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Mayor Mielke's Message



Greetings to all of you! I am your new Mayor, Robert B. Mielke. I am truly honored, grateful, humbled, blessed and excited with this new position and for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor! I would like to thank all the residents of our wonderful city for their support and I promise to do my best in serving a city I truly love. I care about the residents living here and I will move Wausau forward in a positive and effective manner!

I have spoken and met with many of you in trying to solve problems or to bring solutions on issues that affect our residents. Please know that my door is always open and I am very accessible to everyone.

I have started out in my administration by reaching out to the entire City Council, all City Department Heads and city employees, as well as local businesses, medical, educational institutions and surrounding communities to let everyone know that it is a "new day" and a "new administration". I believe by working together in a respectful and open, honest manner, we will get things done quickly and efficiently.... there has already been dialogue with everyone about expectations, goals and yes, accountability.

I have already begun work on the budget process. There will be challenges and it is still somewhat early to know all the answers but I do believe we will find a workable and acceptable solution for all residents.

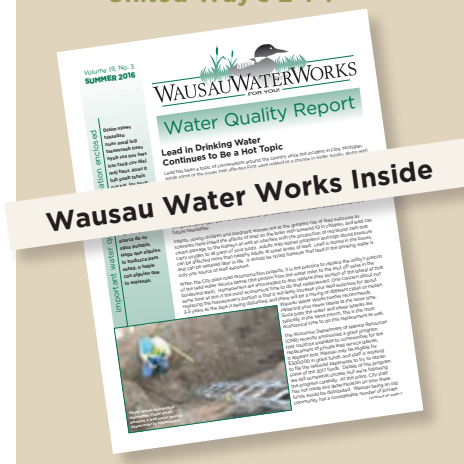
Summer is a fun and exciting time to get together with family and friends, to share in the increased light and extension of the day (as well as the heat-FINALLY!) There are so many things to do in Wausau and so many events to attend...one could have something to do every day and night! We started with the annual "Bike to work with the Mayor" this past May 16th...it went very well and I thank all of the residents who rode with me to City Hall (even though my knees were sore the next few days!) We have Athletic Park where the Woodchucks play throughout the summer, Kaiser pool and the NEW Memorial Park pool which opened on Friday June 10th. Also remember the Concerts on the Square at the 400 Block every Wednesday evening starting June 22nd thru August 24th. The Balloon Rally and Rib Fest at the Downtown Airport and 400 Block the weekend of July 7, 8, 9 and 10 is another fun and exciting event. See the full Events Calendar inside.

As stated before, there are many things to do and I invite everyone to go out, enjoy the warm weather and have fun. If you see me, please come up and say "HELLO", I would love to meet you!

Thanks and have a fun, enjoyable and safe summer!

Robert B. Mielke

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.





The Center for Visual Arts facility is undergoing some construction at this time and would like the community to be aware of their temporary locations below.

CVA Gift Shop located in the Third Street Lifestyle Center in Washington Square hours of operation:

Tues - Fri from 10-5pm
Sat from 10-4pm
715-298-9190

CVA Caroline S. Mark Gallery and Loft Gallery hours of operation:

Tues - Fri from 10-5pm
Sat from 12-4pm
715-842-4545

CVA Caroline S. Mark Gallery Schedule:

- The Garden of Eatin' - May 20 to July 16, 2016
- Configurations - The Arrangement of Elements - July 22 - September 17, 2016 Gala: July 29
- Ancestral Women - September 23 to Nov 12, 2016 Gala: September 30

CVA Loft Gallery Schedule:

- 7th Congressional District Art Competition - An Artistic Discovery May 20 -July 16, 2016
- Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) - July 22 to Sept 17, 2016, Gala: July 29

CVA School of Art - Educational Opportunities:

Register online at cvawausau.org or call 715-298-9190
CVA Fundraising Events:

The Art of Wine

Saturday, October 22nd from 6-9pm
CVA Galleries and Historic Building
For ticket information please go to our website: cvawausau.org.
An amazing evening of fine art, wine, food, and camaraderie!

CVA Grand Reopening during Wausau's ArtRageous Weekend! Join us Saturday & Sunday, September 10th and 11th for guided tours throughout the newly renovated historic CVA building!

Calendar of Events - 2016

June

16	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
17,18,19	Summer Kick-off Weekend, Oak Island, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328 www.wausauevents.org</i>	
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
23	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
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	Wausau Concert Band, Hammond Park	7pm
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	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
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-4pm
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	6pm
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
21	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
22	Screen on the Green, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9pm

2016 Wausau Outdoor Pools



July (cont)

22, 23, 24	Open Canoe Slalom Nationals, www.wausauwhitewater.org	
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
28	Wausau Concert Band, 400 Block	7pm
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	

August

1	Dog Gone Pool Party, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult, \$5 per person, 12 and under free with paid adult, Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required. Call the Parks Dept at 715-261-1550	5:30pm-8pm
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Wisconsin Valley Fair - Marathon Park	
3	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
4	Marketplace Thursday, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
4	Wausau Concert Band, 400 Block	7pm
6, 7	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park, www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am-4pm
10	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
11	Marketplace Thursday, 400 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
11	Wausau Band Concert, Marathon Park Band Shelter	7pm
12	Screen on the Green, 400 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9pm
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17	Concert on the Square, 400 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm- 8pm
18	Marketplace Thursday, 400 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
19, 20	Big Bull Falls Blues Fest, Fern Island Park <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	Fri-5pm, Sat-1pm
20, 21	Kayak/Canoe Midwest Freestyle Championship, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Whitewater</i> www.wausauwhitewater.org	9am-4pm
24	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
25	Marketplace Thursday, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
27, 28	Team River Runner Weekend <i>Sponsored by www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>	

September

9, 10	Festival of Arts, Artrageous Weekend	
17, 18	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park, www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am-4pm
20	Forest Park Neighborhood Picnic (Sylvan Hill Park Chalet)	5:30pm-8pm
24	Beer & Bacon Festival, Fern Island Park <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	1-4pm

Pool Locations:

Kaiser, 900 E. Bridge St
Opens June 10, 2016

Memorial, 500 Memorial Park Road
(off Sturgeon Eddy Road)

Schulenberg Pool, 1533 Summit Drive
CLOSED FOR THE SEASON!
Will re-open Summer 2017

Pool Fees:

Daily Open Swim from 1:00pm - 7:50pm
Infants under 1 year - FREE
Youth and Seniors - \$2.00
Adults 18 - 59 years - \$3.00

Season Passes/Financial Assistance Available. Call the Park Office at 715-261-1550 for details

We'll teach your kids to swim weekdays from 10:10 - 11:55 a.m.

Woodson Art Museum 2016-2017 Exhibition Schedule

Contact Information:
Amy Beck, marketing and communications manager
715.845.7010 • abeck@lywam.org

Exhibitions from the Museum's Collection

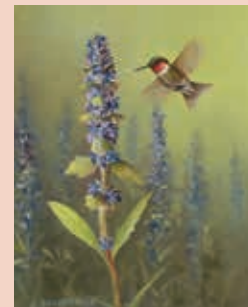
Audubon to Wyeth: Paintings, Drawings, and Sculptures - on view through December 31, 2016



This dazzling, historic array of bird imagery in artworks spanning the early-nineteenth through late-twentieth centuries includes work by John James Audubon,

Martin Johnson Heade, Jasper Cropsey, Albert Bierstadt, Frank W. Benson, N.C. Wyeth, and Andrew Wyeth.

Capturing Nature: The Art of Owen J. Gromme - on view through August 14, 2016



Oil paintings, watercolors, and sketches reveal Gromme's lifelong passion for nature and wildlife.

Out of the Vault - on view through November 20, 2016



Focused on only six bird species - mallards, bluebirds, ravens, chickadees, downy woodpeckers, and wood

ducks - see a sampling of mediums that yields distinctly different artistic interpretations.

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Fireworks Safety

The Fourth of July can be a fun time for friends and families but the Wausau Fire Department would like to encourage everybody to keep safety in mind. Fireworks and celebration seem to go together, especially at this time of the year, but fireworks can be dangerous and cause injury and even death. In 2014, there were eleven fireworks-related deaths in the United States. In addition, nearly 10,500 Americans, 35% children younger than 15 years of age, were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries. Burns were the most common cause of injury with most of the injuries affecting hands, eyes and head. Although many times it is not a consideration, fireworks also contribute to the threat of wildland fires, structure fires and vehicle fires. The consequences of these fires include numerous deaths, multiple injuries and millions of dollars in direct property damage.

Wisconsin State statute section 167.10 allows consumers to possess the following fireworks: cylinder fountains, cone fountains, sparklers that are less than 36 inches and containing no magnesium, chlorate or perchlorate; small smoke devices and snakes containing no mercury. This law prohibits firecrackers, wheels, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, aerial salutes and bombs. A commonly used "rule of thumb" is that consumers are not allowed to possess any fireworks that explode or leave the ground without a permit.

The following are tips to keep your Fourth of July celebration safe if you choose to use fireworks:

- ✓ Make sure the fireworks are legal before buying or using them.
- ✓ Always purchase fireworks from a reliable, legitimate source.
- ✓ Always read and follow label instructions.
- ✓ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ✓ Adults should always supervise fireworks activities. Parents often don't realize that there are many injuries to children caused by sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees; hot enough to melt some metals.
- ✓ Never experiment with homemade fireworks.
- ✓ Never have any portion of your body directly above a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- ✓ Always light fireworks on a hard surface.
- ✓ Maintain a safe distance immediately after lighting.
- ✓ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- ✓ Light only one item at a time and then move back quickly.
- ✓ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ✓ After fireworks are completely spent, douse with plenty of water to prevent trash can fires.
- ✓ Make sure your outdoor area is safe for the use of fireworks.
- ✓ Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.

The best way to prevent injuries caused by fireworks is to leave the fireworks to the professionals. The Wausau Fire Department wants you to have a safe and happy Independence Day.

Mayor and Common Council Find Common Ground; Set Goals

On May 9, The Common Council met to discuss issues and set goals to work toward for the 2016-18 term. Council members and Mayor Mielke identified items residents mentioned on the campaign trail as being important to them that should be addressed.

In minutes, it was clear residents from many neighborhoods said the same things: A critical first step toward progress was recognizing that internal tension is a roadblock to successful marketing and problem solving. The Council, Mayor and Staff must work together, set clear goals, track progress, communicate better and cooperate internally and externally to find solutions.

Determined to move Wausau forward, the group targeted issues, based on feedback received from the community as follows:

1. Restore public trust, promote open communication and utilize media and communication tools more effectively to deliver information to residents.
2. Enhance and expand the Transit System cultivating opportunities for partnerships and collaborations. Address challenges and barriers impacting the system as well as current and potential users.
3. Work with community groups and stakeholders to address an increasing homeless population and economic impacts of homelessness in the community.
4. Promote growth and create jobs, increase new commercial and residential tax base and promote expansion and retention of existing employers.
5. Continue efforts to fight drugs and related crimes and housing blight to insure recent progress continues.
6. Continue work on solutions to revitalize and reposition the Wausau Center Mall to stabilize and move it in a positive direction.

Early work on some of these projects is underway and conversations in the community are occurring to ensure that efforts undertaken by the city are productive and impactful.

help wanted

Are you interested in making money while supporting the schools and keeping kids safe?

Would you like a part-time job for 9 months of the year, with school breaks, week-ends and holidays off?

The City of Wausau is seeking responsible, dependable citizens to serve as School Crossing Guards. Morning, afternoon and split shifts are available. Entire and partial week shifts are both available.

Entry level School Crossing Guards make \$11.84/hour and can work a set schedule of up to 10 hours a week based on availability. Work occurs between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and/or 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Interested candidates can pick up an application at: Wausau City Hall - Human Resources Department, 407 Grant Street, or apply online at: <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/wausauwi/>



Consider a Career with the Wausau Police Department

"Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence."

Coming off its worst season in team history (1-10-1), a 45 year old Brooklyn, NY native by the name of Vince Lombardi took hold of the reins of the Green Bay Packers as their head coach. Despite no previous experience as the head coach of a professional football team, Lombardi quickly steered the Packers into the record books by capturing five NFL championships. Despite what Lombardi inherited in his first season, Lombardi never saw a losing season as a head coach and undoubtedly caught excellence by chasing perfection.

Like Lombardi, the Wausau Police Department chases perfection and understands that the probability of catching excellence increases when we employ individuals who are committed to that same mission. Our vision is to be regarded as the standard of excellence in policing. Our venture is to strive for professional excellence and partner with the community to enhance the quality of life. We become champions when the community experiences improvement in their quality of life. If you feel called to this noble profession and are driven by a like-minded mission, we would encourage you to apply with the Wausau Police Department.

The Wausau Police Department seeks to create a workforce that contains a broad range of diversity including race, gender, language, education, life experience, and cultural background. We understand the breadth of our impact will largely depend upon the depth of our combined experiences. When we look into the mirror, we desire to see a reflection of our community. We welcome "traditional" and "non-traditional" applicants who meet the qualifications and who value integrity, professionalism, accountability, and respect.

Police officer applicants with the Wausau Police Department must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Have at least 60 credits from an accredited college or technical school in any field of study.
- Possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Have no misdemeanor convictions of domestic violence.
- Be eligible for Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Certification.

Unlike many agencies, the Wausau Police Department will hire candidates who have not been through the 720 hour Police Academy. This means that in addition to covering the costs for your academy training, you will receive a competitive salary and range of excellent benefits at the commencement of your training.

Starting salary for a Police Officer is \$22.81 per hour. Upon successful completion of one year of service, the salary is \$25.49 per hour.

The Wausau Police Department is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer. There is no prerequisite of prior law enforcement experience or training. We encourage anyone considering a career change to apply to our department if you feel called to this profession.

For more information or to apply, please visit <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/wausauwi/>. Also visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WausauPoliceDepartment/>

Election Poll Workers

Hiring Poll Workers to provide services on Election Day two- four times per year. Job Duties include: registering new voters, poll list check in, ballot issuance, counting ballots, etc. Job Requirements: good with people, detail orientated, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of six polling sites located throughout the City. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, but we do offer half-day shifts. Training is provided. Applications are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/HumanResources/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>. You may also pick up an application at City Hall. Contact the Clerk's office at 715-261-6620 for further information.

help wanted

Woodson Art Museum 2016-2017 Exhibition Schedule (cont.)

Making Marks – on view through February 19, 2017



This selection of avian-themed drawings ranges from quick sketches to intricately detailed illustrations, highlighting artists' varied approaches and the importance of field observation.

June 4 – August 28, 2016

The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design

The Dance by The Myth Makers On the Grounds

Site-specific sculpture to be created beginning the week of June 21, 2016

September 10 – November 27, 2016
Birds in Art

Saturday and Sunday, September 10 & 11, 2016

Wausau's Artrageous Weekend

On View in the Sculpture Garden & Grounds

Woodson Art Museum

Hours: Tuesday – Friday
9am – 4pm
First Thursdays
9am – 7:30pm
Thursdays during
Birds in Art
9am – 7:30pm
Saturday – Sunday
Noon – 5pm
Closed Mon & holidays,
including New Year's
Day, Easter, July 4,
Thanksgiving, Christmas
Eve, and 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

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 carts should be stored in a garage or shed, or kept behind the front of the house.

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.



Don't Trash Our Parks!

We need your help in reducing incidents of individuals dumping their residential and commercial trash in City Parks. The waste receptacles in our parks are only for waste generated by park users. When unscrupulous individuals dump household and commercial trash as shown in the photo, it not only makes an unsightly mess and makes it difficult for park users to properly dispose of their waste, it increases everybody's taxes by having to pay higher landfill tipping fees and recycling costs. Further, it is against City ordinance! If you see someone illegally dumping waste, please take a photo with your phone and/or note their license plate and contact the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department at 715-261-1550 or the Police Department at 715-849-7798. Thank you for helping keep Wausau a great place to live, work, and play!



Save the Date:

Fall Large-Item Drop-off

Clean It Up, Wausau Event • September 16, 17, 2016

Near Yard Waste Site - 105 E. Chellis Street

reminder

Refuse Recycling Carts

Moving is a stressful event. To ensure uninterrupted refuse and recycling services please consider the following.

Leave the Harter's Refuse and Recycling carts at your current residence.

If you are moving into a brand new house or a house that has not been occupied since the implementation of the new automated system, call Harter's at 715-253-2619 to arrange delivery of new carts.

attention

District 3 & District 10 Voters and District 9 & District 11 Voters

Marathon Park East Gate (Youth Building) on the 600 block of Garfield Avenue is not available for use as a polling location for the Partisan Primary Election scheduled for August 9, 2016. **The City has designated the Wisconsin National Guard Armory located at 833 S. 17th Avenue, Wausau as the replacement polling location.**

This site provides easy access to a large space that is handicapped accessible along with more than sufficient and available voter parking. This site is located very near to the previous location of Marathon Park East Gate. If you have questions regarding this site, please contact the Clerk's office at 715-261-6620.

Additionally, if you are unwilling or unable to vote at this location, you may submit a written request for an absentee ballot to the Clerk's office at City Hall 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

- Toni Rayala, City Clerk

attention

Homeowners

Is your home in need of repairs? Do you have any code violations or deferred maintenance items you have been putting off because the cost of the repairs is not manageable? If so, the City of Wausau's Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program may be able to assist you with a low interest loan to help pay for these costs. The Community Development Department is now taking applications for this program to enhance the waiting list. In order to qualify, your family must be under a certain income bracket and have enough equity in your home to justify a mortgage against your property. For more information, please call Tammy Stratz at 715-261-6682 or visit our website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopmentPrograms.aspx>



CITY OF WAUSAU

407 Grant Street
Wausau, WI 54403

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POSTAL PATRON

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City of Wausau Alderpersons

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District 3

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District 4

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Summertime at Monk Botanical Gardens

Summer is the perfect time to visit the Monk Botanical Gardens, with events and activities for the entire family.

StoryWalk®, Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10, 11 am-3 pm

Co-sponsored by Monk Botanical Gardens and the Marathon County Public Library, the StoryWalk® project encourages people of all ages to take a stroll while enjoying wonderful children's books. The event features ten different books sponsored throughout the Gardens. Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum will lead a hands-on art-making activity for children based on the books and illustrations of Eric Carle. Free and open to the public.

Melinda Myers, Thursday, July 14, 6-7 pm

Nationally known gardening expert and author, Melinda Myers, will share planting, maintenance, harvesting, and eco-friendly pest management strategies to maximize your harvest with minimal effort. She will also answer your gardening questions. Free and open to the public.

Bus Trip, Saturday, July 16, 7 am-7 pm

Tour features Vanden Heuvels Quarry Garden in Seymour, Rose Hill Gardens, Angelic Acres, Fox Wood Gardens, and buffet lunch at Luigi's. Cost: \$50. Visit www.rwmonkgardens.org to register.



The Farmers Market located at 400 River Drive will begin early in May and end mid-November, weather permitting. Products are available Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until vendors sell out or choose to close. Please contact Craig Carlson 715-443-6647 for further information.

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Water Quality Report

Lead in Drinking Water Continues to Be a Hot Topic

Lead has been a topic of conversation around the country since the incident in Flint, Michigan. While some of the issues that affected Flint were related to a change in water supply, along with some political concerns, it triggered a nationwide response to the issue of lead exposure which as a result has become a top priority for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which sets the standards for lead in our drinking water.

Wausau regularly samples select homes throughout the City of Wausau that contain lead service lines or homes built within a certain timeframe that contain copper service lines and lead solder. In 2015, we sampled 61 homes on two separate occasions. Our overall compliance results were 5.8 parts per billion (ppb) which is well below the action level of 15 ppb. 2016 sampling has begun but the results are not yet available. These results will be available in a future newsletter.

Infants, young children and pregnant women are at the greatest risk of lead exposure as scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children, and lead can cause damage to the kidneys as well as interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected more than healthy adults at lower levels of lead. Lead is stored in the bones, and can be released later in life. It should be noted however that lead in the drinking water is only one source of lead exposure.

When the City does road reconstruction projects, it is the practice to replace the utility's portion of the lead water service lateral (the portion from the water main to the shut off valve in the boulevard area). Homeowners are encouraged to also replace their portion of the lateral at that same time as this is the most economical time to do that replacement. One concern about not replacing the homeowner's portion is that it will likely increase your lead exposure for about 3-5 years as the pipe is being disturbed, and there will be a mixing of different types of metals.

Wausau Water Works further recommends replacing your sewer lateral at the same time. Since both the water and sewer laterals are typically in the same trench, this is the most economical time to do this replacement as well.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced a grant program that could be available to communities for the replacement of private lead service laterals. It appears that Wausau may be eligible for \$300,000 in grant funds, and staff is working to file the required paperwork to try to obtain some of the 2017 funds. Details of this program are still somewhat unclear, but we're following the progress carefully. At this point, City staff has not made any determination on how these funds would be distributed. Wausau being an old community has a considerable number of private

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Water Works distribution maintainer, Floyd Smith, assesses a lead water service lateral prior to replacement

Did You Know?

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

Fond Farewell

As I sit at my desk writing this issue of the Wausau Water Works Newsletter, it is a bitter-sweet moment for me as it will mark my last issue of working on the newsletter that was first published 19 years ago as a tool to help inform of important issues facing not only the water and sewer utilities, but also our customers. You see, I will be retiring in mid-July after 27 years with Wausau Water Works.



So much has occurred in those past 27 years. I started right as we were putting in a major upgrade to our Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1989, and have since seen numerous enhancements to the facility and the processes which have improved operations and made the facility more efficient. The Water Treatment Plant also saw a major upgrade in 2001 with the addition of a second clarifier that would allow the staff to perform maintenance on the facility without impact to our residents. Dirty water calls were quite common when I first started at the utility, but today are very rare. Automation at both plants lessened the amount of staff required from manning the plants 24/7/365 to one shift, five days a week. As staff retired, many positions were not refilled.

Meter reading and billing enhancements have changed tremendously over the years. We had gone to an automated meter reading system just prior to my starting which meant staff no longer had to enter homes and go into basements to pickup readings. Instead, they plugged a probe into a collector mounted to the outside of the home. This technology was used until 2005 when we started installing radio frequency boxes to eventually move to a drive-by reading system. The savings in time required for reading meters was tremendous as we previously had 1-2 people walking 2-3 weeks per month picking up reads, where with the drive-by system, the reading time was reduced to a single day. In 2014 we further enhanced our meter reading by installing six fixed network collectors along our river corridor. The enhancement proved to be amazing as the majority of our monthly meter reading was further reduced to a matter of minutes. Outlying areas are still currently being read using the drive-by technology. Typically we read about 5500 monthly reads, but then also have approximately 200+ final reads and check reads each month. The majority of these are now captured right from our billing office, freeing up staff to perform other duties.

In 2010 we celebrated our 125th anniversary of providing service to the citizens of Wausau. We offered tours of both our facilities along with a program featuring a variety of speakers, refreshments and contests. A special newsletter commemorated the event and highlighted the utility from the time it was created in 1885 to provide water for fighting fires to the current day operations. That was my favorite newsletter as I enjoyed the research and sharing of the history of our utility.

Over the years we've seen many changes in regulations that we must adhere to. As a public utility, we are very heavily regulated. Day to day water operations are regulated by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, who has rules on how we operate, and they even set our water rates; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates many of the types of testing we are required to do, including lead and copper; and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), our state regulatory agency, makes sure we do what we're supposed to do. The DNR also regulates the wastewater operations and how that water is cleaned and returned into the environment. Many changes have occurred over the years, and I anticipate there will be many more changes that will be required to be implemented in the future. Unfortunately these changes often come as unfunded mandates for which the costs have to be picked up through our rates.

Probably one of the best parts of my job was the opportunity to get out in the public and meet with our residents and talk to them about water or wastewater issues. For a number of years we cooperatively had booths with other water utilities in our metro area at the Builder's Association Home Show and at the

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Routine Water Quality Testing...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do Not to Flush!

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

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

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

Never flush diapers, wipes of any type, feminine hygiene products, rags, paper towels, or anything that is not intended for the toilet. Dispose of these products in your garbage can.

Definitions of Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TCR - Total Coliform Rule.

ND - None Detected.

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

Fond Farewell (continued from page 2)

Cedar Creek Lawn and Garden Shows. Recently, I also had the opportunity to attend all of the meetings of the local neighborhood groups educating on lead and other issues. I have also appreciated the opportunities to be involved with state-wide committees through the American Water Works Association - Wisconsin Section, WisWARN and the Municipal Environmental Group, to keep abreast of issues relating to water and wastewater utilities and develop a network with other water and wastewater professionals.

I'm sure the days ahead will result in a few melancholy moments as I prepare to move on to the next stage of my life; but I want to say that it has been a privilege to be a water professional in this community. So now I pass the reins of my position to a younger generation of water and wastewater professionals who are also dedicated to provide the best service to you, our residents. - Deb Geier



WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

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

HAA5 Site D11 Site D16	ppb	60	60	19 19	NO 	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM Site D11 Site D16	ppb	0	80	16.9 18 (Range 16.9-18)	NO 	By-product of drinking water chlorination



Inorganic Contaminants

Barium (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	ppm	2	2	0.006	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (Last sample date 09/09/2011)	ppb	200	200	12	NO 	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	ppm	4	4	0.7	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nickel (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	ppb		100	0.5600 (Range 0.5400-0.5600)	NO 	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products
Nitrate (N03-N)	ppm	10	10	0.49 (Range 0.40-0.49)	NO 	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (N02-N)	ppm	1	1	0.021 (Range 0.015-0.021)	NO 	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	ppm	N/A	N/A	14.00	NO 	Naturally occurring, contained in corrosion control additive


*Data presented in these tables represent the most current test results. Some tests are performed on a 3 year cycle
If no sample date is shown, the results are from tests performed in 2015*

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






Copper	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	0.0380 (0 of 61 results were above the action level)	NO 	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	ppb	0	AL=15	5.80 (3 of 61 results were above the action level)	NO 	Corrosion of service lines and household plumbing systems

Radioactive Contaminants

Radium (226 + 228) (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	pCi/l	0	5	0.8 (Range 0.5-0.8)	NO 	Erosion of natural deposits
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Unregulated Contaminants

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

Sulfate (Last sample date 9/11/2014)	ppm			9.20 (Range 8.90-9.20)	NO 	
Hexavalent Chromium (Last sample date 8/13/2015)	ppm			Average 0.115 (Range 0.10-0.13)	NO 	
Chlorate (Last sample date 8/13/2015)	ppm			Average 310 (Range 300-320)	NO 	
Strontium (Last sample date 8/13/2015)	ppm			Average 67.50 (Range 66-69)	NO 	
Vanadium (Last sample date 8/13/2015)	ppm			Average 1.75 (Range 1.70-1.80)	NO 	

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

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

How to Avoid a Water System Cross Connection

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

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

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

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

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

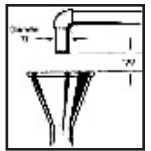
Insights to Protect Your Drinking Water

DO...

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

DON'T...

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



In the Bathroom Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is Compliant if:

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



- Complies with ASSE #1014

Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle

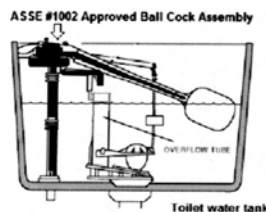
1" minimum AIR GAP above Tub from fixture outlet



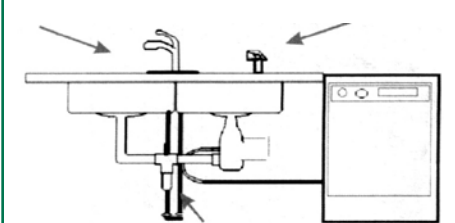
In the Bathroom—Toilet Tanks

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

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



In the Kitchen



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

Source—Wisconsin Municipal Environment Group—Water Division

HydroCorp LLC Continues Cross Connection Inspections

Wausau Water Works has contracted with HydroCorp LLC to perform cross connection inspections on multi-family, commercial and industrial properties in the City of Wausau. HydroCorp contacts customers directly to schedule inspections to ensure that nothing exists that could cause a contamination of the City's water supply. Cooperation with the program is appreciated however failure to comply with inspection requests or needed repairs could result in disconnection of the water supply to the property in order to ensure a safe water supply to all the customers of Wausau Water Works.

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



Wausau Water Works is proud to present this year's Water Quality Report, and even more proud to announce that our test results for 2015 met all the requirements for safe, excellent water quality. A complete list of the results of these tests are shown on pages 4-5 of this report.

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

Wausau Water Works Highlighted for their Meter Reading Program

Neptune Technology Group recently highlighted Wausau Water Works in articles in Neptune Now and Water World magazines for its' meter reading program. In 2005, Wausau started installing radio frequency boxes on homes to move from a walk by meter reading system to a drive-by system to improve reading efficiency. In 2014, Wausau further enhanced their reading and customer service capabilities by installing six Gateway collectors along Wausau's river corridor, where the majority of our rental properties are located in the City. Currently, we're able to read approximately 75% of the City with these collectors from our billing office with the balance being read using drive-by technology. The biggest savings we've found has been from not having to send staff out to do manual final readings and check readings. Most of these reads are now being performed by our Billing Coordinator right from her desk which has freed up operations staff to perform other duties, such as meter exchanges. These Gateways also provide us the ability to assist customers more readily with billing concerns as the system picks up readings on a daily basis. An additional six collectors are anticipated to be installed in the near future to further enhance the meter reading and customer service programs. The savings found in the past year using the collectors has more than paid for the initial investment while using the same radio read technology that has been in place for the past 11 years.

Deb Geier, Utility Resources Manager, participated in an American Water Works Association webinar in March telling the "Wausau Story" on how we moved our meter reading system to a fixed network system in a cost efficient manner while still being able to read meters using drive-by or walk-by technology in outlying areas. She also presented at the American Water Works Annual Conference held in Chicago in June on the same topic.

Private Well Permits

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

The procedure for obtaining a permit has changed in response to changes in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. To obtain or renew a well permit the property owner must submit an application form, an inspection report from a licensed well driller or pump installer certifying that the well is in compliance, a passing bacteria test, and a \$100 fee plus the cost of water samples.

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

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

Lead in Drinking Water Continues to Be a Hot Topic (continued from page 1)

lead water service lines, and while \$300,000 is a significant amount of money, it will not go very far in addressing all the private lead services that exist in the City. Wausau Water Works however does have a program that is currently available which is a zero interest loan program. Homeowners are required to enter into a contract with Wausau Water Works whereby the utility would upfront the cost of the replacement by paying the plumber directly for the work, then the homeowner has approximately one year to pay off the charges or it would be applied to the property taxes as a special charge. More information on this program is available by contacting Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530.

Of course the best recommendation to minimize lead exposure is still to run the cold water prior to using water for drinking or cooking anytime the water has sat for six hours or more, and never use hot tap water for cooking or drinking (always start with cold water and heat it on the stove or in the microwave). When replacing faucets, always look at the box to make sure the faucet is made from lead free brass. And, of course, watch this newsletter for any future changes to the lead rules that could affect you, our customer.

Utility Commission Meets Monthly

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

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

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Floyd Smith Jr. who recently received his DNR Water Certifications in Groundwater and Distribution, and to Rick Dorn who also received his certification in Groundwater. On the wastewater side, Mark Hilgendorf received his certification in Basic General Wastewater while Pat VanOuse received certification in Nutrient Removal, completing all five of the subclass exams required for our wastewater plant.

Wausau Water Works acknowledges the efforts of our employees who take it upon themselves to obtain these certifications, making them better educated employees for the utility and the customers we serve.

Questions About This Water Report?

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

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



Thousands of Water Quality Tests Conducted Annually

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

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

Where Does Our Water Come From?

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

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

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

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).

