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Mayor Tipple's Message

Dr. Seuss once said "how did it get so late so soon?" I know my 12 years have flown by. I would like to thank our entire community for the trust they placed in me as your mayor. I am really proud of the partnerships we have created as we have moved our great City forward. The local philanthropists, foundations, and local businesses have invested their time, energy and resources in our City. Since this is my last message, it is an honor to thank them again and the other stakeholders in our community for their support and dedication. A lot can happen in a dozen years and I am proud to reflect on our successes:



- We partnered with businesses to create nearly 700 professional and manufacturing jobs directly tied to the City's economic development tools, and we developed jobs in high paying sectors like advanced manufacturing for both large and small businesses.
- We literally changed our skyline, partnering on the construction of the Dudley Tower, Riverside Place, the renovation of City Square, the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin and more, totaling over \$100M in new construction investment downtown, and doubling the amount of local employees.
- We partnered to complete a major first-rate hotel with the Jefferson Street Inn and Palladian Condominiums project, which is a major downtown anchor.
- We finished the 400 Block into a public, green space in the heart of our region, welcoming thousands to a public square that is the envy of any community.
- We expanded and enhanced the Wausau Business Campus, funding the construction of our Entrepreneurial and Education Center (EEC) and major new expansions at Wausau Coated, Linetec, Wausau Window and Wall, Eastbay Footlocker, and others.
- We partnered with the over \$6M renovation of our Athletic Park with the Wisconsin Woodchucks.
- We've used our economic development resources to support many local small businesses and entrepreneurs, too; everything from Bull Falls Brewery, Briqs Ice Cream, Thrive Foodery, Red Eye, The Glass Hat, Sweet Lola's, La Prima, Back When Café, and many, many more!
- We led the major reconstruction and realignment of the Stewart Ave interchange, which opened a new front door to the City and attracted new major national retailers.
- In partnership with Marathon County and the Holtz Krause Steering Committee, we completed the Eastbay Sports Complex. Combining that with the Wausau Curling Club, these are both major tourist draws and community assets.
- We are successfully completing renovation of our 3 neighborhood pools.
- We finished an \$11M renovation of our public housing complex at Riverview Towers, established a multi-million community facility at the Women's Community Shelter and the first warming shelter for the homeless.
- We established and grew our Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N) groups from 2 to 9, which meet routinely and have coordinated major cleanups.
- We secured the Medical School of Wisconsin and have seen major expansion of the Aspirus Hospital.
- We've finally made resources available for the long-overdue reinvigoration of the Wausau Center Mall.
- We completed acquisition, planning and remediation of the Brownfield along the East Riverfront, setting the foundation for major investment in new office and housing which is coming this year.

This is a long list, but it doesn't touch on the improvements and safety measures we have taken with our Police & Fire Departments, our EMT Rating improvements, Water Metering Upgrades, Street Lighting Expansion, new LED lighting in parking ramps and the new garbage contract with increased recycling.

In the face of negativity and political maneuverings, my advice to the next Mayor is simple. Be positive, be the face of Wausau we want to show the world - to investors, to businesses, to visitors and residents. Our greatest asset is our people and our story. Be proud, as Mayor, to continue telling that story.

Thank you.
James A. Tipple



2016 Wausau Outdoor Pools

Pool Locations:

Kaiser

900 E. Bridge Street
Opens June 10, 2016

Memorial

505 Memorial Park Road
Off Sturgeon Eddy Road

Schulenburg

1533 Summit Drive
Closed for the Season
Will re-open Summer 2017

2016 Pool Fees:

Daily Open Swim
from 1:00 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.

- Infants under 1 year - FREE
- Youth and Seniors - \$2.00
- Adults 18-59 years - \$3.00
- Seniors 60 years and older - \$2.00

Season Passes

- Financial Assistance Available
- Call the Park Office at 715-261-1550 for details

Lessons

- We'll teach your kids to swim weekdays from 10:10-11:55 a.m.
- Call the Park Office at 715-261-1550 for details

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.

Calendar of Events - 2016

April

1	City Yard Waste Site opens	9am
3	Tapping Tradition: The Sweet History of Maple Syrup in Marathon County Sponsored by Marathon County Historical Society 715-842-5750	10am - 3pm
9	Children's Festival - East Gate Hall, Marathon Park Call Parks Dept for Info 715-261-1550	9am - 3pm
15,16	Clean It up, Wausau LARGE ITEM DROP OFF Event, Yard Waste Site, 105 E. Chellis Street.	9am - 3pm
29	Duane Corbin Shooting Range Park opens - Call Parks Dept at 715-261-1550	
29	Marathon Park Camping Opens - Call 715-261-1566 for reservations	

May

2	Swim Lesson Sign-up begins at Park Office, 212 River Drive or online at www.co.marathon.wi.us - Call Parks Dept at 715-261-1550	
6, 7, 8, 20 & 21	Lifeguard Class, Must be at least 15 yrs old. John Muir Pool, Fee \$125.00 Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550	Fri - 5-10pm, Sat/Sun 8-5pm
13, 14, 15	Book Sale - Marathon County Public Library. For Info call 715-261-7200	9:30am - 4:30pm
27	Marathon Junction opens at Marathon Park	
28	Memorial Day Parade - Marathon Park to VFW	10:45am
14, 15	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am - 4pm

June

3	Frontier Music Fest, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Frontier and Wausau Events</i>	5pm - 11pm
4	Marathon County Splash Pad opens - Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult, \$.50. <i>Sponsored by the Parks Dept.</i>	12 - 7pm daily
10	Wausau Pools open (Schulenburg Pool Closed for renovations)	1pm - 7:15pm
11, 12	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am - 4pm
13	Swimming Lessons - Session I Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
13	City Playground Program Opens - Four 1/2 day supervised sites, \$31 - Resident, \$40 - Non Resident. Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550 for information	
13 - 30	Family Tennis Lessons - Session I Up to 4 family members (must include 1 adult) Mon/Tue/Thursday nights - Oak Island Courts, \$65 - Residents, \$85 - Non Residents	6pm - 7:15pm
6/15 - 8/14	Tennis Camp - Ages 5-17 yrs, Week-long 1/2 day camps. Times and fees vary by age. Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550	
17 - 19	Summer Kick-Off Celebration, Oak Island Park; Fathers Day Car Show on Sunday <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	Fri-5pm-11pm Sunday Car Show 10am - 3pm
18	Splash into Safety - FREE - All children receive a free life jacket. Memorial Pool - Pre-registration required call 715-847-2380	10am
19	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	5:30pm - 8pm

June (continued)

22	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
23	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm
25, 26	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am - 4pm
29	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
30	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm

July

5 - 21	Family Tennis Lessons - Session II	6pm - 7:15pm
5 - 22	Swimming Lessons - Session II Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
6	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
7	South Beach Up North Live Radio Show. Wisconsin Public Radio Go to their website www.sobechamberensemble.org or call 715-845-5822	10 a.m.
7	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm
7, 8, 9, 10	Balloon Rally & Rib Fest, Downtown Airport and 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328</i>	
9	Balloon Chase 5K Run/Walk, Downtown Airport <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328</i>	7:30am
9,10	Chalkfest, 400 Block	Sat 8-8pm, Sun 7-11am
9, 10	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park, Call 715-203-1279 www. Wausauwhitewater.org	10am - 4pm
10	South Beach Up North Concert at St. John's Episcopal Church	Noon
11 - 15	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 - 4:0pm
13	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
14	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm
16	South Beach Up North Concert, Mozart on the Move, UU Church	06 PM
17	South Beach Up North Concert, Schumann Piano Quartet and Vaughan Williams Piano Quintet. 715-845-5822 sobechamberensemble.org	Noon
20	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
21	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm
22	Screen on the Green, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9pm
27	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm - 8pm
28	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am - 2pm
7/25 - 8/11	Family Tennis Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
7/25 - 8/12	Swimming Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	

Memorial Day Parade - Participants Wanted!

The City of Wausau Veterans Committee is organizing the annual **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** to be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 10:45 a.m.

Patriotic floats, marching units, and any group or organization interested in participating is needed. Line-up begins at 9:45 a.m. and the line-up location will be in the Fair Midway area of Marathon Park, east of the grandstands. Step-off for the parade will be at 10:45 proceeding through the Stewart Avenue Main Gate traveling east on Stewart Avenue to River Drive, concluding at the VFW at 388 River Drive. The ceremony at the VFW building will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. with opening remarks by a City Representative. Following will be the exercise of the Military Rites and Taps.

Please join us as we honor our fallen comrades by coming out and enjoying the parade. Anyone wishing to participate are encouraged to call either Paul Missett at 715-842-9554 or Roger Sydow at 715-675-1839.



BOOK SALE!

The Friends of the Marathon County Public Library will hold a book sale May 12th through May 15th at the Marathon County Public Library Wausau Headquarters, 300 N. First St., Wausau.

The Friends will sell used books, games, puzzles, CDs and other items. A special preview sale will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12th for members only of the Friends of the Marathon County Public Library. Friends memberships can be purchased at the door.

The sale will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th. The Friends will have a special bag sale from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15th where patrons can buy a bag for \$6 and fill it with sale items. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Marathon County Public Library and its programming. For more information, call 715-261-7200.



Bicycle Friendly Community

This past November, the Wausau Metropolitan Area was recognized as a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) by the League of American Bicyclists. The League of American Bicyclists was founded in 1880 to advocate for better roads for bicycling, and represents the nation's 57 million cyclists in its mission to lead the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. The Bicycle

Friendly Community program, along with programs to recognize Universities and Businesses, provide benchmarks communities can use to evaluate their quality of life, sustainability and transportation needs. There are currently 371 Bicycle Friendly Communities in the United States and 16 of those are in Wisconsin with Madison taking the top award of Platinum. A Bronze award puts the Wausau area on par with Stevens Point, Appleton, and Eau Claire.

The BFC program emphasizes that bicycling is a simple solution to many of the challenges we face in our area. Bicycling provides mobility, sustainability, health and helps knit the many communities of the metro area together. In the past few years, communities in the Wausau Metro Area have recognized the importance of bicycling and providing safe accommodations on the street for all users. This award is in recognition of the efforts put forth by elected officials, staff, and volunteers to improve bicycling conditions.

Continuing this momentum, are the new bike lanes which will be added on Stewart Ave between 17th Ave and 1st Ave when it is repaved this summer. The standard 5-foot bike lane will be next to the curb with a painted buffer about 3-feet wide providing separation from the car traffic. There is the new bike polo court at Riverside Park, a unique sport and attraction that will build the bike culture. Plans are also moving forward on the mountain biking addition to Sylvan Hill Park, something fun for all ages as well as a great way to build your skills. These projects, as well as the support of the city, can continue to elevate Wausau's place in Wisconsin and the Midwest as a healthy, vibrant, and safe community for bicycling of all types for all ages.

City Of Wausau

Large Item Drop-Off Clean It Up, Wausau

Friday & Saturday, April 15 & 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

East end of E. Chellis Street near the Yard Waste Site

The Mayor's N2N (Neighbor to Neighbor) Committee is partnering with local non-profit organization in another "Clean It Up, Wausau" event for Wausau residents to properly and safely dispose of unwanted items. Items can be dropped off at 105 E. Chellis Street. Follow the signs and please be prepared to show proof of City of Wausau residency! If you have questions, please call Public Works at 715-261-6960 or the Mayor's Office at 715-261-6800.

To dispose of other items, please call the Marathon County Solid Waste and Recycling Information line at 1-877-270-3989.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Light Bulbs • Batteries • Explosives
- Smoke/Co Detectors
- Paint, Chemicals • Roofing Material
- Remodeling Waste-Insulation, Fiberglass
- Waste Oil, Antifreeze, Lead
- Fertilizers • Pesticides, Herbicides
- Compressed Gas Cylinders

Earth Day Activity - April 23, 2016

The Ghidorzi Green & Clean is greater Wausau's annual cleanup to free our beautiful landscape of litter and debris. The event, which has removed 13.45 tons to date, is a productive way for individuals and groups of all ages to celebrate Earth Day and a healthy outdoor activity for families, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Safety green T-shirts, trash bags and gloves are provided free of charge, along with hot Starbucks coffee and refreshments to energize our efforts.

EVENT DETAILS:

Who: Everyone is welcome. Businesses and Organizations can become an Event Partners free of charge

What: Picking up litter for a clean start to spring.

Where: Event kicks off at Corporate Cove Tower, Clean-up encompasses entire Wausau metro. Area including Wausau, Rib Mountain, Schofield, Rothschild and Weston

When: April 23, 2016 (the Saturday after Earth Day)

Times: 8:30 am - Refreshments and check in.
9-11 am - Deployment of volunteers and trash pick-up
11 am - Event completion, volunteers depart from their cleanup site.

To complete your registration and guarantee your free t-shirt, please register online at <http://ghidorzigrreenandclean.com/registration/>.



WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US

A clean city makes a bold statement about the community. It shows that we take pride in our hometown, and even more importantly that we take ownership of it. A clean community is magnetic - it draws people outdoors, attracts visitors and gives an all-around positive feeling about the area. Finally, unlike many environmental problems, we can control litter 100%. Let's make greater Wausau Green and Clean by making it litter-free!

MEDICATION

- Drop off at local Police Department

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	FEE
ALL ELECTRONICS:	
Computers, Copiers, Faxes, Keyboards, VCR/DVDs, TVs	.40/lbs.

TIRES:	
Up to 20"	\$5.00
Over 20"	\$10.00

APPLIANCES:	
Microwaves	FREE
Dehumidifiers	\$15.00
Refrigerators, Freezers	\$15.00
Snow blowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Lawnmowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Stoves	FREE
Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers	FREE
Scrap Metal	FREE

FURNITURE:	
Mattress/Box Springs	FREE
Tables, Chairs, Sofas	FREE



2016 Recycling Collection Calendar

Refer to the table and the calendar to determine your recycling and garbage pick-up day. If you have any questions as to whether you live in a blue or yellow collection area, call City Hall at 715-261-6500. **Keep this schedule for future reference and remember the holiday schedule of a "day delay" pick-up.**

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

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

2016 Recycling Calendar

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Wausau Emergency Police Unit Wausau, Wisconsin

The Wausau Emergency Police Unit is seeking volunteers to give of their time to protect the community. This unit assists the Wausau Police Department during major functions where traffic control and extra security is needed and is on call to assist as needed during an emergency.

The Unit is comprised of volunteers from various communities, who are willing to give of their time in such an effort. All of the parades, some 5k & 10k races, the Balloon Rally & Glow, the Wisconsin Valley Fair, The Festival of the Arts, Art in the Park, and other events are worked as needed. The Unit is also ready for any Emergency; such as: storms, floods, or any other happenings where the police may need additional staffing for scene security and crowd control. Wausau Emergency Police have training at various times during the year and work hard to be ready. The present director is Larry W. Jaeger and his executive officer is Major Frank Schuelke. The police liaison is Patrol Lieutenant Dwayne J. Dachel. There are three Squads and at present 35 Officers. As in any volunteer organization, we are always looking for new recruits. A candidate must be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check and an interview to become a member. Our members range in age from 18 to 70 plus, both male and female. The unit provides the uniform, except pants and shoes. Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis.

To learn more about the Wausau Emergency Police Unit, call Lieutenant Dwayne Dachel at 715-261-7987. Applications can be picked up at the Wausau Police Department during regular business hours or found on the department website.

Board of Review Committee Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the City of Wausau's **Board of Review Committee**. This board is composed of five residents of the city, none of whom shall occupy any public office. The members of this board are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the common council and shall hold office as members of the board for staggered 5-year terms.

The **Board of Review** is responsible for correcting any tax assessment errors. It conducts its hearings in a manner similar to a court proceeding. The first meeting of the Board of Review is scheduled on Monday, June 6, 2016 from 10:00-4:30pm and subsequent days may be scheduled following that date. Monetary compensation is provided for your service. Please consider taking part in your local government process by getting involved.

If you are interested in serving on this board, please contact the Mayor's Office at 715-261-6800.

Assessment Department Dates To Remember

- 2016 Change of Assessment Notices To Be Mailed... **May 20, 2016**
- 2013 Open Book Period... **May 23-27, 2016**
- 1st Meeting of the Board of Review... **June 6, 2016**

Who will receive a 2016 Change of Assessment Notice?

We will mail you a notice if your assessment is to be higher or lower than it was the previous year.

What is Open Book?

Open Book is when the Assessment Roll is first available for public review. It is also a period when you can make **appointments** to come in, review your property record card and discuss any valuation concerns you may have with the property appraiser assigned to your area. Most assessment questions can be answered during the informal "Open Book" process.

What if I disagree with my Assessment?

If your opinion of value for your property differs from your Assessment, please come in and discuss the matter with us.

After talking with us, if you still find a significant difference between your assessment and what you feel is your property's market value, you may file a formal objection. This objection for the Board of Review must be filed in writing with the City Clerk. For complete details on the appeal process visit: www.revenue.wi.gov/pubs/slf/pb060.pdf to view "The Guide for Property Owners" published by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of State & Local Finance, Bureau of Assessment Practices.

What is the Board of Review?

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Emerald Ash Borer Awareness

As many of you know, the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (EAB) is a looming threat to the ash trees in our community as well as the rest of the country. While the beetle that kills ash trees has NOT been found in the Wausau area as of yet, it will be. The Wausau/Marathon County Parks Department is responsible for the management of the street tree population in Wausau as well as the trees in Wausau City and Marathon County parks. The following is the evolution of the management strategy developed by researchers, industry professionals, and municipalities.



In 2002 the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle was first discovered in the U.S. in southeastern Michigan. Due to the rapid spread of EAB, the original management strategy was to eradicate the ash trees in your community. As we have learned, eradication is a near impossible task. The next strategy was to proactively remove ash trees and replace them with a different species of tree. Wausau began this process and reduced the street tree population from roughly 6,200 ash in 2007 to 5,200 trees currently. This process has proven very costly, so communities then began exploring other options. The next strategy was to remove and replace as well as treat the high profile trees to limit ash mortality from the beetle. There are several treatment options, however we would most likely be looking at using a trunk injected botanical insecticide. This strategy has proven effective for many communities, however the most cost effective strategy is to treat most of the ash trees and remove them as they die of natural causes.

The reason for treatment is to level off the cost for the community. Treatment would be at a fixed cost per year as opposed to a rather high cost for removal. For example, Milwaukee calculated their cost of removal and replacement at \$27 million versus an annual treatment cost of \$1 million. Treatment would enable Wausau to conduct tree removal and replacement on a manageable schedule, as opposed to the rapid rate the trees would die without treatment. Without treatment, all ash are predicted to die within nine years of EAB arrival. The beetles are often not detected for the first three to four years. The loss of roughly 25% of the street tree population would result in tremendous canopy loss, reduced shade, more rapid street surface degradation, increased storm water run-off, reduced carbon sequestration, and an invasive removal strategy that would inconvenience many residents.

This article is intended to make the residents of Wausau aware of the options available to deal with the pending EAB situation. Additionally, there will be a Green Ribbon Campaign for EAB Awareness in April, whereby ribbons will be tied around about 300 ash trees. You are encouraged to go to the website on the ribbon at www.goldensandsRCD.org and click on the picture of the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle for facts about ash trees and the beetle.

Red Flags Signs of the Unprofessional Remodeler:

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) says it's important to know the warning signs for unscrupulous home remodelers and offers the following red flags to keep in mind when searching for a contractor:

- Doesn't have license and insurance.** All professional home remodelers should be insured and able to show their certificate proving such insurance. The State of Wisconsin requires that contractors have a Dwelling Contractor credential (to verify proof of responsibility and minimum insurance limits) and that one of their employees holds a Dwelling Contractor Qualifier credential (minimum continuing education requirements to maintain some level of contractor competency).
- Doesn't write contracts.** Professional home remodelers have clear contracts that outline the job, process, the cost, and helps clarify how problems will be managed. If you don't have a contract, neither the remodeler nor the homeowner are protected when something goes wrong.
- Requires cash or payment in full before starting the job.** Shady home remodelers demand cash and then run with the money. Many homeowners have been stranded by paying in full up front.
- Vastly underbids all other contractors.** They may have the best price, but that doesn't guarantee the best work. Such contractors may cut costs on quality for your home remodel, which can end up costing more when the homeowner has to redo the work.
- Cannot provide customer references.** Professional home remodelers should have current references they can provide from current and past clients.
- Poor credit.** A bad credit report suggests bad business practices that could harm your remodeling project.
- Difficulty contacting the home remodeler.** Professionals have a physical office, mailing address, phone, and email. They should respond to your queries in a timely manner.

Construction/Remodeling Projects

- If you are planning any construction or remodeling projects, we would like to remind you that permits are required for most projects in the City of Wausau, such as:
 - New construction or an addition to a building.
 - Alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.).
 - Construction of a detached garage, lean-to, storage building, gazebo, or any additions or alterations thereto.
 - Construction or reconstruction of a deck, stoop, porch or ramp.
 - Residing of a building. (Make sure house numbers get reinstalled upon completion.)
 - Roofs: A building permit is required for the installation/replacement of all roofing in the City including reshingling.
 - Old shingles must be removed, unless the Building Inspector approves installation over one existing layer.
 - Metal roofs are NOT allowed on residential buildings in the City unless they meet certain guidelines and are approved on an individual case-by-case basis by the City. (Metal roofs using corrugated panels or exposed fasteners will not be approved for use on residential buildings.)
 - Construction, replacement or expansion of a fence. The purpose for requiring permits for fences is to ensure the location, height, materials and maintenance of them, so they properly comply with City regulations and in order to prevent the creation of nuisances.
 - Demolition of a building.
 - Separate permits are required for any plumbing or electrical work.

A more complete list of permit requirements is available on-line at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/ResidentialPermitRequirements.aspx

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

The inspectors are typically in the office between 8:00-9:00 AM and 12:30-1:30 PM, Monday through Friday, to review plans, issue permits and answer questions. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. If these times are not convenient for you, contact the Division of Inspection, Zoning and Electrical Systems at 715.261.6780, and they are generally able to make other arrangements for you to meet with their staff.

We are working on implementing new permitting and inspection software that in the future, will allow contractors and homeowners to apply for permits on-line. We will include more information in future newsletters when this is finalized and up and running.



Property Maintenance Reminders



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

Exterior Property Areas:

- Shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of items, garbage, debris, yard waste.
- Dog/animal excreta must be picked up on a daily basis, so as to minimize health hazards.
- Furniture, not intended for outdoor use, is not allowed on yards or open porches.

Vehicles:

- Must be parked on established driveway/parking areas that are hard-surfaced.
- Parking on the grass is not allowed.
- Vehicles that are unregistered/unlicensed, inoperable, abandoned, or in any state of major disassembly, disrepair, or undergoing overhaul are not allowed to be parked on residential properties.
- Motor vehicle repair is not allowed on residential properties.

Trash and Recyclable Carts:

- Can be set out for collection after 3:00 PM on the day before pickup.
- All carts must be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 11:00 AM the day after pickup.
- Between pickups, trash and recyclable containers may be stored anywhere on your property except in your front yard. It would be preferred that they be placed in garages or sheds or on the side of the garage/house, if possible.

Recreational Equipment:

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

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

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

Wausau Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

In the last edition of this newsletter, there was an article on the status of the City's Comprehensive Plan update. That effort is moving along and now we need your help.

This planning effort requires citizen input to make it reflective of the community. To do that, a survey has been developed. Please go to the link below and respond. It shouldn't take more than 10 or 15 minutes. Your input will be critical to help shape the future of Wausau! Follow the link in the box below to complete the survey.

As you may recall, a comprehensive plan is a long-range policy guide for decisions about the physical development and redevelopment of a community. Planning is important because cities are constantly changing; communities that are able to anticipate the future are better able to take advantage of what the future has to offer. Planning helps guide and encourage change in a way that brings maximum benefit to its citizens.

Community Survey We Need Your Help!

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey to help plan the city's future.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/wausausurvey

When completed, the Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guide for the City Plan Commission, Common Council, and other City officials as they make decisions about the long term growth and improvement of the community. More specifically, it provides a foundation for decisions on public programs and activities such as: zoning, land use, growth and annexation, parks, economic development, public utilities, streets, downtown revitalization, and neighborhood improvements.

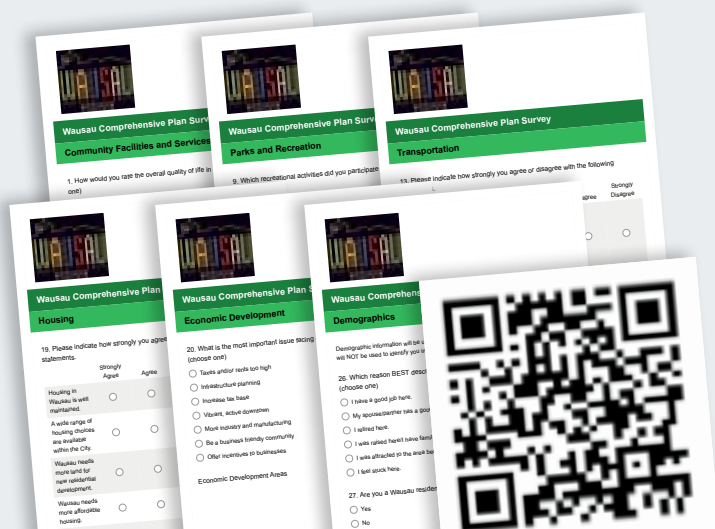
The next city newsletter will provide another update on the plan and information collected from the survey. If you have any questions or would like additional information on the comprehensive plan, please contact Brad Lenz, City Planner.

Fire Departments Filling Void in Healthcare

Will Zick and Travis Krueger, Wausau Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedics, were the pioneers of the recent Community Paramedic Pilot Program with Wausau Fire Department, South Area Fire and Emergency Response District (SAFER), and Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Community Paramedicine also known as Mobile Integrated Healthcare will no doubt be an asset to healthcare in the future according to Dr. Mark Mirick, Medical Director, Wausau Fire Department.

The Program started on February 1, 2016 with the primary goal of keeping members of our community out of the hospital. "We hope to assist those individuals being discharged from the hospital so that they will avoid having to be readmitted for their ailment", states EMS Division Chief Scott Habeck. "Some of the ways we might be of assistance to those members of our community is through helping them understand discharge orders and medications better, conducting intermediary physical exams and any other capacity that they might require our assistance." The program focuses on patients being discharged with Congestive Heart Failure (chronic condition in which the heart doesn't pump blood as well as it should), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (lung disease that blocks airflow and makes it difficult to breathe), and pneumonia (infection that inflames air sacs in one or both lungs, which will fill with fluid). The patients who desire to take part in the program will be visited in their home after discharge. At the visit community paramedics review discharge orders focusing on medications and medication adherence, verify follow up appointments with the patient's primary care provider, complete a patient assessment, and perform a home safety check. Other things determined will be recognizing any additional resources that the patient is in need of to help them improve their general health. A completed assessment is reported to the patient's primary care provider which indicates any of the paramedic's recommendations, concerns, or questions. After the initial visit medics will schedule two more visits based upon their findings and the needs of the patient.

"This pilot program just scratches the surface of how Community Paramedicine can positively impact our community", explained Chief Tracey Kujawa. "We not only hope to increase the quality of life of those who participate but positively influence the overall health of our community, prevent disease and sickness, and assist in controlling healthcare costs."



City of Wausau supports the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

The Woodson Art Museum was recently recognized as a Finalist for the 2016 National Medal for Museum and Library Service by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. They are among the 30 finalists. The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. For 22 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service and are making a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

"We have a true "jewel" in the Woodson Art Museum here in Wausau", said Mayor Jim Tipple. "Our community is fortunate to benefit from the multiple changing exhibits and "hands-on" engaging opportunities for all ages".

With their mission "to enhance lives through art" and its commitment to "always-free" admission, the Woodson Art Museum seeks to provide visitors with quality art experiences through its permanent collection, changing exhibitions, and related programming.

"We congratulate the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and thank the many volunteers and staff for their commitment to Wausau", added Mayor Jim Tipple.

The National Medal winners will be named later this spring, and representatives from winning institutions will travel to Washington, D.C., to be honored at the National Medal award ceremony.

For more information about the Woodson Art Museum, visit www.lywam.org, e-mail the Museum at museum@lywam.org, call 715-845-7010, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Hours: Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm
First Thursday of each month
9am - 7:30pm
Thursdays during Birds in Art
9am - 7:30pm
Saturday - Sunday
Noon - 5pm

Closed Monday & holidays, including New Year's Day, Easter, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas

Admission: Always Free Admission

Phone: 715.845.7010

E-mail: museum@lywam.org

Location: Franklin and 12th Streets, Wausau, WI 54403-5007
700 North Twelfth Street

Online: www.lywam.org



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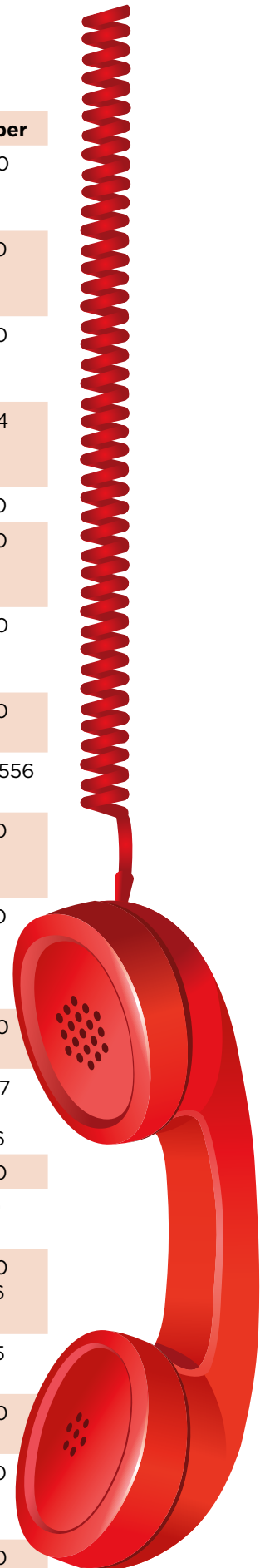
Adults and kids 13+: \$25 pre-registration
\$30 after April 22

Kids age 7-12: \$10 (includes a t-shirt)
Free for kids 6 and under

Registration starts at 7:30 am and the race begins at 9:00 am. Register online at womenscommunity.org/run-walk

Who to call when you have questions/problems related to Wausau City Services

Department	Question/Problem	Phone Number
Assessment Department	1. How was my property assessed? 2. Will my assessment increase if I paint, replace the roof or siding? 3. How can I appeal my assessed value?	715-261-6600
Attorney/Legal Department	1. How many (and what kind of) animals may I have in the City? 2. Where can I find parking rules and fees in the ordinances? 3. Can I place Flyers/Pamphlets on vehicles?	715-261-6590
Community Development Dept.	1. Homeowner /Commercial Rehabilitation 2. Down-payment Assistance 3. Environmental Issues/Questions	715-261-6680
Community Development Authority	1. Where do I get information on subsidized housing? 2. What are my options for subsidized housing in Wausau? 3. What are the eligibility requirements for housing assistance?	715-845-4144
Clerk's Office	1. For General City Questions	715-261-6620
Engineering/GIS	1. Street Construction Projects/Special Assessments 2. Map Requests/On-line mapping 3. Uncut grass/Un-shoveled Sidewalk	715-261-6740
Finance Dept.	1. Voting and Elections, Tax Questions 2. Utility Bills & Parking Tickets 3. City Budget Issues	715-261-6640
Fire Department	1. Non-Emergency line 2. EMERGENCY	715-261-7900 911
Harter's Garbage Disposal	1. Garbage not being picked up? 2. Would like to purchase a Yard Waste Container?	1-888-804-8556
Human Resources Dept.	1. Where do you post City Job Opportunities? 2. How do I obtain a City Job Application? 3. Does the City hire seasonal workers?	715-261-6630
Inspections Dept.	1. Where do I get a Building Permit? 2. Zoning Issues, complaints about property in your neighborhood 3. Street Light Issues 4. Questions about building a fence	715-261-6780
Mayor's Office	1. How may I serve on a City Government Committee? 2. City Government questions?	715-261-6800
Metro-Ride Transit	1. What is the bus schedule? 2. Where can I buy bus tokens or bus passes? 3. How do I apply for Metro Ride Paratransit service?	715-842-9287 or 715-261-6526
Municipal Court	1. May I reschedule my court appearance?	715-261-6650
Parks Department	1. How do I reserve a Park Shelter, Camping site? 2. How do I purchase a swimming pool pass?	715-261-1550
Police Dept.	1. Non-emergency line during business hour 2. Dispatch Center Non-emergency 3. EMERGENCY	715-261-7800 715-261-7796 911
Public Works /Parking Dept.	1. Downtown parking/Parking permits 2. Overnight Parking	715-261-6765
Public Works / Street Dept.	1. Potholes/Street Maintenance 2. Stormwater drainage concerns	715-261-6960
Water Dept.	1. Why do I have dirty water? 2. Why is my water bill higher than usual? 3. Sewer Backup Issues	715-261-6530
Wausau Area Access Channel	1. What channel may I watch the City Council Meetings on? 2. How do I get a video on the Public Access Channel?	715-261-6950





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City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

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

2016 HOURS OF OPERATION

The Yard Waste Site will be open from:
April 2nd through November 22nd, 2016
during the following hours:

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

***NOTE* - There may be extended hours starting approximately mid-October 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

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

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



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Annual Hydrant Flushing to Begin May 2

Water utility employees will begin flushing fire hydrants at 7:30 a.m. on Monday morning, May 2, 2016, as part of our annual maintenance program. Flushing accomplishes two tasks; first, it cleans the mains of mineral buildup, and secondly, it ensures that all hydrants are in good operating order.

Flushing will be performed during the daytime hours from 7:30 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m. during which time over 1600 hydrants will be flushed. This process takes about three weeks to complete. All flushing is performed during daylight hours to improve safety for our employees as well as being able to ensure that hydrants are being adequately flushed. **A complete schedule of the hydrant flushing is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.**

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

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



No Wipes Down the Pipes

The growing use of pre-moistened “personal” wipes continues to cause problems with our sewer system. The wipes clog our sanitary sewers including the pumps, screens, manholes, low points or any other area where the flow is restricted. The problem seems to be getting worse.

The disposable wipes can be grouped together from sources like baby wipes, kitchen cleaning wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, bathroom wipes, diaper liners, etc. Additionally, products like disposable toilet cleaning wands, diapers, feminine hygiene products, floor cleaning wipes and assorted hand towels all add to the list. These are not meant to be flushed. **The only paper product meant to be flushed is old fashion toilet paper, no matter what the manufacturer puts on the label.**

Just because a product label reads “flushable” doesn’t mean it should be flushed. If it’s placed in the toilet, the lever is pushed, the wipe goes down out of sight and mind but, flushable doesn’t mean that it biodegrades or even that it breaks down into tiny particles that won’t cause problems.

The time and money spent cleaning sewers and pumps could be better spent dealing with other issues that we face, and we know that consumers and residents would not want to be responsible for a basement backup or sewer overflow. Please do your part and discard wipes in the trash, not the toilet.

Private Wells

Private water wells in the City of Wausau are required to be inspected, pass a bacteriological water test (to ensure that there is no coliform or e-coli bacteria present), and be permitted. Permits are good for a period of five years. Wells that are not operable or not up to code will be required to be repaired or abandoned.

Wausau Water Works will be sending letters shortly to property owners who have a permit that will be expiring, or expired permits. As a private well is a source of cross contamination of our public water system, failure to obtain a permit or to abandon a faulty well could result in disconnection of your water service and/or fines. We will also be sending letters to property owners in areas where wells were known to exist at one time to verify if a well exists on the property.

The Wisconsin DNR offers income dependent grants which could cover up to 75% of the cost of abandonment. Wausau Water Works also offers a deferment plan to assist in the cost of well abandonment.

If you have a private well or would like more information on well abandonment or the grant or deferment programs please contact our office at 715-261-7265. Current cost for a well permit is \$15.00 plus the cost of the water test(s). Costs of permits are expected to increase in July.

Lead in the News

Lead has been a hot topic again with the issues occurring in Flint, Michigan. Wausau, being an older city, has a number of lead service lines. Homes that were built prior to 1965 would likely have lead service lines, either on the City's side of the service lateral, the property owner's side, or possibly both. Homes built between 1965 and 1984 could potentially have copper lines that have lead solder.

There are a number of common sense things that you can do to help minimize your exposure to lead.

- Whenever your water has sat unused for 6 hours or more, flush the cold water at any faucet from where you would drink or use water for cooking, such as the kitchen or bathroom. Run the cold water until it gets cold, cold, that way you know you are getting water that is coming in from the water mains in the street, not the water that has been sitting in your service lateral in your yard.
- Never draw hot water from the faucet for cooking or drinking, as hot water leaches lead faster than cold water. Always draw cold water and heat on the stovetop or in microwave.
- If you are replacing faucets in your home make sure to look for faucets that state they are "lead free". Many older or even foreign produced faucets contain brass that has lead in it.
- The City replaces lead service lines on the utility side of the shut off valve (typically located around the boulevard area of your property) during street reconstruction projects. This is a good time for homeowner's to replace their portion also. Financing sources are available and you may contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530 for more information.
- Homeowners that have concerns regarding lead exposure may have their water tested at state approved laboratories. The cost of the test is generally very inexpensive.

Wausau does test our water on a 1 to 3 year basis, as determined by the Wisconsin DNR. Based on 2015 results, we are currently in compliance with the testing standards with the required 90% of our samples being below the Action Level of 15.

More information of lead and its' effects may be found on our website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks/InformationonLead.aspx> or by contacting our office at 715-261-6530.

Hydro Corp Inspecting Properties for Cross Connections

Wausau Water Works has contracted with Hydro Corp to perform inspections for potential cross connections in non-residential properties. Hydro Corp is sending out letters asking business owners or owners of apartment buildings to schedule inspections. Wausau Water Works is required by the Wisconsin DNR to ensure that cross-connections to the public water system do not exist.

Spring Watermain Flushing Schedule

Utility crews will flush watermains through the operation of hydrants during daytime hours from **7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** You may want to draw a supply of water prior to your area being flushed. Please be aware that adjacent neighborhoods to the area being flushed may experience dirty water for short periods of time.

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

Flushing Schedule

West Side

Monday, May 2 - West Wausau Avenue north to City limits

Tuesday, May 3 - Wausau Avenue south to Bridge Street and Pinecrest area to Stettin Drive, west to 48th Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue.

Wednesday May 4 - Oak Street south to Sherman Street

Thursday, May 5 - Rosecrans Street south to City limits

East Side

Monday, May 9 - Steuben Street north to Sylvan Street; 6th Street to City limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive

Tuesday, May 10 - Hamilton Street south to Forest Street

Wednesday, May 11 - Kickbusch Street south to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue

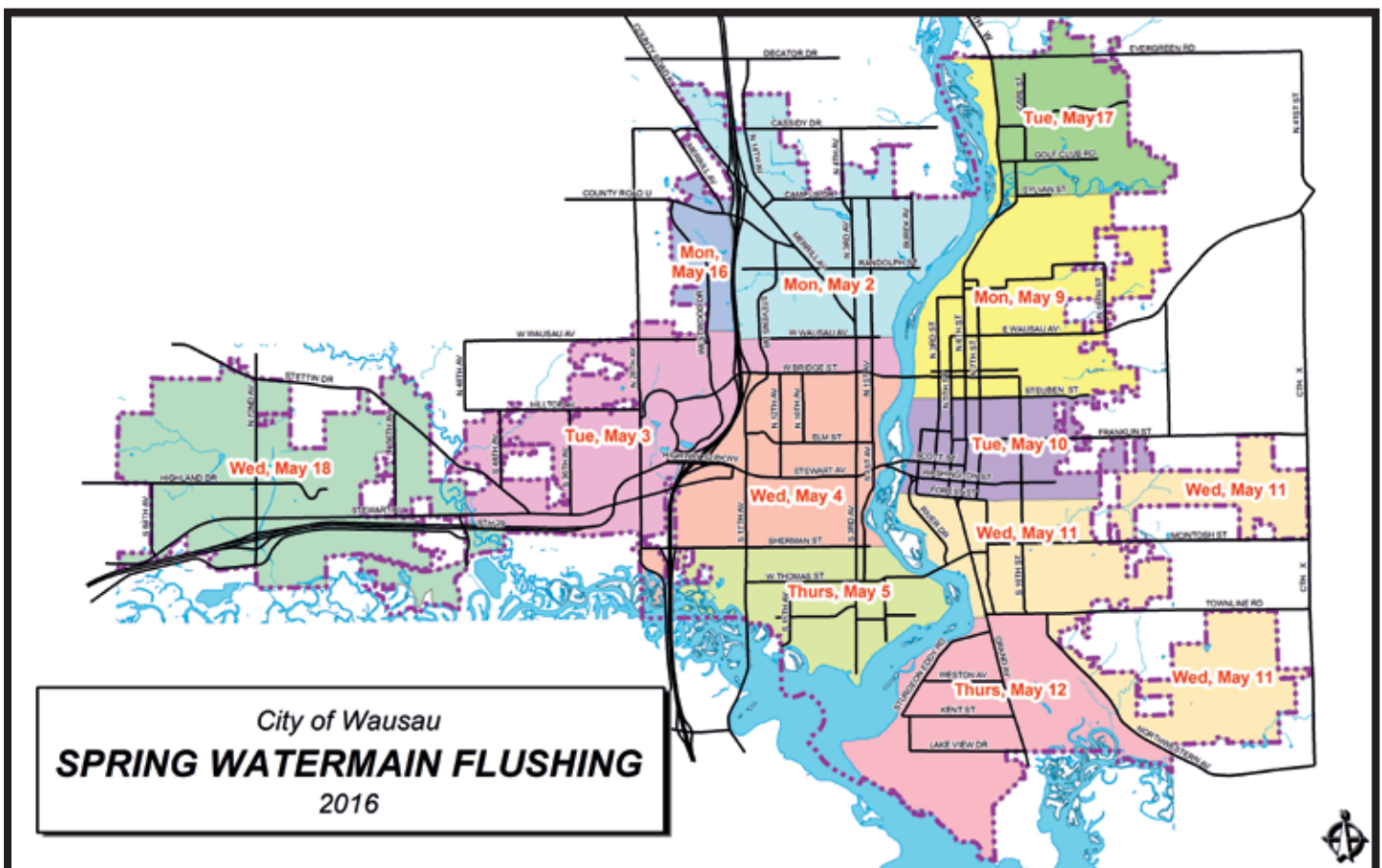
Thursday, May 12 - Town Line Road south to City limits

Other Areas

Monday, May 16 - high pressure zone by 28th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U

Tuesday, May 17 - Riverview area

Wednesday, May 18 - 56th Avenue west to City limits



Call Diggers Hotline Before You Dig

Construction projects such as installing decks, fences and tree planting are another sign of spring. Homeowners are reminded to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig by simply dialing 811 from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at www.diggershotline.com.

Homeowners are also reminded that they must allow 3 business days (not including the day the request is called in) for all their utilities to be located before they dig, and should plan their projects accordingly. There is no cost to the homeowner to contact Diggers Hotline, who will then inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area.

Water lines are marked in the street and up to the curb stop (shut off valve) which is typically located in the boulevard area. Water pipes beyond that point and into the house were installed privately and the utility does not have any record of where they are located.



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

Deferment Plans Available

Wausau Water Works knows that sometimes it can be difficult to come up with the money to make repairs to leaking service lines, replace old lead service lines or abandon old wells. To assist homeowners, we have developed a deferment plan to assist with these types of expenses. The homeowner will need to sign an agreement with Wausau Water Works then the utility will pay the plumber (that the homeowner has hired) for the work that has been performed and defer the cost of repairs to be applied to the property taxes as a special assessment. More information on this deferment program may be obtained by calling 715-261-7265.

Water Works to Implement Uni-Directional Flushing Program

With Wausau being an old community, there are still many homes and businesses with lead service laterals. To enhance water quality and help alleviate lead issues, the Utility will be implementing a Uni-Directional flushing program. The idea behind this type of flushing is to do a comprehensive flushing starting in a particular section of the city and working our way out to the far edges pushing the water through hydrants as we go. This systematic, high-velocity program removes settled particles and cleans underground water mains thereby enhancing the water quality.

Wausau Water Works will be sending postcards to residents as this specialized flushing is done in neighborhoods. You will be recommended not to run water while this flushing is taking place, nor should you do laundry, especially avoiding the use of bleach during this time.

For more information regarding the Uni-Directional Flushing Program contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7265.

Water Drops....

Which uses more water, a tub bath or a shower?

That depends on many factors: how big your tub is, how long you shower, how fast the water comes out of your showerhead, whether or not you turn off the water while soaping, and so forth. Answer this question yourself by closing the drain when you shower and see if you get a tub full of water. (Don't try this in a shower stall.)

If I leave the water running while I brush my teeth does this waste much water?

You bet! Leaving the water running is a bad habit: about 4 to 6 gallons of water go down the drain needlessly every time you brush. Turning off the water when you are not using it will save water and save you money.

Another way many people unthinkingly waste water is while they are waiting for the hot water to come to a shower, tub or sink. Catching this water to use for plant watering is a good conservation tip.

(Source: Plain Talk About Drinking Water, 2001, American Water Works Association)

In Memoriam

Wausau Water Works would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Ryan Nesbitt. Ryan, who passed away on March 5, 2016, served as a water treatment plant operator for the utility for 30 years, retiring in 2011.