



SUMMER 2018

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Mayor's Message

Greetings to all of you!

As summer begins, I am sure we are all looking forward to enjoying the great outdoors and joining with family and friends around the Bar-B-Q grill and taking in all the activities that Wausau has to offer. We have listed a full CALENDAR OF EVENTS in this publication that is abundant with activities, concerts, entertainment, sporting events, crafts and farmers markets, along with unique festivals. Please get outside and enjoy the summer, as it goes by quickly.



I invite you to check out the City of Wausau's development website www.wausaudevelopment.com. Here you'll find a rich mix of development projects, Tax Increment Financing guidelines, videos, creative, unique Wausau stories, and two new homesteading programs titled Live it Up, Wausau and Fix it Up, Wausau. This last one is highlighted inside and is a rehabilitation loan for single and multi-family homes being transformed into fewer units.

The city has implemented a large-item drop-off event for three (3) weekends this summer. The dates are Friday and Saturday from 9-5pm on June 22, 23, July 27, 28 and August 24, 25, 2018. There will also be a fall drop-off event on September 28 and 29, 2018. More detailed information is inside.

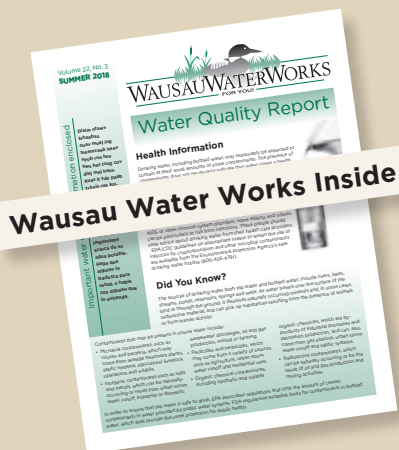
If you see me out and about, please come up and say "HELLO" and remember that my office is always open to anyone that may have a concern. Please stop or call ahead at 715-261-6800 and we'll be happy to reserve a time to talk. Thanks and have a fun, safe and very enjoyable summer!

Robert B. Mielke

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Mayor Mielke welcomed Andrew Wieland and Cassie Blaubach into the City through the Live It Up, Wausau Homesteading Program. Their employers were program partners and they were able to take advantage of the zero percent down-payment and closing cost assistance to buy their new home!



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.

Wausau City Services

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

Department	Question/Problem	Phone Number
Assessment Department	1. How was my property assessed? 2. Will my assessment increase if I paint, replace the roof or siding? 3. How can I appeal my assessed value?	715-261-6600
Attorney / Legal Department	1. How many (and what kind of) animals may I have in the City? 2. Where can I find parking rules and fees in the ordinances? 3. Can I place Flyers/Pamphlets on vehicles?	715-261-6590
Community Development Dept.	1. Homeowner /Commercial Rehabilitation 2. Down-payment Assistance 3. Business Assistance	715-261-6680
Community Development Authority	1. Where do I get information on subsidized/public housing? 2. What are my options for subsidized housing in Wausau? 3. What are the eligibility requirements for housing assistance? 4. Riverview Terrace or Towers Questions	715-261-6687
Clerk's Office	1. For General City Questions	715-261-6620
Engineering / GIS	1. Street Construction Projects/Special Assessments 2. Map Requests/On-line mapping 3. Uncut grass/Un-shoveled Sidewalk	715-261-6740
Finance Dept.	1. Voting and Elections, Tax Questions 2. Utility Bills & Parking Tickets 3. City Budget Issues	715-261-6640
Fire Department	1. Non-Emergency line 2. EMERGENCY	715-261-7900 911
Harter's Garbage Disposal	1. Garbage not being picked up? 2. Would like to purchase a Yard Waste Container?	888-804-8556
Human Resources Dept.	1. Where do you post City Job Opportunities? 2. How do I obtain a City Job Application? 3. Does the City hire seasonal workers?	715-261-6630
Inspections Dept.	1. Where do I get a Building Permit? 2. Zoning Issues, complaints about property in your neighborhood 3. Street Light Issues 4. Questions about building a fence	715-261-6780
Mayor's Office	1. How may I serve on a City Government Committee? 2. City Government questions?	715-261-6800
Metro-Ride Transit	1. What is the bus schedule? 2. Where can I buy bus tokens or bus passes? 3. How do I apply for Metro Ride Paratransit service?	715-842-9287 or 715-261-6526
Municipal Court	1. May I reschedule my court appearance?	715-261-6650
Parks Department	1. How do I reserve a Park Shelter, Camping site? 2. How do I purchase a swimming pool pass?	715-261-1550
Police Dept.	1. Non-emergency line during business hour 2. Dispatch Center Non-emergency 3. EMERGENCY	715-261-7800 715-261-7796 911
Public Works / Parking Dept.	1. Downtown parking/Parking permits 2. Overnight Parking	715-261-6765
Public Works / Street Dept.	1. Potholes/Street Maintenance 2. Stormwater drainage concerns	715-261-6960
Water Dept.	1. Why do I have dirty water? 2. Why is my water bill higher than usual? 3. Sewer Backup Issues	715-261-6530
Wausau Area Access Media	1. What channel may I watch the City Council Meetings on? 2. How do I get a video on the Public Access Channel?	715-261-6550



The Marathon County
Historical Society *Presents*

Story Time in the Garden

1:30 pm second

Thursdays this summer:

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Yawkey House Museum Gardens

403 McIndoe Street, Wausau



*Preschool and early
elementary children and
parent/caregiver listen to
a vintage picture book
and play old-fashioned
games.*

Free. Siblings welcome.

*In case of rain, Story Time moves
indoors to Woodson History
Center, across McIndoe Street.*

More information:
marathoncountyhistory.org

715-842-5750

@maracohstry



Calendar of Events - 2018

June

21	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, Call 715-842-1188	7pm
21	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
23, 24	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park. (Lessons available) Call 715-203-1279 www.wausauwhitewater.org	10am-5pm
24	Dog Gone Pool Party-Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5.00 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult. Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required	5:30pm-8pm
24	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
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, Marathon Park, Call 715-842-1188	7pm

July

1	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
2 to 20	Swimming Lessons-Session II Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
4	Red, White & Boom at Athletic Ball Park Stadium, Sponsored by WI College Baseball 715-845-5055	6:30pm-10pm
2 to 19	Family Tennis Lessons-Session II	6pm-7:15pm
4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Wausau Area 4th of July Celebration, Marathon Park, www.wausauarea4thofjuly.com	
5	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
5	Wausau Concert Band, DC Everest. Call 715-842-1188	5:30pm
8	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
8	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
10-Aug-23	Cross-fit in the Park, Tuesday/Thursday evenings, Behind Library, \$65.00-Call Parks Department for details 715-261-1550	5:30-6:30pm
11	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
12	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
12	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, Call 715-842-1188	7pm
12	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	06 PM
12, 13, 14, 15	Downtown Sidewalk Sales, <i>Sponsored by Wausau River District</i>	
12, 13, 14, 15	Balloon Rally & Rib Fest, Downtown Airport and 400 Block, Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328 www.wausauevents.org	
14	Balloon Chase 5K Run/Walk, Downtown Airport, Sponsored by Wausau Events 715-845-1328 www.wausauevents.org	7:30am

14,15	Chalkfest, 400 Block	Sat 8-8pm, Sun 7-11am
14, 15	Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park, (Lessons available) Call 715-203-1279 www.Wausauwhitewater.org	10am-5pm
15	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
15	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	06 PM
16	Bike to Pools Day-Ride bike to <u>Kaiser Pool</u> . Arrive between 1 and 2:30 to get free helmet and coupon for free cone or train ride at Marathon Junction	
17	Bike to Pools Day-Ride bike to <u>Memorial Pool</u> . Arrive between 1 and 2:30 to get free helmet and coupon for free cone or train ride at Marathon Junction	
18	Bike to Pools Day-Ride bike to <u>Schulenburg Pool</u> . Arrive between 1 and 2:30 to get free helmet and coupon for free cone or train ride at Marathon Junction	
18	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
19	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, Call 715-842-1188	7pm
19	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
21	South Beach Up North Chamber Music, Universalist Unitarian Church	6pm
21, 22	Wausau Whitewater Team River Runner, Whitewater Park, Call 715-203-1279	10am-6pm
22	South Beach Up North Chamber Music, St. John's Episcopal Church	12 Noon
22	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
22	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	06 PM
23 to Aug 9	Family Tennis Lessons-Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	6pm-7:15pm
23 to Aug 10	Swimming Lessons-Session III Call Parks Dept to register 715-261-1550	
25	Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	6pm-8pm
26	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, Call 715-842-1188, Rain Location Bull Falls Biergarten	7pm
26	Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block, <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	9am-2pm
28, 29	Hmong Sports, Music & Arts Festival-Eastbay Sports Complex. Organized by the Hmong American Center, Inc. 715-842-8390	8am-8pm
29	South Beach Up North Chamber Music, Universalist Unitarian Church	12 Noon
29	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
30	Dog Gone Pool Party-Splash Pad, Marathon Park, 2 dogs per adult \$5.00 per person, 12 & under free with paid adult. Collar or harness & proof of current vaccinations required	5:30pm-8pm
31 to Aug 5	Wisconsin Valley Fair, Marathon Park	

August, September & October dates on page 4

Calendar of Events - 2018 (cont.)

August

2	Wausau Concert Band, Bull Falls Biergarten	7pm
5	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
5	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
9	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, 715-842-1188, Rain Location, Bull Falls Biergarten	7pm
12	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm
12	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
16	Wausau Concert Band, Marathon Park, 715-842-1188, Rain Location, Bull Falls Biergarten	7pm
19	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
19	Badger State Games SKATEBOARDING, 3rd Street between Jefferson & Scott Street, Sponsored by the Visitors Bureau 715-355-8788	1pm-6pm
19	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm

26	Water Walkers Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	6pm
26	Jazz on the River, Kickbusch Plaza (behind Library), Bring your lawn chair.	5pm-7pm

September

3	Water Walkers Labor Day Ski Show, Lake Wausau, www.cwwaterwalkers.com	5:30pm
8	Wausau Concert Band, 400 Block 715-842-1188	11am
8, 9	Artrageous Weekend-Downtown, Woodson Art Museum, Marathon Park	
14, 15, 16	Wisconsin Ginseng Festival, 400 Block www.visitwausau.com	
22	Beer & Bacon Fest, Fern Island <i>Sponsored by Wausau Events</i>	1 pm-4:30pm

October

5	Exhibitour, Sponsored by Wausau River District, 715-218-9457, Check website www.wausauriverdistrict.org	5:30pm-8pm
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Wausau Kayak / Canoe Corporation

1803 Stewart Ave. Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 203-1279
www.wausauwhitewater.org

The City of Wausau proudly supports the Wausau Kayak/Canoe Corporation since its inception in 1974. We are pleased at the substantial completion of Phase I of the Whitewater Park project which included enhanced seating, communications and power access. Mayor Mielke said "This unique, natural water-sport venue is enjoyed by our residents and visitors as a World-Class destination right in our backyard for Local, Regional and National whitewater paddlers".

During the past winter months the organization has finalized plans for Phase II, which will entail underwater repairs and stabilization. Wausau Whitewater is able to continue to provide recreational opportunities and continue thriving as one of



the nation's top kayak venues. Fundraising efforts for this beautiful feature in our downtown is ongoing and donations can be accepted by going to their website listed above.

Thank you to our community and those that have graciously donated their money, time and talent. Get out there and cheer the paddlers on this summer!

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A New Home Transformation Program

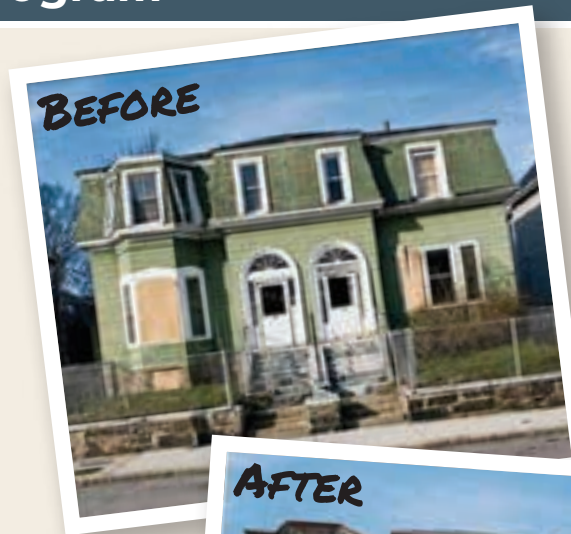
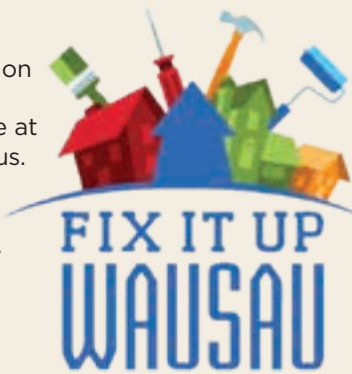
The Community Development Department launched a new extreme transformation loan program in May, called FIX IT UP Wausau. This program is a rehabilitation loan for single-family or multi-family homes being transformed into fewer units with the encouragement of owner-occupancy in higher rental density areas of the City of Wausau.

The purpose of the program is to start a revitalization trend in these neighborhoods and take run-down multi-family homes that were sliced up down to fewer units or a single-family home and completely transform an already owner-occupied property.

With an approved application, verification on income and mortgage, homeowners insurance and transformation plans and designs the homeowner seeks out quotes from licensed contractors to fulfill their needs. The City of Wausau does not intend to take the lenders out of the situation, we are working alongside the first mortgage lender to put more value into the home. This is a one percent interest loan up to \$75,000 and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis with an affordable minimum payment of \$100 per month once the work is complete.

To learn more about this extreme transformation program please visit our website at www.FixItUpWausau.com or contact Terra Plaisance at 715-261-6679 or terra.plaisance@ci.wausau.wi.us.

We also have other programs to assist income eligible homeowners and homebuyers. Visit our website for information on these other programs. <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>



City Of Wausau

Yard Waste Site

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

2018 HOURS OF OPERATION

The Yard Waste Site will be open from: March 24th through November 17th during the following hours:

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

***CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4TH***

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

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

MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

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

The City of Wausau appreciates your cooperation. The site is for City of Wausau residents only. Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions, Office hours are: Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Human Resources

Does your business offer discounts?

The City of Wausau Human Resources Department would like to compile a list of local businesses which offer discounts to City employees. If you own or operate a business in the Wausau area and currently offer discounts to City of Wausau employees, please email us at anne.keenan@ci.wausau.wi.us. We are excited to let our employees know about our great local businesses and the discounts they offer!

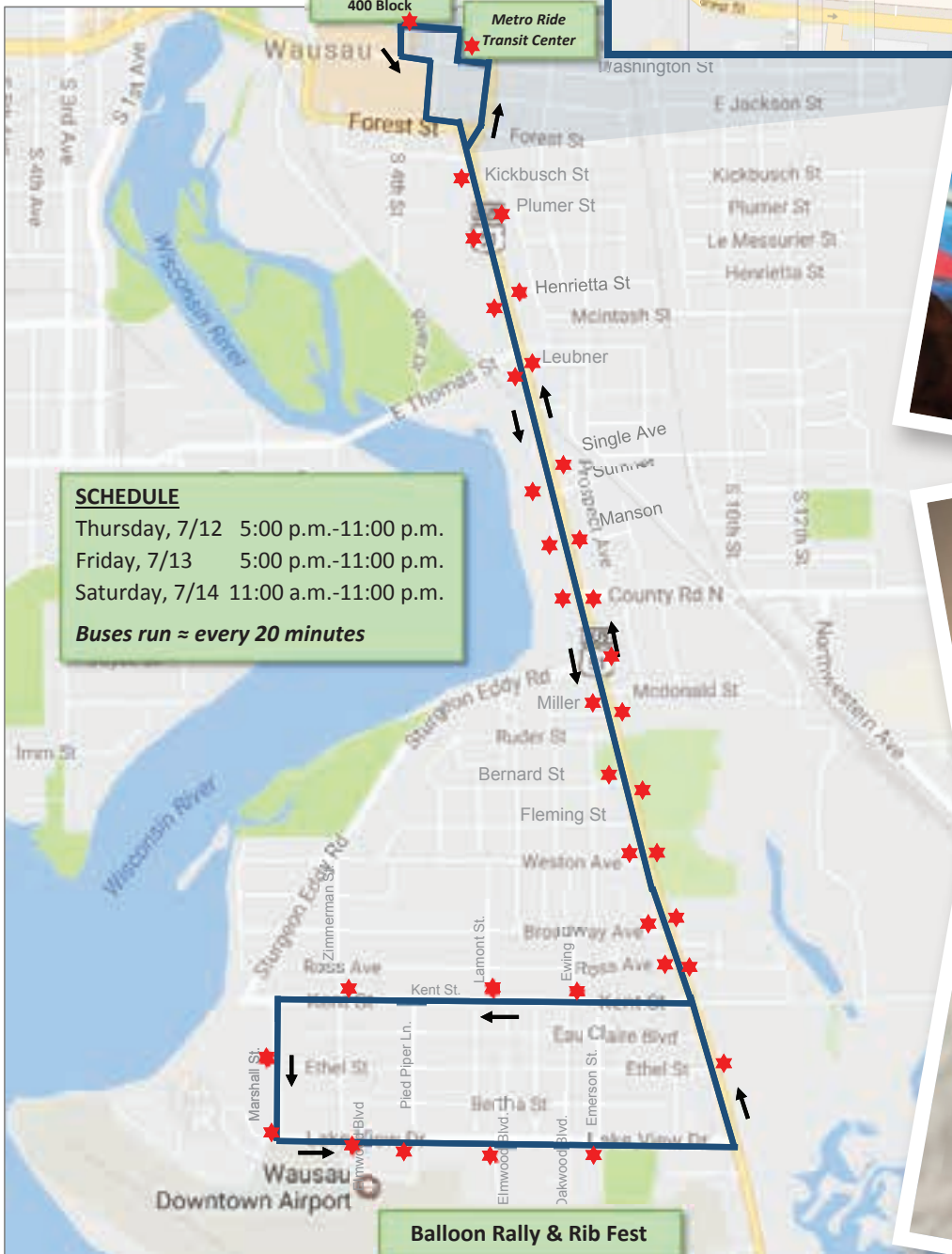
Festival Shuttle Maps

Balloon Rally

Chalk Fest

Rib Fest

July 12-14, 2018



SCHEDULE
 Thursday, 7/12 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 Friday, 7/13 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 7/14 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Buses run ≈ every 20 minutes



★ Bus Stop (bus arrives ≈ every 20 minutes)

What Makes Wausau a Great Place

City Launches My Wausome Story

That answer is being showcased in a new campaign called My Wausome Story. Using stories and perspectives from people living, working, and growing businesses right here in Wausau, the project aims to highlight what makes Wausau such a wausome place. "Sharing these great stories locally, regionally and nationally is one of the best ways to market our community," noted Mayor Robert Mielke.

"Our goal is to share the voices- in their own words- of the people actually experiencing Wausau," said Elizabeth Knight, principal with Aplomb PR, who is leading the campaign under contract from the City. The My Wausome Story campaign is the City's first concerted effort to share unique stories across a variety of mediums including print, video, and social media and builds off the City's proactive marketing pieces which ran last year in newspapers nationwide. "From students and young professionals to developers, business owners and retirees, the administration and Economic Development Committee wanted to share their perspectives while highlighting a lot about what makes Wausau so special," noted Christian Schock, Planning, Community and Economic Development Director for the City.

The first story, "Building big dreams, compact trailers," shares Todd Mowrer's perspective. Living in California, and needing a change, he found himself contemplating a move. Discovering great schools, short commutes, safe neighborhoods and fantastic outdoor recreation, he and

his family relocated to Wausau. In the years that followed, he and his wife Carol built a successful compact trailer business. Today, the company sells trailers to outdoor enthusiasts across the country. In his story, Todd comments, "We never thought about locating TC Teardrops anywhere else because we know, long-term, Wausau is it. And so far, we couldn't have asked for anything more."

Project leaders plan to release a new story each month through the end of the year. To read the stories and learn more about the campaign, visit www.wausome.com. Find articles and posts using #wausome.



Community Paramedic Corner



"The Silent Killer"

Kind of sounds like a scary summer movie, but for nearly half of Americans this condition is very real. High blood pressure is often called the "silent killer" because it has no obvious signs or symptoms.

When the force required to flow blood through your blood vessels is consistently too high is a condition known as high blood pressure. What high blood pressure does is increase the workload on the heart and blood vessels making them less efficient. Over time this can cause bad cholesterol to form on tiny tears on artery walls. This creates atherosclerosis and can ultimately lead to a heart attack or stroke.

The best way to diagnose high blood pressure is to measure it. This measurement is completed at virtually all healthcare appointments. Once you get to know your numbers you can work toward a target blood pressure with your healthcare provider. Some lifestyle changes that aid in controlling high blood pressure are maintaining a healthy weight, eating healthy, reducing sodium, staying active, and limiting your alcohol.

So be sure to keep monitoring your blood pressure and if you are prescribed a medication for high blood pressure take it exactly the way your healthcare provider recommends. If you haven't had your blood pressure checked for a while be sure to put it on your summer bucket list. For more information about high blood pressure and other conditions visit www.heart.org.

Friends of the Marathon County Public Library

August 2018 SUMMER BOOK SALE

Special Members Only Sale

Thursday, August 2nd

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Memberships available

Friday through Saturday August 11-12

9:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday August 5th BAG SALE

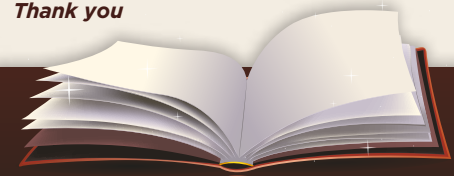
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. \$6

Bags provided

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

The Friends are in need of clean paper grocery bags.

Thank you





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Wausau, WI 54403

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Monk Botanical Gardens



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Adult Summertime Events: In addition to many new family and children's programs taking place this summer, the Monk Botanical Gardens will be hosting a full calendar of events for the adult population as well. Here's the busy schedule:

Yoga in the Gardens, Sundays, June 17 to Aug 26, 6 to 7:00 pm. Breathe in fresh air and nature as you practice yoga in the Gardens with the Wausau Area Yoga Association.

Booze & Botany, Thursday, July 19, 6 to 10 p.m. Join local mixologists for a night of booze, botany, and fun! Using fresh and unique local ingredients, demonstrations throughout the event will create artisan cocktails and leave you with the skills to impress! Sponsored by Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company, Great Northern Distillery and Time Keepers Distillery

Dirt-to-Pot Cooking Series, Mondays, August 6 through September 10, 6 to 8 p.m. This 5-week cooking series features popular local chefs teaching you how to prepare healthy and tasty dishes using produce from

our Kitchen Garden. Participants learn to grow, maintain, harvest, prepare and cook meals. Sponsored by Throm Health and Wellness.

Salsa Fest, Thursday, Sept. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. A sequel to our Pesto Fest last year, this event invites community members to participate in a salsa contest, learn different ways to make salsa from local experts and taste a variety of salsa!

Annual Ginseng Festival-Cooking Demos @ the Gardens, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16, time TBD. Join local chefs for cooking demonstrations incorporating ginseng into each menu item. For more information, click "programs" at our website, www.monkgardens.org and/or check our social media sites. Most events are free to members or discounted for members.

Kids & Families Summertime Events: Don't know what to do with the kids or grandkids this summer? Bring them out to the Monk Botanical Gardens and have fun in our summer programs for kids and families. The programs include:

Family Garden Club, which will meet the second Sunday of the month, 2 p.m., from April to December. Play, learn, and explore as a family in the Gardens. Each month we will explore a new topic including gardening, wildlife, bugs, birds, native plants, and more. Rain or shine.

Tots in the Garden, They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, April to December. Each session will be an adventure with nature, using the alphabet as a guide. We'll highlight a letter or two as we engage in hands-on nature activities. Have a snack, make a craft, and participate in an activity.

Birthday Parties, fun and affordable birthday adventures for your child. The Gardens is

offering themed birthday parties for ages 3-12 during the months of June-Aug.

Summer Garden Tours, on various Wednesdays, May-Sept. Weather pending, no reservations needed. Bring your entire family and take an eye-opening tour of the Monk Botanical Gardens to explore its history, themed garden spaces, and diversity of plants that grow in the gardens. Private tours can also be arranged.

Free Play Friday, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26. Want to explore and learn about the Gardens at your own pace? Use our supplies and grab a bug net to see what you can catch, try out plant or animal identification books or see things up close with a magnifying glass.

More information, as always, at our website: www.monkgardens.org or find us on Facebook.



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

important water quality information enclosed

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**Este informe
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Haga que
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traduzca para
usted, o hable
con alguien que
lo entienda.**

Water Quality Report

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:

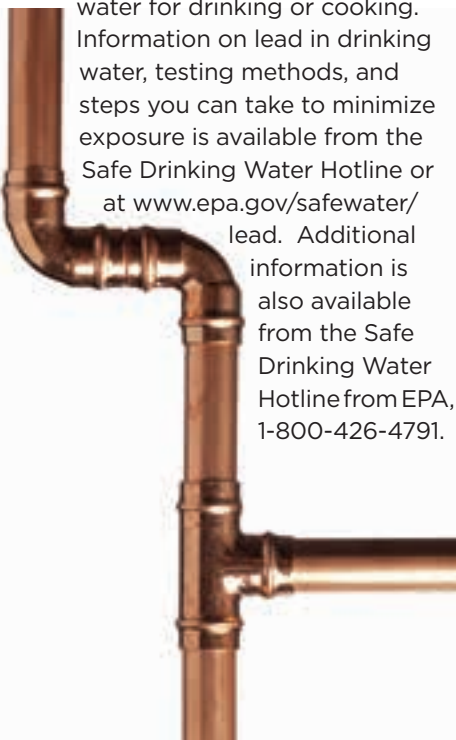
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial 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 2017 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 715-261-7265 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.

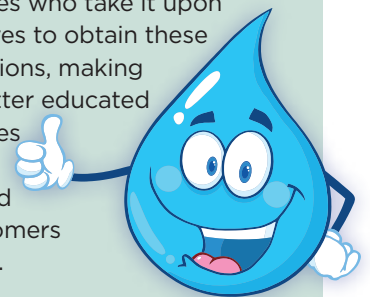
Manganese - Typical result: less than 0.04 mg/l. Like iron, a naturally occurring mineral that is removed at the treatment plant.

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to Eric Smith and Rich Wendlick who recently received their Cross Connection Control Assembly Tester Certification from Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Service.

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 Result 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 1 Assessment - A level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

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

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 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-11	60	60	9	9		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-11	80	0	8.4	8.4		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-16	60	60	8	8		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-16	80	0	10.7	10.7		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSNIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	1 - 1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Run off from electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.006	0.006 - 0.006		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.7	0.6 - 0.7		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO ₃ -N) (ppm)		10	10	0.92	0.55 - 0.92		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (NO ₂ -N) (ppm)		1	1	0.065	0.000 - 0.065		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	21.00	18.00 - 21.00		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1270	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	13.20	1 of 30 results was 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 2017)	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 2017)
SULFATE (ppm)	15.00	8.30 - 15.0	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.

Bring You Kids To Work Day

On April 26th the City of Wausau celebrated Bring you Child to Work Day. There was a little extra help from some smaller hands and fun was had by all! The kids learned how to operate tractors, how to correlate leaks in the water system, rode in dump trucks, operated hydrants and toured the Water and Wastewater treatment plant. Wausau Water Works would like to thank all those who participated; we look forward to seeing you again next year.



Commission Authorizes Request To PSC for Simplified Rate Case

The Wausau Water Works Commission at its' April 3, 2018 meeting authorized a request to submit an application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for a Simplified Rate Case in the amount of 3%. More information on this rate increase request and impact on customer's bills are shown in this newsletter. This increase is needed to help cover the ever increasing costs of utilities, chemicals and other operating expenses. This increase will be put into place August 1, 2018.

Notice of Rate Increase Water Customers of the Wausau Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Wausau Water Utility will file an application on June 6, 2018, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 3.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 3.0 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Cubic Feet	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate
Average Residential	5/8	1,600	\$50.64	\$52.08
Commercial	1	7,800	\$192.06	\$197.53
Public Authority	1 1/2	12,700	\$471.42	\$485.23
Multifamily	2	12,200	\$322.20	\$331.56
Industrial	4	115,000	\$2,326.13	\$2,394.91

This rate increase will go into effect on August 1, 2018. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Wausau Water Utility at (715) 261-6530.

Wausau Waterworks Commission

Private Side Lead Service Line Funding Priorities Established By The Wausau Waterworks Commission

The Utility has received a forgivable loan in 2017 from the WDNR to replace private side lead service lines in the amount of \$376,000. It is anticipated the utility will receive another \$300,000 in forgivable loan in 2018. The Wausau Waterworks Commission has authorized up to \$3,000 in grant for each site that is approved for private side lead service line replacement. The Wausau Waterworks Commission set priorities as follows:

1. Schools & Daycares

- a. These were identified and work was completed in 2017.

2. Homes/Businesses along our current street reconstruction projects

- a. Two separate notices were sent to all owners along our street reconstruction projects for 2017 & 2018. One notice was included in the Notice of Public Hearing and Wausau Waterworks sent a separate notice to each property owner along the street to be reconstructed.

3. Replacement of private side service if the Utility is replacing our side of the service due to a leak

- a. Funding is offered at the time the Utility becomes aware of a service line issue and prior to the Utility starting work.

4. Private side services where the Utility previously replaced our side of the service during a street construction; prior year street reconstruction projects

5. All other private side services within the city

Currently the utility is working with the property owners along the City's proposed street reconstruction projects. **To date we have had a low percentage of interest and we are encouraging residents that are on a street reconstruction route to contact the Wausau Water works at 715-261-6745 to have their private side lead service line replaced using this grant funding.** The utility is working on priority 2&3 above. If funding remains for priorities 4&5 above the utility will send out a public notice establishing what areas of the city will be eligible and we will continue to work down the priority list until all funds are expended.

These are not reimbursement eligible funds; if an owner replaced their private side lead service line with their own funds previously the utility can NOT utilize these funds for reimbursement.

The utility has the following funding available:

2017 funds - \$201,000

2018 funds - \$300,000

(Not yet allocated by the DNR for expenditure, expected July 1)

Fireworks Safety

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 house 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.

