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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.

Mayor's Message

Greetings to the Residents of Wausau!

This is the last newsletter for 2017. It is full of useful information, so please save it, as we move into the winter months.

The fall season is upon us and that means it is budget time for the city. Earlier this summer, Department heads submitted their 2018 budgets and goals. As of this printing, the city of Wausau, like all communities in the state of Wisconsin, are still waiting for the results of what state aids will be available to the city of Wausau through the "shared revenue" process. Other than that issue, the overall budget process has been going extremely well. Once again, I have stressed to all city staff the importance of keeping their expenses in check, while providing the quality of service that taxpayers want and expect. The budget is always a "challenge" due to less revenue given back to the city from the state and federal governments, the continuing rise in costs for health insurance, utilities and employee cost of living increases, as well as the ever-increasing demand for increased city services. Yet we always seem to be able to do more with less revenue and we have also been and will always be, committed to ensuring that money received from taxpayers is spent in a responsible and reasonable manner.

The Fall Leaf Pick-up has a "window" that is scheduled to start the last week of October, then going into the first two weeks of November. Because of the continuous weather changes, these dates are subject to change and if they do, we will get the message out about those changes so that residents can plan accordingly.

The Phase # 1 of the Thomas Street project is moving along and is on schedule to be completed by early November. For the Phase # 2 part of the project, I directed that new soil boring tests be conducted in different areas of the Phase # 2 project and at the time of this publication, those results are yet unknown. Those results will be brought forward to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee and then to the entire City Council for their review. We will then proceed to move forward with just the street design during the winter season, before any further construction continues for Phase #2.

On September 20th, we held our annual city Employee Appreciation Picnic to recognize our long term and recent retired employees. The dedication, professionalism, caring and hard-working attitude of our city employees is truly appreciated. I am grateful and impressed that they serve all of us in the manner that they do. To all of our city employees, I send a heartfelt and sincere "THANK YOU" for making Wausau the great city it is!

I'm pleased to share more positive Economic Development news. The East Riverfront Development continues to expand and grow! Starting this month of October, the Riverlife Village will start to take shape. There will be new construction of an apartment complex and a commercial mixed-use space with a completion date of 2019. An illumination event was held in August and a beautiful photo inside showcases the lighting along the pedestrian bridge, wharf area and River Drive waterfall area. Thanks to Vision-Airy for supplying the photo.

I continue to appreciate the kind words and good wishes extended to me by so many of you, it means a great deal and I am very grateful. As many of you have observed, Wausau is moving along in a positive, peaceful and progressive way and we will continue to do so. For the fall season, Get out and enjoy the beautiful colorful leaves! I also want to wish all of you and your families (in whatever way you celebrate) a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and for everyone, a very happy and safe New Year!

Always know, that I am very accessible and open-minded and I welcome any thoughts or comments from our residents. I invite you to share them with me at any time...Thanks and take care!

Robert B. Mielke



Yard Waste Site Hours

MondayCLOSED
 Tuesday.....CLOSED
 Wednesday 9am – 8pm
 Thursday.....CLOSED
 Friday.....CLOSED
 Saturday 9am – 5pm
 Sunday..... 9am – 5pm

The site closes permanently for winter on Sunday, November 19, 2017 – 5:00 pm

The City of Wausau Yard Waste Site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street and is monitored by video surveillance. Citations will be issued to parties who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions.

City Hall Closed During Holidays

The City of Wausau administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 2017 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will also be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, 2017 for the Christmas holiday and Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's holiday.

If you have an Animal Control/Traffic or Crime issues, you may call the non-emergency police department at 715-849-7796 (or at the Sheriff's department county at 715-261-1200). For garbage or recycling information during the holidays, please call Harter's Fox Valley Disposal at 715-253-2619 or 1-888-804-8556.



2017 Leaf Collection Schedule

Please **DO NOT** rake leaves into the gutter until the weekend before your scheduled collection date. The leaves may wash into the storm sewer, clogging inlets and sewer pipes. Also, the additional amounts of leaves traveling through the storm sewers add to the amount of leaves in the river, thereby creating an undesirable effect on the environment by increasing the organic matter in the river.

PLEASE COOPERATE!

Residents wishing to dispose of leaves prior to their collection date may deposit leaves at the yard waste site at 105 East Chellis Street. Leaves should not be raked into gutters after the scheduled collection date. After the scheduled date all remaining leaves should be taken to the yard waste site for disposal.

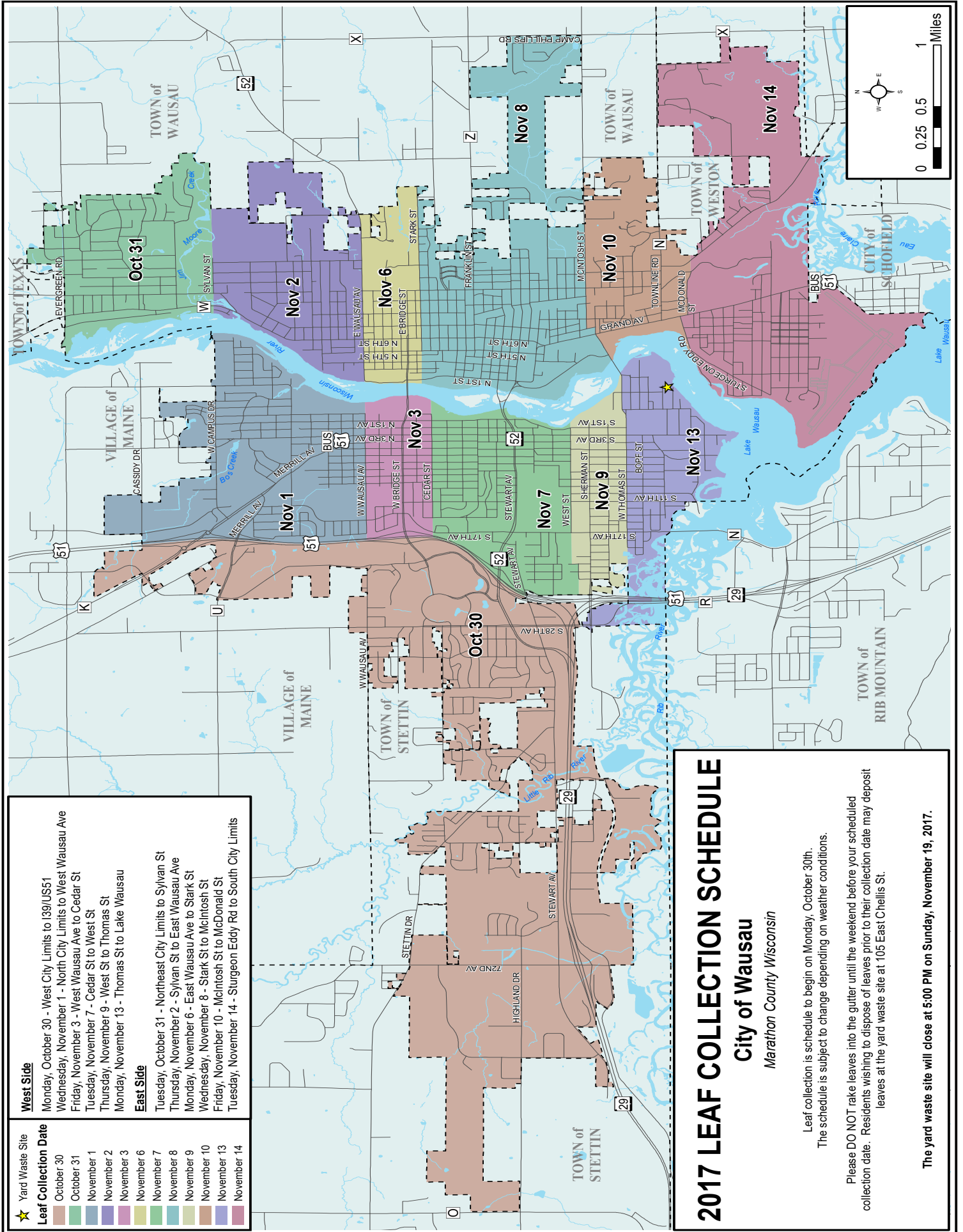
The yard waste site will close at 5:00 PM on Sunday, NOVEMBER 19, 2017.

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NOVEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WEST North City Limits East of US51/ I39to West Wausau Ave	2 EAST Sylvan St to East Wausau Ave	3 WEST West Wausau Ave to Cedar St	4
5	6 EAST E.Wausau Ave to Stark St	7 WEST Cedar St to West St	8 EAST Stark St to McIntosh St	9 WEST West St to Thomas St	10 EAST McIntosh to McDonald St	11
12	13 WEST Thomas St to Lake Wausau	14 EAST Sturgeon Eddy to South City Limits	15	16	17	18
19 Yard Waste site closes 5pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
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If collection progresses faster than anticipated, areas will be checked again on the scheduled date. Any questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960.

****NEW FOR 2017 - Leaves will be baled****



★ Yard Waste Site

Leaf Collection Date
October 30
October 31
November 1
November 2
November 3
November 6
November 7
November 8
November 9
November 10
November 13
November 14

West Side

Monday, October 30 - West City Limits to I39/US51
 Wednesday, November 1 - North City Limits to West Wausau Ave
 Friday, November 3 - West Wausau Ave to Cedar St
 Tuesday, November 7 - Cedar St to West St
 Thursday, November 9 - West St to Thomas St
 Monday, November 13 - Thomas St to Lake Wausau

East Side

Tuesday, October 31 - Northeast City Limits to Sylvan St
 Thursday, November 2 - Sylvan St to East Wausau Ave
 Monday, November 6 - East Wausau Ave to Stark St
 Wednesday, November 8 - Stark St to McIntosh St
 Friday, November 10 - McIntosh St to McDonald St
 Tuesday, November 14 - Sturgeon Eddy Rd to South City Limits

2017 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City of Wausau
 Marathon County Wisconsin

Leaf collection is schedule to begin on Monday, October 30th.
 The schedule is subject to change depending on weather conditions.

Please DO NOT rake leaves into the gutter until the weekend before your scheduled collection date. Residents wishing to dispose of leaves prior to their collection date may deposit leaves at the yard waste site at 105 East Chellis St.

The yard waste site will close at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

2018 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. Recycling bins should be set out with garbage containers between the hours of 3:00 pm the day prior to collection day and should be removed from the curbside area by 11:00 a.m. the day after pick-up. **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 5		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

2018 Recycling Calendar

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City Of Wausau

Large Item Drop-Off Clean It Up, Wausau

Friday & Saturday, September 29 & 30, 2017 • 9:00am - 5:00pm

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.



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

- Light Bulbs, Smoke/CO Detectors, Batteries
- Paint, Chemicals
- Remodeling waste-insulation, fiberglass
- Roofing material
- Waste oil, antifreeze, lead
- Pesticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Explosives
- **Medication - Drop off at local Police Department**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	FEE
ALL ELECTRONICS:	
All Computers, Faxes, Printers, cell phones, TV's, mice, keyboards, anything with a cord	.40/lbs.
Broken TVs	.60/lbs.
TIRES:	
Up to 20"	\$5.00
Over 20"	\$10.00
APPLIANCES:	
Microwaves	FREE
Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners	\$10.00
Refrigerators, Freezers	\$10.00
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

NEW THIS FALL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN WORKING CONDITION

We are partnering with Good News Project with their HEALTH EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM (HELP Closet). Please drop off any working item listed below. No fees apply.

- Bath Shower Chair
- Walker
- Wheel Chair
- Crutches, Canes
- Toilet Seat Riser
- Commode
- Bed Rail
- Bathtub grab bars
- Knee walker

The Southeast Side Neighborhood is hosting the 2nd Annual Run the Runway 5K. The runners and walkers will have a spectacular view of Lake Wausau and Rib Mountain from a perspective rarely seen.

- **Family friendly course!** Only wheels permitted are strollers and walkers. **No pets, please!**
- **Free Kids Activities** start at 2:00pm
- **3:00 pm - Start of Race**
- **Packet Pickup** Friday 4:30-7:00pm & Saturday 11-2:30pm
- **Online registration:** www.tandhtiming.com
- **Registration before September 15** includes free t-shirt, No t-shirt guaranteed after September 15th.
- **\$25 Adults**
- **\$15 Kids under 12**

Proceeds from this event for Alexander Airport Park Revitalization. Other donations to the park project can be made to Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin: Attention Alexander Park Project, either online or to 500 1st Street, Suite #2600, Wausau, WI 54401.

Longfellow Neighborhood Celebrates "Anne's Tot Lot" with a Celebration Cake



THANK YOU to Anne Heidemann, Deb Hadley, and Romey Wagner for their patience and commitment to the City's new tot lot - **Anne's Tot Lot** - located at the corner of Single and Prospect Avenues. Come check it out.



Falls Tappers Compete at National Competition

Wausau's Bull Falls Tappers attended the American Water Works Association Annual Conference & Exposition in June. They competed with teams from across the country as well as Canada and Mexico. Each team had a chance to complete two taps in an exciting contest which puts skills and muscles against the clock. The object of the competition is to tap a section of pressurized water main, attach a copper water service line and then turn on the service to see if there are any leaks. Judges critique the work and penalize for any infractions. In their first trip to nationals, Wausau placed 13th overall, with a time of 2 minute and 2 seconds.



The competition helps the teams hone their tapping skills, while also providing networking opportunities with peers from around the State. Members of the 2017 team included Captain Brandon Ball, Copper Man Rick Dorn, Cranker Floyd Smith Jr. and Star Man Ryan Fischer.

Wausau Water Works to Issue Delinquent Notices

Notices for delinquent water and sewer bills will be issued in early October to property owners and tenants. These bills are due by November 1, 2017 to avoid an additional 10% penalty. If not paid by November 15, the total owing, including the 10% penalty, will be added to the property taxes. Recent changes in the law now states that these charges may also show up in the Circuit Court Access Program (CCAP) program under the tenant's name. This could have a bearing for tenants who are looking at renting other properties and have delinquent water and sewer bills as potential landlords would be able to see that information. Should you have any questions regarding this new law or outstanding balances, please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530.

Water Rates Increases August 1, 2017

Water rates for City of Wausau residents increased as of August 1, 2017. For the average family of four, based on 2400 cu. ft., water rates will increase from \$66.00 to \$67.92 per quarter, or \$0.64 per month. A family of two that uses 1200 cu. ft. will likely see about a \$0.40 per month increase. Public Fire Protection fees also increased from \$9.57 to \$9.87 per quarter (based on the smallest residential meter size). Although we understand that no one likes to see their water bills increase, we remind customers that the utility does not get any financing through the city tax rolls. Our operating revenues are solely obtained through our rates. A full schedule of rates is shown on the page 7.

Water Works to Continue Uni-Directional Flushing Program

To enhance water quality and help alleviate lead issues, the Utility will be resuming its 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, flushing the water out 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.





Schedule of Rates

WAUSAU WATERWORKS

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

Phone: 715 261-6530 • Fax: 715 261-6535

E-mail: waterworks@ci.wausau.wi.us

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

WATER RATES

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017

Quarterly Service Charge (based on meter size)

5/8 Inch Meter	\$16.08
3/4 Inch Meter	16.08
1 Inch Meter	26.28
1-1/4 Inch Meter	38.31
1-1/2 Inch Meter	46.35
2 Inch Meter	67.98
3 Inch Meter	122.07
4 Inch Meter	176.13
6 Inch Meter	327.54
8 Inch Meter	500.58
10 Inch Meter	732.33
12 Inch Meter	964.08

Plus Volume Charge:

Residential Customers

All water used - \$2.16 per 100 cu. ft.

Non-Residential Customers

First 6,000 cu. ft. \$2.16 per 100 cu. ft.

Next 54,000 cu. ft. used - \$2.01 per 100 cu. ft.

Over 60,000 cu. ft. used - \$1.70 per 100 cu. ft.

Irrigation Class - All water used - \$3.09 per 100 cu. ft.

Bills for water and sewer service are issued quarterly and due the 20th of the month. A 1% late payment charge is added to the outstanding balance after the 20th of each month and is applicable to all customers. To avoid late payment charges, all bills must be received in the **office of the City Treasurer** by the due date printed on the front of the bill. Customers who pay at remote collection sites (grocery stores) are recommended to make payments prior to due dates to ensure timely receipt by the City Treasurer.

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION FEES

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017

Quarterly Service Charge (based on meter size)

5/8 Inch Meter	\$9.87
3/4 Inch Meter	9.87
1 Inch Meter	24.66
1-1/4 Inch Meter	36.48
1-1/2 Inch Meter	49.32
2 Inch Meter	78.93
3 Inch Meter	148.32
4 Inch Meter	247.20
6 Inch Meter	494.40
8 Inch Meter	787.95
10 Inch Meter	1,183.47
12 Inch Meter	1,578.99

SEWER RATES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

Quarterly Service Charge (based on water meter size)

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

Plus Volume Charge:

All volume, as recorded by the water meter each quarter shall be charged at the rate of \$2.59 per 100 cubic ft.

All customers are billed for sewer based on the amount of water used each quarter. Unmetered sewer rate is \$68.80 per quarter in the City and \$85.85 per quarter outside the City.

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015

This service is for unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes, (where same are connected permanently or continuously to the mains) and private hydrants.

2 Inch or Smaller Connection	\$ 12.00
3 Inch Connection	22.50
4 Inch Connection	37.50
6 Inch Connection	75.00
8 Inch Connection	120.00
10 Inch Connection	180.00
12 Inch Connection	240.00

CHARGES FOR TURNING ON SERVICE

Turn on valve at curb

(includes meter installation if needed)

During Normal Business Hours	\$60.00
After Hours	100.00

LATERAL CONNECTIONS

1" Water Lateral Connection . . . Based on Time & Materials
1-1/2" or Larger Water Lateral. . . Based on Time & Materials

MISSED APPOINTMENT FEES

During Normal Business Hours	\$60.00
After Hours	100.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Payments Not Honored by Financial Institution . . \$40.00

MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wausau Headquarters | 300 N. First Street, Wausau, WI



The Friends Book Sale will be moving into a new room by 2018, so in order to make the move a little easier, our October sale will feature some extra special deals!

Browse hundreds of gently-used books and other items for low prices. Proceeds from this sale help support the library!

Thu., 10/5, 5-8pm
Friends-only sale. Join at the door to get in!

Fri., 10/6, 9:30am-4:30pm
Book sale opens to the public for the weekend

Sat., 10/7, 9:30am-4:30pm
Buy one \$5 for all you can fit in a large paper bag

Sun., 10/8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Surprise closures & sale! Extra special rates TBA.

715.261.7200 | info@mcpl.us

www.mcpl.us/friends

Department of Public Works and Utilities News

Construction Updates

2017 has been a very active year with street construction. All of our projects are currently on schedule. The proposed completion dates are as follows:

Washington Street - Oct 20	North 2nd Street - Oct 20
Plaza Drive - Oct 20	North 13th Street - Oct 20
West Thomas Street - Nov 3	North 4th Street Sidewalk - Sep 20
Pavement Marking (painting) - Sep 15	Asphalt Paving/Overlay - Oct 20

We know construction is inconvenient and can be stressful for local residents. We make every effort to keep our projects on time to minimize these issues. We appreciate everyone's patience this construction season and we hope you enjoy the completed improvements to our infrastructure.

Bio-Retention Basins - What are they?

There have been many calls and questions received related to the Bio-retention basins being installed on the West Thomas Street reconstruction project. These devices are part of the city wide stormwater plan to assist us improving the stormwater runoff quality to the ground. The relatively shallow devices promote infiltration through an excavated area that is back-filled with an engineered soil, covered with mulch and landscaped with a number of water tolerable plants. The basins are design to limit the standing stormwater depth to 6- to 12-inches and will typically drain out within 24 hours after the storm event. There are currently other basins throughout the city that are currently active and functioning very well. The WDNR has indicated they will be implementing stricter discharge limits in the not too distant future and these types of devices will help us meet those limits. These devices will be well landscaped when they are completed and the city will maintain these devices.

East Riverfront "Riverlife" Development

The final cleanup and last improvements to the new trail and public amenities along the East Riverfront will be completed in October and ready for use. Hopefully many of you have had a chance to check out the newly constructed riverfront trail and many amenities including the waterfalls, firepit, bridge lighting, river wharf and lots of public seating and landscaped areas throughout the area. The Riverwalk is open for your enjoyment. Please use this area and enjoy the river views this fall and stick around for the lights in the evening. This is a great place to enjoy Wausau and the River and be close to downtown for all of the amenities. Starting before the end of the year, foundations for the Riverlife Villages Phase 1 project will be installed for the new mixed use commercial building, high end apartments, and new townhomes along River Drive which will be under construction next year. More information at www.riverlifevillage.com. Also next year, the City will continue building out the amenities of the Riverlife Park area north of the Wausau on the Water building and under the Bridge St. bridge which will include a ropes course, bath and concession building, play and fitness equipment, a climbing wall and lots of activities for all ages. The City is now accepting donations and sponsorships for many of the public features including bricks, benches, and park features all the way up to the naming rights for the park, new pedestrian bridge and plazas. More information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at www.wausaudevelopment.com/sponsorship. The Mayor noted at the 'illumination event' last month- if the 400 Block is Wausau's living room- then the new Riverlife area is our front porch.





What is it?

A security freeze is most commonly used as a tool to protect your “credit identity” from thieves hoping to establish unauthorized accounts or access to your credit information.

Why does it help?

Your credit report is held by the three major credit bureaus: Transunion, Equifax, and Experian. The credit report contains details of your current and past credit history, including other personal information.

When applying for, or opening, credit accounts, loans or other certain services, your credit report is reviewed by the prospective provider with

whom you are working. However, when thieves use your personal information to open credit accounts and services, your credit report is unwittingly reviewed by prospective providers on behalf of the thieves. A security freeze serves to stand in the way of the review process and helps to prevent thieves from establishing new financial obligations in your name.

What other considerations are there?

In Wisconsin, anyone is eligible to freeze their credit; this includes parents and legal guardians who want to protect the credit record of their children. A freeze does not affect your existing lines of credit – you may use existing lines of credit as you normally would use them. A freeze also does not affect your ability to review your own credit report. A freeze does not affect your credit score but it does prevent your ability to get your credit score while the freeze is in effect. You can lift a freeze but there is a cost (see the following section).

How to set it up?

You can freeze your credit by contacting each of the three credit bureaus listed above – it is recommended to freeze your credit through all three of the major bureaus if you are considering the security freeze. Victims of identity theft can have their credit frozen for free, otherwise the cost is \$10 per credit bureau. If, after implementing a credit freeze, you need to authorize third-party access to your credit report, the freeze can be lifted for a specific provider, or for a period of time. In most cases, the cost to lift the security freeze is \$10. Often, a provider can tell you which credit bureau they use for review – in that case, you should be able to lift that specific bureau’s freeze, rather than lifting it from all three bureaus.

Additional information on the topic:

- Wisconsin** https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/IdentityTheft.aspx
- Wisconsin** <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/IDTheftCreditReportFreeze632.pdf>
- Federal** <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0497-credit-freeze-faqs>
- Definitions** <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/creditreport.asp>



Community Paramedic Corner

Time for a long forest bath?

Autumn is a great time of year for some forest bathing especially with friends and family. Forest bathing is called Shinrin-yoku in Japanese and involves a leisure visit to a forest. Studies show that exposure to nature creates calming neuro-psychological effects through changes in the nervous system. In short “take a walk in the woods and it will make you feel better.”

Community Paramedicine strives to improve the overall health of an individual and the community. Not only does that include medical health but spiritual and mental health as well.

With fewer daylight hours, fall can bring lower energy, sadness, and depression. Besides forest bathing here are some ideas to help keep those fall blues away:

- Go for a walk in Wausau. Make it a Historic Downtown Walk, an Oak Island Walk, or everybody’s favorite a walk on the River Edge Parkway.
- Clean and change up your living space.
- Join a group, take a class, or volunteer. Check out the fall classes at one of our local colleges.
- Plan one exciting event each month. For starters visit the Colossal Fossil Downtown Museum www.colossalossils.com.
- Improve your diet and exercise. It will just make you feel better.

Remember to always think safety first—that will make your adventure a positive memory. See you in the big bath tub of nature!

Pet Licenses Expire **December 31** Each Year



Pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats more than four months of age on January 1st of any year, or four months of age within the license year, regardless of whether or not your pet goes outside.

Proof of rabies vaccination, expiration date and proof of spay or neuter is required at the time of licensing. There is an \$8.00 discount on each license if your pet is microchipped, proof is required.

The license can be obtained in a variety of ways:

- In person at the Customer Service Counter at City Hall, please bring the necessary proof of spaying or neutering, microchipping and rabies vaccination.
- Or mail a payment along with required documents to City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

- You can also pay and upload the required documents online and process the application electronically at <https://evolveportal.ci.wausau.wi.us/>.

Licensing fees for the 2018 licensing year are: an unaltered dog or cat is \$60.00 per year; an altered dog or cat is \$18.00 per year. All pets are given an \$8.00 discount if they are microchipped. Proof of microchipping is required for discount.

To avoid a late fee, all dog and cat licenses are due no later than March 31st of every year. **A late fee of double the regular license fee, in addition to the required license fee is imposed if the license is obtained after March 31st.** The forfeiture for NOT having a current pet license is \$187.00.

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

City Eyes Energy Efficiencies, Maybe Solar?

The city is taking multiple steps to become more energy efficient and learn about the prospects of photovoltaic (PV) panels, the increasingly popular type of solar panel that produces electricity.

Mayor Robert Mielke approved a request to get what is called “benchmarking” information on the city’s largest buildings. Personnel from the CESA 10 Energy Management Service came over from Chippewa Falls to measure the size of city buildings and get detailed information on utility costs to operate each of those buildings.

At no cost to the city, the CESA experts are computing the operational costs - what it takes to heat, cool, light and ventilate - each building and expressing that in a cost per square foot. They work exclusively with government facilities, so the CESA personnel are familiar with these types of buildings and their expected cost of operation.

The benchmarking figures will identify where the biggest energy savings can be found. The city is not obligated to pursue any of CESA’s recommendations, but if it does, CESA’s “fee” is 48% of the savings experienced in the first three years.

Members of the city’s Energy Team, made up of representatives of city departments, recently heard a talk where they learned how the city of Red Wing, Minn., slashed its building operational costs by 54% in five years. They have six solar installations, most of them vehicle shelters with photovoltaic panels as their roofs.

Wausau is beginning to look into the potential of such projects. The mayor’s directive has been that any PV project has to produce electricity from the start at a cost that is less than the same power from the utility.

Internally, the mayor is taking a low-key step intended to simply make city staff more energy-conscious. Starting early next year, department heads responsible for buildings or vehicles are being required to simply report on their energy use for the previous year. It is expected to require little time to prepare the report, but there will be an unspoken expectation to work toward lowering the consumption and cost before the next report is due.



Let us Celebrate National Women’s Small Business Month

The National Women’s Business Council (advisors to the President, Congress and the SBA) has designated October as Women’s Small Business Month. The Small Business Administration (SBA), the Association of Women’s Business Centers, and leaders in the women’s entrepreneurship community throughout the country endorse this initiative. The purpose of this celebration is to highlight and honor the contributions women have made to the business world and our economy.

MCDEVCO, Inc. operates as a 501(c)(3) under a unique Marathon County and private partnership. We are committed to ensuring the long-term viability of Marathon County’s economy by working closely with individual businesses, financial service providers and municipal partners to facilitate and maximize their investment in the County.

Our mission statement, *To Invest in Business Development and Community Growth Through the Integration of Resources* can be seen throughout the City of Wausau and Marathon County through our current programming.

A new program undertaken by MCDEVCO, Inc. is to administer and coordinate a group of volunteer professional business people to mentor new entrepreneurs from the sole proprietor to the small to mid-size business. Out of this planning, **Women Mentoring Women** evolved. The basic idea being professional businesswomen mentoring women entrepreneurs. The new program will offer mentoring, a reference library along with seminars and workshops. All services for both programs are free.

To initiate our **Women Mentoring Women** program Women’s Small Business Month is a perfect time to celebrate and to kick off our free programming. Currently, we will host two events to celebrate women entrepreneurs. The month of October will begin with Mayor Mielke proclaiming it National Women’s Small Business Month at the Wausau City Council meeting on September 26, 2017.

The first program will be a partnership with the YWCA Wausau to bring women a presentation by Tami Plourde, Partner and Director of Marketing and Sales for Pearl Street Brewery, La Crosse, WI. Tami will talk about Women in a Male-Dominated Field - The Beer Industry. Tami’s talk is about the beer industry having been dominated by men and how after thirteen years she now has earned the respect of her peers, male and female. This event will be October 10, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The second event MCDEVCO will host will be on October 19, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and feature Allison Liddle a Wausau native whose new book, *Life Under Construction: Designing a Life You Love* is coming out on September 26, 2017. Allison will talk about **Life Under Construction: Empowering You to Design a Life You Love**. In an uplifting keynote speech, Allison will share her personal transformation journey to grow herself, her business, and empower her life through a process she calls, The Steps to Empower Yourself. Allison’s book will be available for purchase the night of the event.

Both Events are FREE and open to the residents of Marathon County. They will be held at the YWCA Wausau, located at 613 N. Fifth Street, Wausau, WI 54403. Refreshments will be served. On-site childcare.

If you would like more information, please call MCDEVCO at 715.298.0084. To register email info@mcdevco.org. To learn how to be a mentor, call us at MCDEVCO!



Join United Way Volunteer Connection for . . .
Make A Difference Day 2017

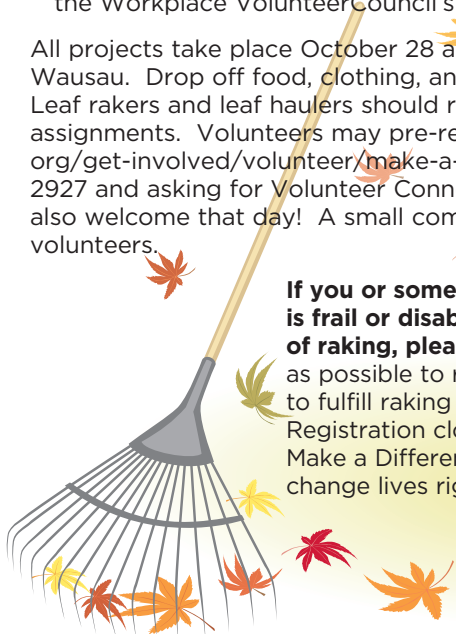
On Saturday, October 28, volunteers across the nation will be engaging in projects that strengthen their communities and give hope to others. In our area last year on Make A Difference Day over 600 volunteers came together with rakes and trailers to clean up over 150 yards of residents in the greater Wausau area. Volunteers included school groups, Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout Troops, corporate groups, families, churches, and service organizations.

You can make a difference by taking part!

- **Leaf Raking for the Elderly and Disabled.** Support the independence of others by raking or hauling leaves as an individual or with family, friends or co-workers. Drivers/Haulers/Rakers on AND after Oct. 28. Individuals or groups with trucks or trailers are needed to pick up bagged leaves and haul them to area yard waste sites both on and after Make A Difference Day. Times are flexible. Volunteer must provide own truck and/or trailer for hauling leaves. A valid driver's license is required. Small gas card provided as "Thank You".
- **Fill A Food Pantry.** Donate non-perishable food items for the Marathon County HungerCoalition.
- **Coats for Kids.** Give new or gently used outerwear for kids to adults, collected by the Kiwanis.
- **Toiletries Drive.** Bring personal care items for men, women and children for the Workplace VolunteerCouncil's Back to Basics project.

All projects take place October 28 at the First United Methodist Church; Wausau. Drop off food, clothing, and toiletry donations from 8 AM-Noon. Leaf rakers and leaf haulers should report between 8-9 AM to pick up raking assignments. Volunteers may pre-register at <http://www.unitedwaymc.org/get-involved/volunteer/make-a-difference-day/> or by calling 715-848-2927 and asking for Volunteer Connection. Spontaneous volunteers are also welcome that day! A small complimentary lunch will be served for all volunteers.

If you or someone you know in the Greater Wausau area is frail or disabled with no one to help with the task of raking, please call 2-1-1 (or 715-848-2927) as soon as possible to request help. Every effort will be made to fulfill raking requests based on volunteer availability. Registration closes when 150 yards are registered. Join Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 28 to change lives right here in Marathon County.



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Are You Interested in Running for an Elected Office?

The following City of Wausau elected office positions will be open during the Spring 2018 Election. Candidates may begin circulation of their nomination papers on or after December 1, 2017. The deadline to file candidacy papers with the City Clerk is by 5:00 pm, on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. To request a candidacy informational packet, email Wausau City Clerk at toni.rayala@ci.wausau.wi.us with your name and mailing address, or you can pick up a candidate packet at City Hall.

Elected Office	Minimum # of Signatures	Maximum # of Signatures	Term
Alderspersons 11 Districts	20	40	2 year

Odd/Even Overnight Parking

Are you confused on what side of the street to park on during the overnight hours? Have you received an overnight parking ticket and wondered why you received it? The following information should clarify the rules for overnight parking in the City of Wausau.

ALL NIGHT PARKING: Parking is allowed on City streets (other than in designated areas in downtown—see below) on an alternate side basis **during the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.** It is not necessary to call the Police Department for permission. Vehicles must be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days and on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days. Odd/even parking is not allowed on streets where "No Parking" restrictions are in effect. However, odd/even parking is not enforced on streets with "No Parking" on one side of the street only. Therefore, residents can legally park on the side not prohibitively posted regardless of the day unless a snow emergency has been declared.

Keep in mind the odd/even requirement pertains to the time period of 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. If you park your vehicle on the street in the evening intending that it will be parked overnight, make sure it is on the appropriate odd/even-numbered side of the street for the time period of 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

DOWNTOWN AREA: Parking is not be allowed in the area (including both sides of the streets) bounded on the north by McIndoe Street, on the west by First Street, on the south by Forest Street, and on the east by Sixth Street. Persons who live downtown (and occasional visitors) can contact the Clerk/Customer Service Office (phone 715- 261-6620) to purchase monthly overnight permits to park in a City parking facility.

SNOW EMERGENCY: Overnight parking will not be allowed during snow emergencies. Residents should keep in mind that even if a snow emergency has not been declared, vehicles which are parked overnight on City streets during snowfalls may hinder snow plowing operations.

The forfeiture for violating the overnight parking ordinance is \$25.00, and is \$100.00 during snow emergencies.



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Halloween Trick or Treat Hours Tuesday, October 31st from 4-7 pm.



- **State of the River District Dinner** (October 13, 5-8): Join Wausau River District in a celebratory recap of the year and a look forward to projects ahead. Hosted at the Jefferson Street Inn with live music. A great chance to mingle with local business owners, River District stakeholders, and learn about the progress being made in the heart of our city.
- **Christmas on First** (Saturday, November 4, 9-5 and Sunday, November 5 12-4): Prepare for the holidays at the annual Christmas on First Open House! Enjoy in-store giveaways, refreshments, and great gift ideas. Find the event on Facebook!
- **Small Business Saturday** (Saturday, November 25): Celebrate small business with great after-Thanksgiving deals throughout Wausau's River District. Join the event on Facebook



Celebrate Fall & Winter

Don't let the colder weather keep you inside! Join us as we celebrate the remaining months of 2017 and start of 2018 with pumpkins, horse-drawn wagon rides, crafts, Santa, beer, snow slides, mac 'n' cheese, hot cocoa, and endless fun!

Upcoming Events

- **Harvest Fest**, Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The 400 Block
 - **Holiday Parade**, Friday, December 1, starting at 6:30 p.m., Marathon Park to The 400 Block
 - **Winter Brew Fest**, Friday, January 26, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Elk's Lodge #248
 - **Winter Fest**, Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The 400 Block
- For additional event information, including full schedules, visit www.wausauevents.org.

help wanted

Election Poll Workers Wanted for 2018 Elections

Hiring Poll Workers to provide services on Election Day two - four times per year. Job Duties include: registering new voters, poll list check in, issuing ballots, counting ballots, etc. Job Requirements: good with people and the general public, detail orientated, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of five polling sites located throughout the City. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. We offer full day and half day shifts. Training is provided. Applications are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Clerk/Documents/PollworkerApplication.pdf> or you may also pick up an application at City Hall. Contact the Clerk's office at 715-261-6620 for further information.