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Mayor's Message Greetings to all of you!

Hey, guess what? Summer is FINALLY here!!!

Yes, after what has been a long, cold, wet and "dark" winter and spring, Summer is now here in Wausau! I urge everyone to get out and enjoy the warmth and heat, along with the many entertainment, art and sporting events that make Wausau and everything that happens here so unique and enjoyable! Here's a few that are highlighted:



1 - Wisconsin Woodchucks Games, held at Athletic Park from late May through August. Baseball is a sure sign of summer and Wausau is very fortunate to have the Wisconsin Woodchucks be a big part of our community.

2 - Concerts on the Square (400 Block) June 21 through August 23. Every Wednesday night, starting at 6:00PM, there is a free music concert, family-friendly event for your enjoyment. Please remember that no pets, smoking, tents or tarps are allowed.

3 - First Thursdays, May through September in downtown Wausau. On the first Thursday of the month, be sure to check out Wausau's central shopping district for deals, music, art displays and events and get to know our business partners in downtown Wausau.

4 - Water Walkers water ski show, each Sunday night starting at 6:00PM-June through September at D.C. Everest Park at 1800 South 3rd Avenue. (By the Eagles Landing Bar) This is another family-friendly, free event showcasing water skiing and the fun associated with it.

5 - Farmers Markets - May through November-River Drive (by the V.F.W. building) every Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Local farmers & produce-meat from the Central Wisconsin region offer products to the public. Also, starting on June 23 and running through September 21, check out Marketplace Thursdays on the 400 Block in downtown Wausau.

6 - Wausau Area Pools - Memorial, Kaiser and Schulenburg swimming pools will be opening starting on Saturday June 10, with a special "grand-opening" of the new Schulenburg pool starting at 12:30PM. Please join myself and other city and elected officials to formally open our new swimming pool. Pools will be open through late August.

7 - The 4th of July Celebration at Marathon Park-Rides, food, games, entertainment, starting Saturday July 1 through Tuesday July 4.

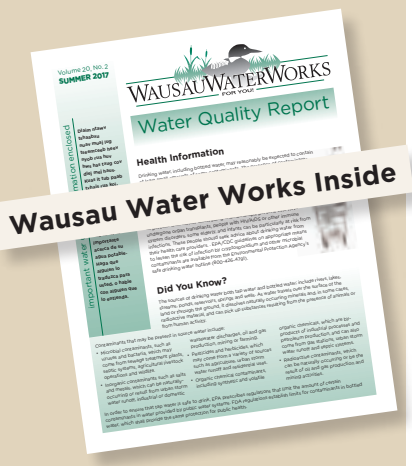
8 - Balloon Rally and Rib Fest, presented by Wausau Events on Thursday, July 13 through Sunday, July 16. Hot air balloons launching, racks of BBQ Ribs and cold drinks at the Wausau Airport. Fireworks will also be presented on the nights of July 13, 14 and 15. See the free bus shuttle schedule inside for this signature Wausau event.

9 - Chalkfest - July 15 and 16 at the 400 Block-downtown Wausau. Chalkfest is another unique Wausau event inviting talented individuals to share in outdoor art on sidewalks located around the 400 Block.

10 - Hmong Wausau Festival at the Eastbay Sports Complex (Kent Street) July 29-July 30. Celebrate the Hmong culture with food, music and sports competitions.

11 - Wisconsin Valley Fair - August 1-August 6- Marathon Park-Wausau. This is the 149th year of the Fair in Wausau! Enjoy live music acts, the infamous "fair-food" and take a look at the all of the animals and exhibition projects.

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12 - Wausau's Artrageous Weekend - September 9 and 10. Browse the annual "Birds in Art" exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art museum, as well as numerous artist and vendors located throughout 3rd Street and Marathon Park.

13 - International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival - September 15-17 on the 400 Block-Wausau. This first of its kind, multi-faceted event will have agricultural, culinary, educational, historical and entertainment aspects regarding Ginseng and the local impact that this product has throughout the world.

14 - Beer and Bacon Festival - September 23, 1 PM-4:30 PM Isle of Ferns Park. Sample a variety of beers and different bacon from vendors from across the United States.

We have started the yearly budget process. We may not receive as much federal and state aid as we are entitled to. However, we will continue to be responsible towards working towards an acceptable and workable budget to insure the great quality of service our residents expect to receive.

The city has implemented a large-item drop-off event four Saturdays this summer so please read the article inside for dates and further information.

If you see me out and about, please come up and say "HELLO" and always remember that my office is always open and accessible to any resident that has a concern. Thanks and have a fun, safe and very enjoyable summer!



Robert B. Mielke

Calendar of Events - 2017

JUNE

21	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
22	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
24, 25	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park (Lessons available, Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org)	10am-4pm
6/26 to 8/3	Arthritis Foundation Walk with Ease Class, Session II, Guided outdoor walking program for those with arthritis, \$15 includes book. Call Parks Dept 715-261-1550. Will walk indoors when it rains. (Mon, Wed, Thurs.)	3-4pm
28	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
29	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm

JULY

1	Treetop Explorer, Festival Climb, Marathon Park, Adults Only, \$15.00/climb. Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	11am-3pm
2	Treetop Explorer, Reserved Climb, Marathon Park, \$35.00/climb, ages 7 and up. Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	10am-Noon 1-3pm
3-21	Swimming Lessons - Session II Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
1,2,3,4	Jaycees Fourth of July Celebration, Marathon Park	
5	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
6	First Thursday - Downtown <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	4-8pm
9	Jazz on the River- Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by River District</i>	5-7pm
5-20	Family Tennis Lessons - Session II, Mon/Tues/Thurs nights, Oak Island Courts, Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	6-7:15pm
13	South Beach Up North Live Radio Show. Wisconsin Public Radio Go to their website www.sobechamberensemble.org or call 715-845-5822	10am
6	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
10-14	Challenger Tetra 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
12	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
13,14, 15,16	Sidewalk Sales, Downtown <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	
13	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
13,14, 15,16	Balloon Rally & Rib Fest, Downtown Airport and 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328</i> See free shuttle information map inside.	
15	South Beach Up North Concert, Mozart on the Move, UU Church, 504 Grant St	6pm
15	Balloon Chase 5K Run/Walk, Downtown Airport <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328</i>	7:30am
15,16	Chalkfest, 400 Block	Sat 9-9pm, Sun 8-4pm
16	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
15,16	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park, (Lessons available) Call 715-203-1279 www.Wausauwhitewater.org	10am-4pm
16	South Beach Up North Concert at St. John's Episcopal Church, 330 McClellan St.	Noon
19	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
20	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
21	South Beach Up North Concert, Dvorak and Ravel Piano Trios. St Matthias' Church, 403 E. Chicago Ave, Minocqua, WI, 715-845-5822 sobechamberensemble.org	7pm

JULY (continued)

22, 23	Wausau Whitewater Team River Runner, Whitewater Park, Call 715-203-1279	
23	South Beach Up North, Ravel and Dvorak Piano Trios, UU Church, 504 Grant St,	Noon
23	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
7/24 to 8/10	Family Tennis Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	6-7:15pm
7/24 to 8/11	Swimming Lessons - Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
26	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6-8pm
27	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
29,30	Hmong Sports, Music & Arts Festival - Eastbay Sports Complex. Organized by the Hmong American Center, Inc. 715-842-8390	8am-8pm
30	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
31	Dog Gone Pool Party - Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5.00 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult. Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required	5:30-8pm

AUGUST

3	First Thursday, Downtown <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	4-8pm
6	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
5,6	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park (Lessons available) Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	
7,8,9,10,11	Downtown Employee Appreciation Week <i>Sponsored by the Wausau River District</i>	
8/7 to 9/14	Arthritis Foundation Walk with Ease Class, Session III, Guided outdoor walking program for those with arthritis who can stand for at least 10 minutes or more \$15.00 includes book, Mon, Wed, Thursdays. Will walk indoors when raining.	3-4pm
13	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
14	Dog Gone Pool Party - Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult, \$5.00 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult. Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required	5:30-8pm
17,18	Wausau Whitewater Jackson Freestyle Clinic, Whitewater Park, Call 715-203-1279	
18,19	Big Bull Falls Blues Fest, Fern Island <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	Fri 5-10pm Sat 1-10pm
19,20	Wausau Whitewater Midwest Freestyle Championships, Whitewater Park, Call 715-203-1279	
20	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
20	Treetop Explorer, Reserve Climb, Pleasant View Park, 10th & Sumner St, \$35/2hrs, Ages 7 and up, Call the Park Dept to register 715-261-1550	10am-Noon 1-3pm
27	Jazz on the River - Library Plaza <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	5-7pm
27	FREE Family Pajama Party and Drive-In Movie Night, Family friendly outdoor movie, Eastbay Sports Complex, 602 E. Kent St. In case of rain, will move to Marathon Park Multi-Purpose Buildings (ice area). Sponsored by the Noon Optimists with support from EO Johnson Co. and Mid-Wisconsin Beverages	Games 6-8pm, Movie 8-10pm

SEPTEMBER

7	First Thursday, Downtown <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	4-8pm
9,10	Artrageous Weekend - Downtown, Woodson Art Museum, Marathon Park	
15-17	International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival, 400 Block, www.visitwausau.com	
23	Beer and Bacon Festival, Fern Island Park <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	1-4:30pm

Celebrate
Summer
with Wausau Events!

Wausau Events is pleased to once again bring a variety of festivals and events to the community! As always, Wednesday nights feature Concerts on the Square from 6-8pm on the 400 Block from June 21-August 23! Other highlights of the summer include the Balloon & Rib Fest at the Wausau Airport July 13-16, Balloon Chase 5K Run/Walk July 15, Big Bull Falls Blues Fest August 18-19 at Fern Island Park and Marketplace Thursdays on the 400 Block from 9am-2pm each Thursday until September 21! Save the CALENDAR OF EVENTS in this publication for all the fun summer activities we are blessed to have in our community. For additional information on Wausau Events, please visit www.wausauevents.org


Friends of the Marathon County Public Library
August 10-13, 2017
SUMMER BOOK SALE

Special Members Only Sale
Thursday, August 10th
 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Memberships available

Friday through Saturday August 11-12
 9:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 13th BAG SALE
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. \$6 • Bags provided

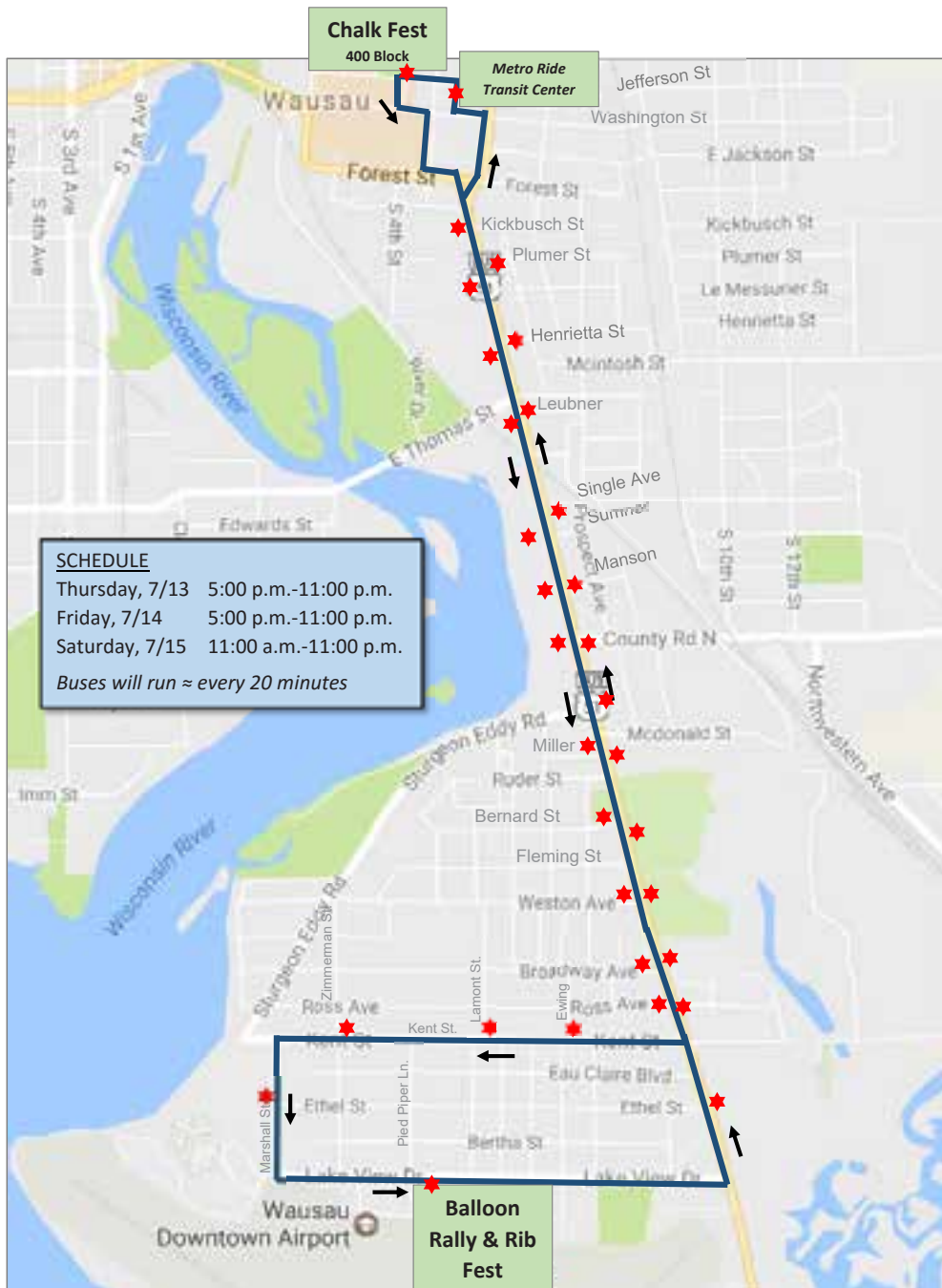
For more information call 715-261-7200 • info@mcpl.us



Free Shuttle Bus for Chalkfest/Ribfest/Balloon Rally

On July 13-15, Metro Ride will provide a shuttle bus route between the Chalkfest event held on the 400 Block in downtown Wausau and the Balloon Rally and Rib Fest events held at the Wausau Downtown Airport. Buses will run about every 20 minutes. People may board free of charge at any bus stop sign along the route. All buses will be ADA accessible and open to the general public.

BUS SCHEDULE	
Thursday, 7/13	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday, 7/14	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, 7/15	11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
<i>Buses will run every 20 minutes</i>	



SCHEDULE
 Thursday, 7/13 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 Friday, 7/14 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 7/15 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Buses will run ~ every 20 minutes

★ Bus Stop (bus arrives ~ every 20 minutes)



Kudo's to Wausau Metro-Ride

Metro Ride recently received a "most improved system" award from Transit Mutual Insurance. The safety incentive program compares transit systems of similar size and recognizes improvements in the ratio of accident claims per mile driven. In 2016, Metro Ride provided 423,474 miles of service and carried 532,852 riders, while experiencing just one accident claim.



Illegal Dumping

Please remember that illegal dumping in city parks and elsewhere can impose a forfeiture fee from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$1,000 per violation. Surveillance cameras are placed at various city parks and parking lots. 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 & Forestry Department at 715-261-1550 or the Police Department at 715-849-7798. Thank you for assisting in keeping our community clean!

Congratulations, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum!!

The City of Wausau is proud of the museum as a recipient of a National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). As a 2017 National Medal winner, the museum is one of only two art museums among the five museums and five libraries named National Medal winners by IMLS, a federal agency supporting the nation's approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums, all of which are eligible for the award. Winners are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. For 23 years, the award has celebrated institutions that respond to societal needs in innovative ways, making a difference for individuals, families, and their communities. The award will be presented at an event in Washington, D.C., in early summer. After the Washington, D.C. National Medal award ceremony, which will be accompanied by museum Director, Kathy Kelsey Foley and a community member, StoryCorps - a national nonprofit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans - will visit the Woodson Art Museum to document stories from our community. Mayor Robert Mielke said, "As the only full-service art museum in northern Wisconsin, the City of Wausau is extremely proud to share in the news of this national award presented to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum". "Our community recognizes and supports their ever-changing exhibitions, their innovative and creative visual art experiences and celebrates their flagship internationally renowned "Birds in Art" exhibition each fall". "Congratulations - Well Deserved", he added.



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 Monday and 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, Wisconsin 54403-5007 (700 North Twelfth Street)
Online:	www.lywam.org



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LETS KEEP ON GOING

by Mayor Robert Mielke

Governor Walker recently joined us for a Regional Talent Summit hosted by Centergy, the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and the Wausau Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Governor highlighted what our citizens and businesses know well- that our workforce is one of our greatest assets. I also appreciated that Governor Walker specifically acknowledged both myself and several other municipal leaders for our economic development leadership in the region. The Governor noted a new 17 year low in unemployment for the State and discussed the importance of attracting and retaining workforce as a key driver for the Wisconsin economy.

Wausau is also committed, along with our regional and State partners, to improving our infrastructure and amenities- our local tool to ensure we are competitive for development. We recently held a series of public meetings on the City's 2017 debt issuance which included the City's financial advisor, Ehlers as the City's debt level has risen recently to fund infrastructure projects which include: the reconstruction and expansion of Thomas Street, the East Riverfront Redevelopment and Riverlife Park, land acquisition, road and utility extensions for the Wausau Business Campus Expansion Area, the recent reconstruction of 2nd Avenue, reinstatement of street paving and sealcoating, recent extensive renovation of our 3 neighborhood pools and continued projects for water and sewer infrastructure.

Like many of you, I am proud of these investments. Seeing the Thomas Street reconstruction finally coming to fruition and witnessing all the folks out walking and biking the new

extension of the River's Edge Trail along the East Riverfront is great progress. Many of these projects were started well before my administration but I am committed to keep Wausau growing. I also remain diligent in ensuring that our debt is carefully managed- as noted by our financial advisor, we are confident that as a City, we can afford these investments.

As a taxpayer, know that the City is spending this increased borrowing on projects, not city administration. and we are investing in physical improvements that everyone can value. I am pleased to report that the City's strong bond rating was again affirmed by Moody's. Like any municipality, our debt level often rises and falls depending on the specific projects at hand. This was noted at the recent public meetings, when comparative debt information from 2015 (the most recent audited information in the State) was presented. The information highlighted examples from neighboring and peer communities where debt levels had been much higher than the City but just a couple years ago. Wausau's debt level remains competitive with municipalities across the State, even as we undertake these large infrastructure projects.

I disagree with those who negatively attack these investments. With our strong and reaffirmed credit rating, borrowing rates remaining low and strong growth in the City, I am confident that now is an appropriate time to continue investing in our infrastructure and amenities which makes our City competitive. Like any municipality we routinely restructure our debt, and we continue to aggressively retire debt as well, to allow this continued investment.



**SEE THE
FUTURE**

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.



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Lifeline EMS GOLD Plus Award goes to Wausau Fire



Community Paramedic Corner

The City of Wausau Fire Department has achieved the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) the deadliest type of heart attack caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment.

Unfortunately, a significant number of STEMI patients don't receive this prompt reperfusion therapy, which is critical in restoring blood flow. Mission: Lifeline seeks to save lives by closing the gaps that separate these patients from timely access to appropriate treatments. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition program recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care and improving the quality of life for these patients.

Emergency Medical System providers are vital to the success of Mission: Lifeline. EMS agencies perform 12-lead ECGs which measure the electrical activity of the heart and can help determine if a heart attack has occurred. They also follow protocols derived from American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology guidelines. These correct tools, training, and practices allow EMS providers to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notify the medical center, and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

Wausau Fire Department received the Mission: Lifeline Gold award after having demonstrated at least 75 percent compliance for each required achievement measure for two years.

"Wausau Fire Department is dedicated to making our service among the best in the country, and the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program is helping us accomplish that by implementing processes for improving systems of care with the goal of improving the quality of care for all acute coronary syndrome patients," said Chief Tracey Kujawa. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care for all cardiac patients."

Strokes Can Happen at any Age. Early recognition and treatment are critical to a stroke emergency. A stroke affects the arteries leading to and within the brain and when a stroke occurs oxygen and nutrient rich blood within the brain is compromised by a clot or a rupture. When this situation materializes the brain cells themselves start to die. The American Stroke Association uses the letters in **F.A.S.T.** to help identify a stroke. The **F** is for facial droop, **A** is for arm weakness, **S** is for speech difficulty, and **T** is for time to call **911**. Other warning signs could include numbness, confusion, trouble seeing, trouble walking, and a severe headache. The paramedics at the Wausau Fire Department provide rapid and expeditious treatment and transport for individuals who present with signs of a stroke. A Stroke is a true medical emergency and "time equals brain." When it comes to appropriate treatment it is important to relay to the paramedics and health care providers what time the signs of experiencing the stroke were recognized. For more information about stroke visit www.strokeassociation.org.



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

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Water Quality Report

important water quality information enclosed

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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. Immunocompromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk 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).



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 from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

Lead & Copper

As a result of materials used in your home's plumbing, it is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. They could also 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. 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.



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. Additional information is also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline from EPA, 1-800-426-4791.

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 2016 met all the requirements for safe, excellent water quality. A complete list of the results of these tests is 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!

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.

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 Wunch at 715-261-6742 two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

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

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!

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Ray Younger who recently received his DNR Water Certifications in Groundwater, and his Cross Connection Control Assembly Tester Certification from Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Service. Cheryl Sell also received her DNR Water certification in Lime Softening.

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.

Definitions of Terms

The terms listed below relate to the Water Quality Test Results tables on pages 4 and 5.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. The Action Level is reported to the 90th of homes at risk.

Level 2 Assessment - A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) is a level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Parts Per Billion (PPB)- some water constituents are measured in units that are really small. A PPB is a microgram per liter (ug/l) - For example, a part of a billion equates to two drops of water in a house pool of 15,000 gallons; or a second of time in 31.7 years, or the first 16 inches of a trip to the moon.

Parts Per Million (PPM) A PPM equates a milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to ¼ of a cup in a house pool of 15,000 gallons, a second of time in 11.6 days.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/l) - a measure of radioactivity

ND- None detected in the drinking water.

TCR- Total Coliform Rule.

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 of 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. It then enters the distribution system made up of approximately 250 miles of mains that deliver the water from the Treatment Plant to close to 16,000 homes and businesses served by Wausau Water Works.



Detected Contaminants

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

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2016)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-11	60	60	17	17		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-11	80	0	18.5	18.5		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-16	60	60	15	15		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-16	80	0	27.9	27.9		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2016)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.006	0.006 - 0.006	9/11/2014	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.7	0.7 - 0.7	9/11/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		0.5600	0.5400 - 0.5600	9/11/2014	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (NO ₃ -N) (ppm)		10	10	0.49	0.41 - 0.49		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (NO ₂ -N) (ppm)		1	1	0.021	0.015 - 0.021	9/11/2014	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	14.00	14.00	9/11/2014	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2016)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.0400	0 of 30 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	6.40	0 of 30 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2016)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.8	0.5 - 0.8	9/11/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

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

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2016)
SULFATE (ppm)	9.20	8.90 - 9.20	9/11/2014
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM (ppm)		0.10 - 0.13	8/13/2015
CHLORATE (ppm)		300 - 320	8/13/2015
STRONTIUM (ppm)		66 - 69	8/13/2015
VANADIUM (ppm)		1.70 - 1.80	8/13/2015

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.

How to Avoid a Water System Cross Connection

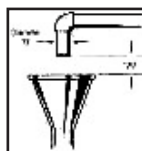
Insights to Protect Your Drinking Water

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

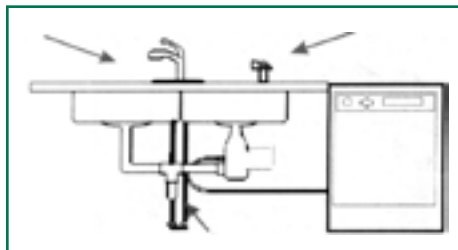
DON'T...

- 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



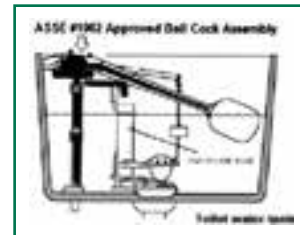
In the Kitchen

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



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.

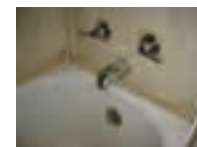
In the Bathroom — Hand Held Shower Fixture

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



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.

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.

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.



CLEAN IT UP, WAUSAU!

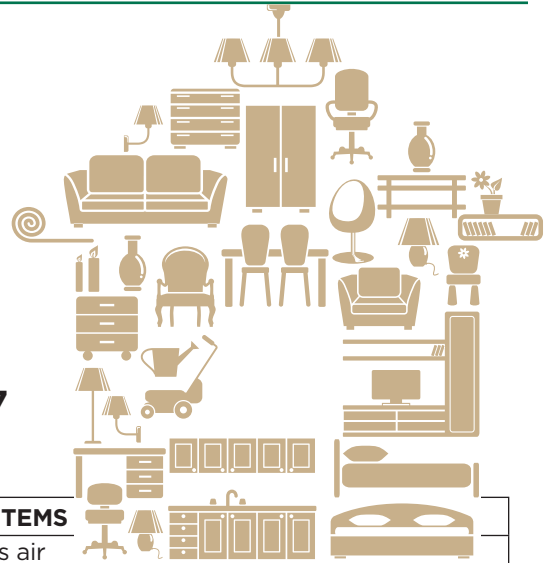
FREE Large Item Drop-Off

The City of Wausau has implemented a new service for the summer of 2017. A large item drop off opportunity will take place one day each month in May, June, July and August for Wausau residents to properly dispose of large, unwanted items. **We're not accepting appliances or electronics during these dates.**

Large bulk items can be dropped off at the east end of East Chellis Street, near the Yard Waste Site, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

Saturdays: May 20, June 24, July 29 & August 26, 2017

Proof of City of Wausau residency required.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS	UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS	
Bathroom plumbing fixtures	Appliances such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, humidifiers, refrigerators, stoves, and washers. Gently used and in working condition appliances can be donated to Habitat for Humanity's Recycled Building Materials Facility. For appliances in non-working order, contact Schulz's Recycling, Alter Metals, Yaeger's or other salvage scrap vendors.	
Cabinets		
Carpeting		
Chairs		
Concrete chunks (small amount)		
Countertops		
Furniture		
Hot Tubs		
Large grills with propane tanks removed		
Long boards that do not fit in a garbage container		
Mattresses		Electronics such as TV's, computer monitors, computers, laptops, keyboards, cameras and recorders with video display, DVD and VCRs, printers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones with video display. Contact Good New Project, Best Buy, Helping Hands Recycling, or Wellers Salvage for disposal.
Metal		
Plastic Children's toys that are too large to fit in garbage dumpster		
Pool tables		
Remodeling waste - Insulation, Fiberglass (small amount)		
Sinks	Lawn mowers, snow blowers, weed eaters or any gasoline engine equipment	
Sofas / Couches		
Tables	Ammunition or explosives	
Toilets	Compressed fuel cylinders	
Vacuum cleaners	Freon	
Wash tubs	Latex paint	
	Fire extinguishers (if empty take to landfill to recycle as scrap for free)	
	Medical Waste	
	Radioactive material	
	Water-based stains or caulks	
	Cardboard and plastic containers that can be recycled bi-weekly in the container provided by Harter's	
TIRES - CASH ONLY		
Under 22" - \$5.00		
22" and Over - \$10.00		
To dispose of other items, please call the Marathon County Solid Waste and Recycling Information line at 1-877-270-3989		

The FALL CLEAN IT UP, WAUSAU dates where we will accept Appliances and Electronics again will be **Friday and Saturday 9-5pm, Sept 29 and 30, 2017.** Watch for info on the city website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us and in the city Wausau Works for You newsletter.