tightly.
<b>NO MILK JUGS OR OTHER THIN PLASTIC.</b>
- Do no separate the needle from the syringe- LABEL THE CONTAINER WITH 'BIOHAZARD', INFECTIOUS WASTE / SHARPS & DO NOT RECYCLE.

Look for acceptable and non-acceptable items via City's website:  
[www.wausauwi.gov](http://www.wausauwi.gov)

## City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

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

### 2024 Hours of Operation

The Yard Waste Site will be open from April 3rd through November 24th during the following hours:

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

**\*NOTE\*- Schedule times may vary in the fall, call D.P.W. at 715-261-6960 to confirm scheduled hours.**

The site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours. The site is monitored by video surveillance. Citations will be issued to those who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

### Materials Accepted:

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

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 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



# Inspections



The Division of Inspection, Zoning and Electrical Systems provides inspection services and direction for construction of all new residential, commercial, and industrial buildings within the city, as well as existing residential additions and alterations.

A building permit serves as formal and legal permission to begin construction on a project. Once issued, the permit confirms that project plans for a new structure, addition, renovation, foundation, plumbing, air flow system, fireplace, deck, electrical, and other building components have been approved by the City and that plans comply with all mandated state and local building codes and zoning laws.

**[A complete list of permit requirements is available on-line at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections](https://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections)**

To submit your permit application, please visit <https://evolveportal.ci.wausau.wi.us/>. Through the portal you can submit applications and manage your permits. All applications submitted will be evaluated for completeness before being reviewed and approved by an inspector(s), so please be sure to look over each application carefully.

**If you require an in-person meeting with an inspector or have questions regarding permits, please email [inspections@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:inspections@ci.wausau.wi.us) or call 715-261-6780 to schedule an appointment.** Walk-ins are not advised. As of 04/01/2024 Inspectors are available by appointment only.

Have you recently had your furnace or water heater replaced but never scheduled an inspection? Please call 715-261-6780 and we can get that scheduled for you.

## **TRASH CONTAINERS, RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS AND TRASH:**

- Trash containers and recyclable containers shall not be set out for collection any sooner than 3:00 p.m. of the day before pickup, and all containers shall be removed from the curbside/boulevard area by 11:00 a.m. of the day after pickup.
- Between pickups, trash and recyclable carts should be stored in a garage, shed, or kept behind or on the side of the house. Containers cannot be stored at the front of the house or on a corner lot side yard.

## **Keeping a safe & healthy community!**

City residents take great pride in maintaining their property. Lawn care is an essential task in keeping in compliance with city ordinances.

- Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed 12 inches. Landscaping shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways. Property owner maintenance responsibilities include the boulevards and along alleyways.
- Exterior areas shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of items, garbage, debris, yard waste.
- Yard waste, including grass clippings, cannot be placed on the streets, the alleys, boulevards, gutters, or right-of-way.
- Dog/animal excreta must be picked up in a timely manner, to minimize health hazards.
- Furniture, not intended for outdoor use, is not allowed on yards or open porches.



**Check out the following link for more property maintenance reminders:**  
**<https://www.wausauwi.gov/your-government/inspections/property-maintenance>**

# Public Works

## Proper trimming of Alleyways

Property owners are responsible for trimming tree branches and shrubbery that hang in the alley adjacent to their property. Their property goes to the center point of the alley. Trees and brush should be trimmed to a height of 8'. When WPS has large trucks that need to access the Alley, they need to have a clearance up to 10' for pole and powerline repair. Any questions please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works.



## JoJos's Jungle Landscape Rejuvenation Project

Volunteers from the Transformational Leadership program, sponsored by The Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, chose to give back to the community through an environmental project. They contacted and partnered with the Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department to design, plant and rejuvenate portions of the landscaping at JoJo's Jungle.

JoJo's Jungle is a very popular children's playground at Brockmeyer Park. It has diverse play equipment with planting beds spread throughout - including a pollinator garden at the center. It is a tough growing environment, and many plants have failed and trails have been made through the beds. The team of volunteers helped design then implement improvements to the landscape.

We addressed the trodden paths by placing tree cookies from removed city trees for the children to follow. Three new trees were planted to replace poorly growing specimens. Dozens of new flowering shrubs and hundreds of perennials were placed throughout the garden beds giving the playground a fresh new look. Finally, the team mulched all the beds, protecting the new plants and making it look fantastic!

We at the Parks Department truly appreciate the time and effort put forth by the Transformational Leadership team! They put so much effort into every facet, from drawing design plans to pushing wheelbarrows full of mulch.

We invite everyone to stop by and enjoy the updated landscaping at the playground!

John Kahon



## Suckers and Watersprouts on Boulevard Trees

Have you ever noticed how certain species of trees can't seem to decide if they want to be a tree or a shrub? No, I'm not referring to a hybrid or some other genetic variation where different plants are exhibited from the same root stock. I am speaking of the dreaded SUCKER.

Suckers, originating from the base of a tree and watersprouts, originating from a latent bud in the trunk can be quite a nuisance or even a hazard if allowed to grow too large. These adventitious branches are prolific growers and not only become difficult to mow around, but can become a visual obstruction while exiting driveways or approaching stop signs.

Although pruning of boulevard trees is prohibited by Chapter 12.56 of the Wausau Municipal Code, removal of suckers is permitted and even encouraged. Some species (linden/crabapple/pear) often produce suckers annually, and removing the new shoots can be a quick and easy way to prevent issues in the future. These new shoots are often about the size of a pencil and can be removed with a pruning shear.

Please refer to the picture to understand the distinction between suckers (originating at the base), watersprouts (small shoots from the trunk), and low branches. Low branches are off limits for residents to prune.

If these suckers have gotten too large and need to be addressed by our staff please don't hesitate to contact us at [parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us) or (715) 261-1550.





## CITY OF WAUSAU

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### Mayor

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### City Council Representatives

All mail for Alderpersons  
can be sent to:  
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Wausau, WI 54403

### District 1

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### District 2

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### District 3

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### District 4

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### District 5

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### District 6

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**Vision Statement...** Wausau is a fun, vibrant, and highly connected community providing diverse and accessible social, arts, cultural and outdoor recreational experiences and a thriving economy where everyone has the opportunity to achieve success and happiness.

## Wausau Area Events

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Creating Community Through Events

**Wausau Wisconsin**

**RIB MOUNTAIN**

**ROTHSCHILD**

**CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE**  
400 BLOCK - DOWNTOWN WAUSAU  
6 PM TO 8 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY





# 2023 Consumer Confidence Report Data

PWS ID: 73701023

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

**Daaim ntawv tshaabzu nuav muaj lug tseemceeb heev nyob rua huv kws has txug cov dlej mej haus. Kuas ib tug paab txhais rua koj, los nrug ib tug kws paub lug thaam.**

## Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Scott Boers at 715-261-7286.

## Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

Council Chambers, City Hall, 407 Grant St. Wausau Wi. 54403. Meetings are held at 1:30 PM, First Tuesday of the month.

## Health Information

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 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 (800-426-4791).

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 systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency’s safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

## Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	95	Active
6	Groundwater	100	Active
7	Groundwater	100	Active
9	Groundwater	100	Active
10	Groundwater	160	Active
11	Groundwater	155	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Scott Boers/Wausau Water Operations Superintendent at (715) 261-7286.

## Educational Information

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 from 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 stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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.

## 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 following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following 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 tables below along with the sample date.

## Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-16	60	60	10	10		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-16	80	0	26.2	26.2		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-7	60	60	10	10		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-7	80	0	18.3	18.3		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

## Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.003	0.002 - 0.003		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.6	0.6 - 0.6		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.45	0.36 - 0.45		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	26.00	22.00 - 26.00		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.0110	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	7/13/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	5.80	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	7/2/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

## PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Typical Source of Contamination	Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.				
Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
NETFOSAA (ppt)		20	4.76	0.52 - 8.40	
PFBS (ppt)		450000	0.23	0.00 - 0.56	

## PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level (Continued)

PFHXS (ppt)		40	0.22	0.00 - 0.54	
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	3.55	1.60 - 5.00	
PFNA (ppt)		30	0.22	0.00 - 0.67	
PFOS (ppt)		20	1.22	0.00 - 2.30	
PFOA (ppt)		20	6.53	1.00 - 12.00	
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	7.74	1.00 - 14.30	

## Contaminants with a Public Health Groundwater Standard, Health Advisory Level, or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

The following table lists contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Public Health Groundwater Standard (PHGS), Health Advisory Level (HAL), or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Public Health Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Public Health Groundwater Standards and Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Contaminant	Site	SMCL (ppm)	PHGS or HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Typical Source of Contaminant
SULFATE (ppm)		250		5.20	3.70 - 5.20		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes

## 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.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)
BROMIDE (ppb)	29.7615	29.344 - 30.179	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA5 (ppb)	12.92975	9.049 - 18.562	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA6Br (ppb)	.44375	0 - .697	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA9 (ppb)	13.3735	9.049 - 19.191	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
MANGANESE (ppb)	17.00525	1.616 - 35.742	1/8/2018, 1/9/2018 & 7/23/2018
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (ppb)	5086.05	3956.1-6191.7	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018



### Additional Health Information

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 Waterworks 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](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: 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 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.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/l)
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.