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Mayor's Message - Robert B. Mielke

Greetings to All of You!



One of the best parts of my job as Mayor is celebrating Wausau's continued success! 2017 was an incredibly exciting year for the City! We made serious investments in our quality of life amenities, infrastructure and economic development projects. Folks, the proof is in the numbers... we achieved a record-setting \$134.5 million dollars in new building permits value and we completed many long time projects including the completion of Phase 1 of Thomas Street, the first phase of the Riverlife public amenities along the East Riverfront, and started the largest expansion of our Wausau Business Campus in over 20 years. This progress is truly an investment to the city's future! We already have and will to continue to sensibly leverage the debt to these improvements and I am committed to seeing these long planned, debated and discussed projects finally come to completion. I also thank the Common Council for putting aside previous destructive and divisive politics of the past and focusing on our current and potential growth for the future.

Already in 2018, the national human resources firm ZipRecruiter has listed Wausau as a Top 10 "Best Job Market for 2018"...another recognition to add to our list which in 2017 included being ranked the #3 Small Metro nationally for business by Area Development Magazine, the #1 Best Small City for Business Service Jobs by New Geography website and a Top 10 City with "Best Bang for Buck" by Forbes Magazine. The City is proud to have had over 700 new jobs directly tied to our economic development incentives and Wausau welcomes 2018 as another year of new jobs and new business growth.

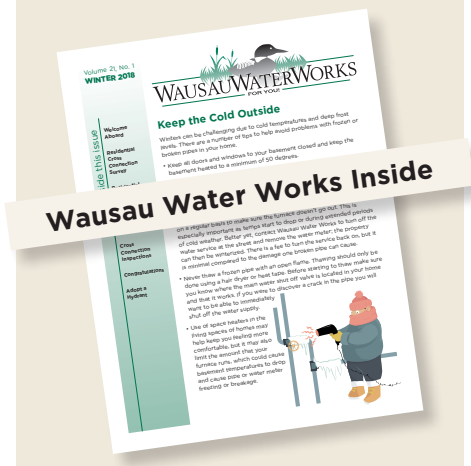
We celebrated 2017 and proclaimed it "Year of Local Talent in Music and Art". This was highlighted by such landmarks as the opening of the Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art (WMOCA) in the former Wausau Club, the Wausau River District's successful Art Lives Here mural campaign, inaugural events like the Wausau Makers Market, the Wausau SOUP initiative, the River Valley Jazz Society's concert series and the first ever International Ginseng Festival (which will happen again 2018) It was an amazing year of programming at the Grand Theater which rose into the Top 150 theatre venues worldwide, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum's winning the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, just to name a few cultural achievements. It's just amazing to me that all of these achievements happened just in 2017...our cultural and quality of life amenities are one of our best investments and is another reason why we attract new businesses and residents to Wausau!

2017 saw new housing starts in the City literally double over 2015 and 2016 numbers...and I'm pleased to welcome more and more citizens who are proud to call Wausau home. 2018 will bring additional new and first-ever home options for City living...the new River East Townhomes on Third Street, the Riverlife Village apartments, the Urban West project on Merrill Ave, new dorms at NTC, the senior living Reserve at Greenwood Hills and more affordable housing with the Atrium Lofts at the former Sav-O Supply building. Our strategy of diversifying housing choices and types, for residents across ALL incomes, continues to pay dividends for the City. I'm proud we continue to attract and retain diverse residents and workers which makes Wausau a more competitive community.

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2018 will include more planning for our next growth areas, including an update of the River's Edge Plan, a vision for the North Riverfront area (between Bridge and Winton Streets) a new Forest Street Corridor Plan, more major downtown investments and continued growth in our Business Campus. Even with our record growth in 2017, we still have to work hard to remain competitive with our peer communities throughout Wisconsin and the nation in order for Wausau to attract new opportunities for our city and region.

2017 was an excellent year in so many ways for Wausau and 2018 is already showing signs of being an even more Superior year...."stay tuned" Wausau, there are some really great things coming for the future of our city!

As always, know and remember that I am very accessible and open-minded and welcome hearing from any resident of any issue or concerns that you would like to address at any time...Thanks and take care!



Robert B. Mielke
Mayor of the
GREAT City of Wausau

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.

Dogs & Cats



Pet Licenses Expire December 31 of each Year

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

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

The license can be obtained in a variety of ways:

- In person at the Customer Service Counter at City Hall, please bring the necessary proof of spaying or neutering, microchipping and rabies vaccination.
- Or mail a payment along with required documents to City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403
- You can also pay and upload the required documents online and process the application electronically at <https://evolveportal.ci.wausau.wi.us/?portal=clerk>

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

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

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.



PAWS AND PROTECT February 3, 2018 10a-3p @ Marathon Park Youth Building

Get ready for Paws and Protect event. On February 3, 2018 we will be offering \$10 microchips, and FREE rabies for 200 animals with the purchase of a license. This is open to the residents of the City of Wausau, Village of Weston, City of Schofield and Town of Weston. Proof of previous rabies vaccine and spaying/neutering is required.

Animal Licensing	City of Wausau	Village of Weston	City of Schofield	Town of Weston
Spayed/Neutered	\$18 dog \$18 cat	\$15 dog \$15 cat	\$10 dog \$5 cat	\$10 dog
NOT Spayed/Neutered	\$60 dog \$60 cat	\$25 dog \$25 cat	\$20 dog \$5 cat	\$20 dog
Microchip Discount	\$8	\$5	N/A	N/A

Mark Your Calendar - Winter Fest is January 27th!

Winter Fest will be held Saturday, January 27, from 10-3pm throughout Downtown Wausau. There are many activities planned on the 400 Block and at surrounding businesses including ice skating, a snow slide, horse drawn carriage rides, fat tire demo rides and more! There will also be places to warm up with the return of the Mac-n-Cheese contest at the Great Hall (\$5 per punch card), live owls at the CitySquare Office Building, crafts and more! This event is a great way to escape the winter blues. All activities are free except for the Mac N Cheese samplings. For a complete listing of activities for Winter Fest, visit www.wausauevents.org

2018 Recycling Collection Calendar

Refer to the table and the calendar to determine your recycling and garbage pick-up day. If you have any questions as to whether you live in a blue or yellow collection area, call City Hall at 715-261-6500. Recycling bins should be set out with garbage containers between the hours of 3:00 pm the day prior to collection day and should be removed from the curbside area by 11:00 a.m. the day after pick-up. **Keep this schedule for future reference and remember the holiday schedule of a "day delay" pick-up.**

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

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

2018 Recycling Calendar

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Attention Voters!

Spring Primary is
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Spring Election is
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

All polls are open from
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where to vote:

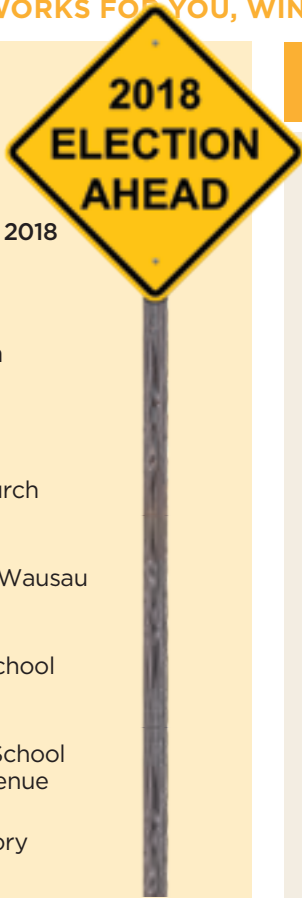
- **Districts 1 & 2**
Pilgrim Lutheran Church
709 Weston Avenue
- **Districts 4 & 5**
Boys & Girls Club of Wausau
1710 N. 2nd Street
- **Districts 6**
Wausau East High School
2607 N. 18th Street
- **Districts 7 & 8**
Wausau West High School
1200 W. Wausau Avenue
- **Districts 9 & 11**
National Guard Armory
833 S. 17th Avenue
- **Districts 3 & 10**
Marathon Park East Gate Building
600 Block of Garfield Avenue

Absentee ballots are available for anyone that is unwilling or unable to vote at the poll site locations on Election Day. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Additionally, you can request an absentee ballot online at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

If you are not registered to vote, if you have moved or had a name change, save time by registering to vote **prior** to Election Day. Registering before Election Day will speed up the process for you. When registering, you must show **proof of residence**: a current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill), bank statement, paycheck or pay stub, etc. You may register at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If your Wisconsin Driver's license is valid and unexpired, you can register to vote online at: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

Photo ID is required when voting at the polls. Be prepared to show a valid photo ID, state your name and sign the poll book when voting at the poll sites.

If you have questions regarding elections, absentee ballots, or additional information not addressed here, please contact the City Clerk's office at 715-261-6620.



Community Development News

Wausau Expands Housing Choice

When Wausau asks employers what is the top economic development issue, the answer is nearly always- talent- the attraction and retention of a qualified workforce. Just recently the national human resources firm ZipRecruiter listed Wausau as the #9 Top Job Market for 2018 nationally- that's no surprise as Wausau's unemployment numbers are at record lows and many employers work hard to fill vacant positions.

Home is Where the Heart Is

So questioning further- about what attracts quality talent- there are a variety of factors but almost always housing is mentioned. Like many smaller metropolitan areas, Wausau lacks diversity in housing choices- urban planners often call it a 'missing middle'. We have rental apartments and single family homes at either end of the spectrum but we don't have many townhomes, rowhouses, condos, lofts, and unique housing options either for rent or purchase- like larger cities do. Having a variety of diverse housing choices is important not just for attracting and retaining a diverse set of workers, but also to allow locals to choose a variety of housing options as life changes. Condos and townhomes are not only marketable to young professionals but also appeal to empty-nesters who may like a urban housing option with less yard to maintain and more walkability.

Design It and They Will Come

So what does a city do to encourage and expand housing choice? In 2016, the City and the Judd S. Alexander Foundation took a proactive step by hiring Mudrovich Architects to design and layout a Wausau rowhouse which could be built on possible city lots- and we named the potential homes the River East Brownstones. The plans had many of the amenities and style of a big city townhome, specially designed for Wausau. The City went through a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process and received a proposal from Blenker Construction, an Amherst, WI based large residential and commercial contractor, who expressed excitement to construct the rowhouse vision. Blenker proposed a first phase of 10 individually sold 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes approximately 1,400-1,600 sq.ft. in size using the City's brownstone plans as a model.

Coming Soon!

This fall ground was broken at the corner of 3rd Street and Short Streets on the City's rapidly-developing near north side for this entirely new housing type for Wausau: one and two story, urban townhomes with garages off an alley, enclosed private pocket yards and high-end luxury finishes. The project, valued at over \$4 million, adds new tax base and residents to a previously blighted area; and the townhomes are large enough to accommodate most any homeowner with the reduced maintenance and walkability to Riverlife amenities of urban living. For more information, the units are listed for sale by the Larkin Group at First Weber: larkingroup@firstweber.com or 715-573-8625. For more information on the City's 'diversifying housing choice' strategy visit www.wausaudevelopment.com



Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Why Do We Have a Combined City/County Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department?

Adapted with permission from the 12/19/2017 Marathon County eNewsletter, Wisconsin Central Time NEWS. (Article available at www.WisconsinCentralTimeNews.com.)

Written by Daniel G. Fiorenza

To answer this question, let's look at some historical and practical reasons for merging our Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Departments

In 1925, members of the Wausau Park Board and the Marathon County Park Commission had a common dilemma:

A lack of money.

It therefore appeared practical to hire one Superintendent of Parks. Subsequently, they did, and that began a joint venture of providing services to both city and county parks.

Discussions of formally combining the departments started in the early 1970s. Legislation permitting formal consolidation was drafted and signed into law in 1974, with the assistance of Assemblyman Anthony Earl. A joint effort between the Wausau Common Council and the Marathon County Board of Supervisors officially completed the consolidation in 1975.

There are many reasons why it's practical to have a combined Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department, but here are two key reasons:

- A Higher Level Of Services
- Financial Savings

Higher Level of Services

With a combined department, we have an ability to temporarily staff programs and special events at a much higher level.

Our area is very fortunate to host some very large tournaments and festivals. Events such as the Ragnar Trail Relay, International Ginseng Festival, and the Hmong Wausau Festival just to name a few. These events provide a nice financial impact for the area, and they're one of the reasons why this area is such a great place to live.



The Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 attendees were at the first-ever International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival in September 2017. (Photo courtesy of the Wausau/Central Wisconsin CVB.)

At the front end of these events, and for short period of time, high staffing levels from your Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department are needed. Without the ability to provide these service levels from a combined department, the success of large-scale community events such as these would be greatly diminished.

A combined department also provides a larger talent pool of skills and knowledge to provide a higher level of service to the community. Such specialized positions include:

- Arborists
- Landscape Architect
- Horticulturalists

Financial Savings

The following are but a few ways financial savings can be realized with a combined city/county Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department:

- Equipment is jointly owned, which avoids wasted expense and duplication of specialized equipment for providing services.
- Field and managerial staff, as well as administrative support, is balanced across a combined department.
- A job-costing system is in place that bills staff time according to facility ownership — either to city or county, allowing for a direct financial savings to each entity.

On a national scale, Park Districts are very popular from an economic standpoint, and they provide numerous service benefits for their citizens. **The creation of Park Districts is not allowed in the state of Wisconsin;** however, the joining of the City of Wausau and Marathon County to form one Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department is a close representation of this concept.

When you look at the trend of trying to provide the highest level of services for the best value to our citizens, the forerunners of the city and county government were clearly way ahead of the curve.



Daniel G. Fiorenza

Park & Recreation Administrator | Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department

Dan began his career with the Marathon County Parks Recreation and Forestry Department in 1994 as an Operations Superintendent. He holds a

bachelor's degree in natural resources from UW-Madison and a master's degree in Park and Recreation Administration from UW-Lacrosse. Prior to moving to Wausau, he worked for the Crete Park District in Illinois for the city of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. He has been a certified Parks and Recreation professional for 25 years and enjoys providing great service to our citizens. Dan enjoys spending his free time with his family and is an International Short Track Speed Skating Referee.

River District

The Wausau River District Organization has the following mission statement:

The purpose of Wausau River District, Inc. is to promote and facilitate the economic vitality and historic preservation of downtown Wausau for the benefit of the entire community. Feel free to check out their website at www.wausauriverdistrict.org or their facebook page for all the current news and upcoming events. Here are just a few coming up shortly. More to follow in the spring newsletter.



Heart of Wausau February 1st - 28th

Share what you love about Wausau and support the Wausau River District this February by purchasing your "Heart" of Wausau at any of the participating business in the Wausau River District.

Downtown Wausau Dining Week April 16th - 20th

Downtown Wausau Dining Week is Wausau's favorite feast! Participating restaurants will feature a three-course price fix menu for lunch and dinner, allowing you to experience the many wonderful tastes of our downtown eateries!

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory

Innovation leads to help for bicyclists

For the first time in Wausau, there is an in-pavement loop detector that will trip traffic lights with only the presence of a bicycle. Usually it takes something with the mass of a car or truck to trip lights at an intersection like the one at Kent Street and Grand Avenue where Grand Avenue motorists get a continuous green light unless a vehicle approaches the intersection on Kent.

City engineers and electricians had believed there was no way that a detector could be configured to sense the arrival of a 30-pound bicycle. They took up the challenge, though, and started asking questions at the American Public Works Association Conference. Back in Wausau, they experimented.

They embedded the wire of the loop at less depth than normal and traced a tight, figure-8 shape multiple times. A meter that measures signal strength from the loop detector showed results that brought smiles to the faces of those who made the extra effort. A bicyclist eastbound on Kent was able to stop over a painted symbol on the road surface and get a green light while riding either a hefty mountain bike or a light road bike. The only ways a bicyclist could get a green light previously were to wait for a motor vehicle or cross the right-turn lane and go 60-plus feet south to push the walk button at the pedestrian crossing.

That particular intersection was seen as a good place to experiment because of increased bicycle traffic between the neighborhood and destinations such as the Eastbay Sports Complex and the new Kwik Trip. The city's Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee determined that there are few intersections where there is a similar problem, but one is for eastbound riders on Washington Street at Sixth Street.



March 17, 2018
Weston, Wisconsin

The Inaugural Run to Remember 5K Run/Walk strives to raise money to create a standing memorial for the victims of the March 22, 2017 shooting which impacted a number of families across several Central Wisconsin communities and shook the entire region.

Race Begins:
9 a.m.

Packet Pick-Up:
Friday 5-8 p.m. & Saturday 7-8:30 a.m.

Registration:
\$25 for adults through Feb. 26
\$30 after Feb. 26

Registration before Feb 15. includes free shirt. Shirt not guaranteed after Feb. 15

Register Online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Weston/RuntoRemember5>

Proceeds from this event are managed under the YWCA's 501c3.

Fire Department News



Community Paramedic Corner

Heart Month Is Upon Us

The first American Heart Month was proclaimed in February 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Since then the month of February is known as American Heart Month. American Heart Month reminds us all to focus on healthy hearts for ourselves, family, friends, and communities. In 1964 more than half the deaths in the United States were caused by cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease remains the leading global cause of death with over 17.3 million deaths. It is expected to account for over 23 million by 2030. With these staggering statistics it is time to revolutionize how we take care of our hearts.

For the sake of your heart take some positive actions this February and in 2018. Visit <https://healthyforgood.heart.org/> for some great information regarding healthy eating, physical activity, healthy kids, weight management, stress management, and if you need it tools to quit smoking. Also consider taking a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Class (CPR) to gain the confidence in caring for an individual suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest. Your actions can make the difference between life and death. Wausau Fire Department will be hosting healthy heart events which will offer Hands Only CPR training and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) awareness. Please join us on one of the dates below in the Community Room located at 515 Grand Avenue in Wausau. We look forward to seeing your heart at one of these events.

- Monday, February 5th at 6:00pm
Wausau Police Department Community Room
- Friday, February 16th at 3:00pm
Wausau Police Department Community Room
- Thursday, February 22nd at 6:00pm
Wausau Police Department Community Room

Book Sale



Friends of the Marathon
County Public Library

February 2018 WINTER BOOK SALE

Special Members Only Sale
Thursday, February 1st
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Memberships available

Friday & Saturday Feb 2 & 3
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday February 4th BAG SALE

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. \$6
Bags provided

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



Riverview Terrace Assisted Living is a 36-unit Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) located on Thomas Street in the heart of Wausau. The RCAC facility is licensed to provide residents up to 28 hours per week of supportive, personal and nursing services. A midday meal is provided seven days a week and professional supportive service staff is onsite and available daily from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm. Riverview Terrace is surrounded by beautiful scenery that offers residents a quiet tranquil place to live.

Residents must be 62 years of age or older, and qualify under applicable income limits. Riverview Terrace offers a subsidized rent and a flat monthly service fee for those in need of daily living assistance. Resident Connie Hunt commented, "I love everything about Riverview Terrace from the caring staff to the beautiful setting. This is my home."

This facility is owned and operated by the Wausau Community Development Authority (WCDA) and, as part of the organization's mission; we provide affordable housing with a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Jean Urmanski, resident, says "The place is beautiful and the staff offer exceptional help to all of the residents."

Come visit and see what Riverview Terrace has to offer. If you are seeking assisted living care for yourself or a family member, please schedule a tour and find out what we are all about. Staff can be reached at 715-261-6687 or you may visit us on the web at www.riverviewterracewi.com.

Urban Forestry Program

City of Wausau Urban Forestry Program – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update

For a decade reports of the spread of EAB have been reported as this imported insect has spread from its original discovery in the Detroit area of Michigan into other nearby states and eventually into the southeastern area of Wisconsin. This past fall EAB was discovered in Marathon County, just outside the City of Wausau.

As of late December 2017 EAB has not been detected in the City of Wausau but it may be present and will eventually be found. In other areas of Wisconsin and other states where EAB was detected, trees were studied and it was determined that the insect had been in the area for multiple years before it was first identified.

In preparation for the eventual arrival of EAB the City of Wausau inventoried all of the ash street trees and then began a removal process to reduce the number of ash trees to a more manageable number of trees.

The City of Wausau has approximately 25,000 street trees and our initial ash survey in 2007 we found approximately 6,200 ash trees or just under 25% of the street tree population. Since that time we have worked at removing ash trees from our street tree population when time and circumstance allowed. With EAB moving closer to central Wisconsin the City of Wausau Park Department and Park Committee developed a working plan to deal with the increase in the tree work load that EAB will entail.

The working plan will be to remove approximately 30% of the overall ash population of street trees and chemically treat the remaining 70% of the population. Current chemical treatments have shown to be effective for a two year time period and our plan will be to treat 1/2 of the remaining trees each year to spread out cost and work load.

Ash removals prior to this time have primarily been by removal of ash trees along streets that are undergoing



Wausau's New Riverfront Park *Be a Part of the Action!*



Fun for all ages



Make an impact in



Exciting urban amenities

For more information:
Call 715-261-6680 or visit:
wausaudevelopment.com/sponsorship



reconstruction, those that were found to be in poor condition and by adjacent property owner request.

With the impending infestation, we have stepped up our efforts by marking and removing ash trees that are in undesirable locations such as growing under overhead high voltage wires, poor structure



the Community



RIVERLIFE TRAIL & PARK AREA SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES



All donors will be recognized on a donor plaque. Specific sponsorship is also available by selecting from the menu here:

- Riverlife Pedestrian Bridge** \$675,000
- Barker Stewart Island Plaza** \$167,000 *(Committed)*
- Adirondack Sitting Area** \$450,000
- Wharf** \$1,000,000 *(Committed)*
- Games Plaza, Green Space and Fountain** \$440,000

- Fountain \$205,000 *(Committed)*
- Games Plaza \$60,000

Riverfront Park and Play Area \$1,000,000

- Net Wave \$38,000
- Sky Cabin, Walk and Slide \$685,000
- Small Play Equipment Grouping \$25,700
- Climbing Boulders \$13,900 *(Committed)*
- Individual Play Equipment and Boulders \$900-\$11,000

Riverfront Fitness Park \$750,000

- Climbing Wall \$125,000
- Sprint Track \$35,000
- Challenge Course \$90,000
- Suspension Trainer \$28,000
- Climbing Sphere \$48,000
- Fitness Equipment \$22,600

Riverfront Bathroom and Concession Building

- Building \$1,000,000
- Overlook \$95,000 *(Committed)*

Riverfront Bike Share Program

- \$35,000 two year program *(\$9,000 Committed)*

Public Art Program \$120,000

Landscaping \$120,000

Picnic & Umbrella Tables (25 available) \$5,500

Bench- along the trail & park (37 available) \$2,000

Brick- placed on the Trail near Bath and Concession Building \$250

Line Recognition on Donor Plaque \$250



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to:

City of Wausau, c/o Community Development, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403

or to the

Community Foundation of Northcentral Wisconsin online at www.cfoncw.org (noting the Riverlife Park Fund)

[City staff will contact you to finalize your sponsorship recognition wording and details]

trees, and poorly formed trees because of growth conflicts with other trees.

Money was budgeted in 2017 to supplement in house removals of ash trees and we anticipate additional funding in 2018 to further reduce the ash street tree population.

In 2019 we anticipate the implementation of a yearly chemical treatment program to retain the remaining ash population or at least reduce the removal process to a manageable level. This will allow routine work to continue such as planting, routine trimming and removal of the remaining tree population.



THE GRAND THEATER

Upcoming line-up shows:

- **3 REDNECK TENORS**
January 5, 2018
- **CALMUS**
January 12, 2018
- **MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET: ROMEO & JULIET AND CARMEN**
January 24, 2018
- **THE MAGIC OF BILL BLAGG LIVE!**
January 26, 2018
- **CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE - FLEETWOOD MAC'S RUMOURS**
February 16, 2018
- **GOBSMACKED!**
February 23, 2018
- **RIVERDANCE**
February 27 - March 1, 2018
- **SWITCHBACK**
March 16, 2018
- **RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS**
March 22, 2018
- **TAO: DRUM HEART**
April 2, 2018
- **THE TEXAS TENORS**
April 6, 2018
- **KINKY BOOTS**
May 1 & 2, 2018

Winter Recreation Programs 2018

www.ci.wausau.wi.us/parks.asp

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Now through March 04 (weather permitting) Open weekend hrs Fri. 6-9:30 pm, Sat.1:30-5 or 6-9:30 pm, Sun 1:30-5 pm..Must be 42 inches tall to ride. One rider per tube. Fee: \$6.50-13 & under (min. 42 inches tall); \$9.00 14 & older. Hill available to rent for private parties. Call 715 261-1550 for details.

Adult Evening Water Exercise

Jan 3 - Feb 7, Feb 14 - Mar 21, '18
6:30 -7:30 pm, John Muir Pool
Mon /Wed nights. Fee: \$44 Wausau residents, \$55 non-res. Space limited, pre-registration required. No children or drop-ins allowed.

Sledding Hills in Wausau

Open when snow cover permits.
Hours: sunrise to 11 PM Fee: FREE!
Locations: Pleasant View-1221 Sumner St (lights), "3M" Park-405 Park Blvd (lights), Riverside Park-100 Sherman St

Indoor Ice skating (w/skate rentals)

Dates: Through - Mar 5, Mon-Fri 11AM - 1 PM. Through Feb 07, Wed. 7-9 PM, Sun. 2-5 PM. Hours subject to change due to special events and/or scheduling conflicts. Call 261-1550 for rates & to confirm weekly hours.

Outdoor Ice Skating

The outdoor ice skating season begins as soon as conditions allow them to be built and runs through Feb 18, 2018. Rinks will be built on the 400 Block and at the southeast side of the Grandstand in Marathon Park. Warming houses can be found at 400 Block and Marathon Park. Hockey boards can be found at Marathon Park. Skating hours for all rinks are Mon-Fri 5 to 8 PM, Sat. 10 am to 8 pm and Sun. 10 Am to 6 PM.

Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Open when snow conditions permit. 9-Mile County Forest Recreation Area w/groomed & signed trails, ski & snowshoe rentals, a chalet & 3.7 miles of trail with lights for night skiing.

Season or daily pass required, Call for rates, hours and conditions 261-1550. Sylvan Hill w/groomed trails. Park Shelter w/restrooms & snack bar available when tubing hill is open. Donation requested.

Wausau Outdoor Pools Pass Sale

Purchase your Wausau Outdoor Pool Pass from Jan 6 to April 15, 2018 and save 10% over the cost of your family, adult or youth pool pass. All neighborhood water parks will open on or about June 8, 2018 at 1 PM (Starting date may be affected by Wausau School Snow Days and the final school day for Wausau students).

FREE Cross Country Ski Lessons

Lessons for adults including free equipment rental and trail passes. Tuesday evenings, Jan 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2018 at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area, located at County N and Red Bud Road. Please arrive at 6:30pm if you need to be fitted with equipment, 6:45pm if you have your own skis, boots, and poles. Lessons will be held from 7-8pm on the lighted ski trails. Lessons will be followed by cookies and social time. This program is ideal for beginners and people who would like to get back into the sport. Lessons are sponsored by the Nordic Ski Club and the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department. For details contact www.wausaunordic.com or call Rick at 715-693-4280.

Winter Special Events Happening in the Parks

Midwest Freeze Outdoor 4 X 4 Pond Hockey <http://classicpondhockey.com/>

Wausau Nordic Ski Club Calendar <http://www.wausaunordic.com/calendar.htm>

Wausau Events Winter Fest

<http://www.wausauevents.org/events/winter-fest/>



History Speaks at the



List of dates & topics for 2018

Once again the Marathon County Historical Society has created a varied list of speakers and topics for upcoming History Speaks presentations at the Woodson History Center. Our topics for 2018 range from milk to medicine, from the Packers to ancient rock art, and lots more.

All of these presentations will begin at 2 pm on the designated day, and will be in the lower level at the Woodson History Center, 410 McIndoe Street, Wausau. All are free and open to the public, and no advance registration is needed. Donations will be accepted.

Here's our complete list of dates and topics for History Speaks at the Woodson History Center during 2018. We hope you will attend as many as you can!

Saturday, January 27, 2018: Forward: Progressive Era Women Reformers, Paul Clark

Saturday, February 17, 2018: Between Two Cultures: The Story of a First Generation Hmong American Who Becomes a Professional, Maysee Yang Herr

Sunday, March 25, 2018: Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease Since 1970, Dr. Rick Engelmeier

Sunday, April 8, 2018: John James Audubon and "The Birds of America," Brett Barker

Sunday, April 29, 2018: Streets of Downtown Wausau, Gary Gisselman

Saturday, May 19, 2018: 150 Years of the Wisconsin Valley Fair, Ben Clark

Saturday, June 23, 2018: Civil War Medicine - Hollywood Style (The Good, The Bad, The Ugly), Dr. Gordon Dammann

Sunday, August 26, 2018: New Discoveries in Wisconsin Archaeology: Rock Art and the Mississippian Settlement at Trempealeau, Danielle Benden and Robert Boszhardt; Native

American stone tool and implement identification for the public begins at 1 pm

September 2018 (date to be determined): Tibet: Culture and Conflict on the Roof of the World, Rick Lohr

Saturday, October 6, 2018: Capturing the Packers: 75 Years of Biever Family Photography, Matt Foss

Saturday, October 20, 2018: The Milk Industry in Wisconsin, Patrick Geoghegan

Saturday, November 3, 2018: Over Here: the American Home Front in World War I, Brett Barker

The Historical Society is grateful to Janke Book Store and to Compass Properties for their sponsorship of the History Speaks series.

Please watch for information about History Speaks in Your Town presentations on additional topics that will be presented in other communities across Marathon County with assistance from UW-Marathon County Continuing Education.

Visitors might also enjoy a guided tour of the Yawkey House Museum, or visiting our free exhibit spaces. *Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change* depicts life before and after electricity made its slow way into rural areas of Marathon County in the 1930s and '40s. *Our Stories: The History of Marathon County* features reminiscences of how people arrived in this area, and how they worked and played in days gone by.

For more information, please call the Marathon County Historical Society at 715-842-5750, or check our website www.marathoncountyhistory.org and follow our Facebook page.

The Marathon County Historical Society operates the Woodson History Center and the Yawkey House Museum. Our mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate the knowledge of the history of Marathon County and Wisconsin. We currently have the restored Yawkey House, the Yawkey House gardens, two exhibits, and a research library open for the public to explore.

Updates and event schedules are always available on our website at marathoncountyhistory.com, as well as on Facebook at facebook.com/marathoncountyhistory and Twitter at twitter.com/marathoncohistory. Our Facebook page is also the site of many lively discussions, and historic photos from our collections are posted regularly.

Marathon County Historical Society is supported in part by City of Wausau Room Tax Funding. Additional support provided through the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation.

Monk Botanical Gardens

If you have not visited Monk Botanical Gardens, make a resolution to do so in the new year! Enjoy a Wisconsin winter evening with our luminary snowshoe walks, set for Friday, January 26 and Friday, February 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Guests can snowshoe or hike a luminary-lit path through the grounds and finish at the Kitchen Garden area for a bonfire, hot chocolate, and roasted marshmallows. Admission is free for members and \$2.00 for non-members. A limited number of snowshoes are available for use for a donation of \$2.00. For those who wish to explore the Gardens on their own, the gate at 1800 N. First Avenue is open each day, from dawn to dusk (please latch the gate behind you to prevent deer from entering).

We are also entering 2018 with our new executive Director, Darcie Howard, on board. Darcie comes to us with extensive experience in environmental education and facilities management. She looks forward to working with the community, committees, and volunteers to offer additional activities and move the Gardens forward. Darcie will maintain an office at UWMC and can be reached at 715.261.6309.

Looking ahead to spring, mark your calendars for our Green Saturday Plant Sale and Garden Flea Market, on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and check our website for registration information regarding bus trips for June and July.

Monk Botanical Gardens has many events planned throughout the year, so please visit our website at www.monkgardens.org, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on Facebook for updates.



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Wrap Winter in the Warmth of Quilts & Wood at Woodson Art Museum

Vibrant art quilts and strikingly elegant, contemporary turned-wood objects comprise two exhibitions on view at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum through February 25, 2018.

Wild Fabrications features art quilts depicting animals both real and fantastical - introducing new generations to a dynamic art form and celebrating the time-tested ways that quilts stitch us together, fostering family and community connections.

Explorations in Wood: Selections from The Center for Art in Wood, features enigmatic turned-wood objects from the collection of Philadelphia's Center for Art in Wood.

Behind the Lathe: Selections by Wisconsin Valley Woodturners also is on view; some club members' work is available for purchase at the Museum's Visitor Services desk. Woodturners demonstrate and guide visitors at the lathe during programs on Thursday, January 4, 5:30-7 pm, and Saturday, January 6, 1-3 pm.

In contrast with the warmth of Quilts & Wood, Team USA Snow Sculptors work their winter magic creating their 28th snow sculpture at the Woodson Art Museum on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28.

Bring friends and family to the Museum this winter to experience Quilts & Wood. These exhibitions are perfect for couples' long weekends, girls' getaways, family reunions, and mother-daughter retreats. Also invite quilt enthusiasts, fiber artists, and woodworkers you know to visit Wausau this winter, where warm welcomes await at the Woodson Art Museum.

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



Also on View from the Woodson Art Museum's Collection

Fowl Play: Decorative Duck Decoys - on view through August 19, 2018

Duck decoys long have been used to lure waterfowl. Typically made of wood, these life-sized sculptures range from simple bird shapes to intricately carved and finely painted examples. Some are strictly utilitarian; others are sculptural works of art.

On the Wing: Birds in Flight - on view through August 19, 2018

Discover the beauty of birds as they flee from predators, mate, and search for food. More than seventy paintings, works on paper, and sculptures depict birds soaring, skimming, flapping, and gliding.



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Keep the Cold Outside

Winters can be challenging due to cold temperatures and deep frost levels. There are a number of tips to help avoid problems with frozen or broken pipes in your home.

- Keep all doors and windows to your basement closed and keep the basement heated to a minimum of 50 degrees.
- Homeowners with finished basements are encouraged to allow air to circulate around the water meter; this is especially true if the meter is encased behind a wall.
- Leave cabinet doors open under sinks that are located on exterior walls.
- Vacant properties – make sure to have someone check the property on a regular basis to make sure the furnace doesn't go out. This is especially important as temps start to drop or during extended periods of cold weather. Better yet, contact Wausau Water Works to turn off the water service at the street and remove the water meter; the property can then be winterized. There is a fee to turn the service back on, but it is minimal compared to the damage one broken pipe can cause.
- Never thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame. Thawing should only be done using a hair dryer or heat tape. Before starting to thaw make sure you know where the main water shut off valve is located in your home and that it works. If you were to discover a crack in the pipe you will want to be able to immediately shut off the water supply.
- Use of space heaters in the living spaces of homes may help keep you feeling more comfortable, but it may also limit the amount that your furnace runs, which could cause basement temperatures to drop and cause pipe or water meter freezing or breakage.



Welcome Aboard

Wausau Water Works would like to recognize our recent hire. Darren Jensen was hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator. Welcome aboard Darren!

It Is That Time of

Cold winter temperatures bring w
water any time of day, please call
helps us keep repair costs down a

Residential Cross Connection Survey

As part of a continued effort to provide safe water, Wausau Water Works will be performing Cross Connection Surveys at each residence within the city. These inspections not only protect against hazardous connections to the water supply but are required by the EPA and DNR. The cross-connection survey will be done during the same appointment as the meter replacement.

These residential surveys will consist of an inspection of the basement plumbing, as well as any plumbing located outside the home. Some of the things we will be looking at are the drains on water softeners, hose bibs, laundry tubs, boilers, toilets and other connection points including irrigation systems. This assures compliance with state cross connection plumbing code.

The most common residential non-complying plumbing fixtures are hose bibs not having back flow prevention. A simple installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker can often fix this issue.

Property owners will be responsible for any repairs or alterations to their plumbing that will be necessary to meet code compliance. If violations are found during the inspection repairs will need to be made within 30 days and a follow-up re-inspection scheduled with the utility.

The cross connection control program was set up to protect the public water supply system from potential backflow hazards which could allow “dirty” or unsafe water to get into the public water supply. Wausau Water Works would like to thank you for your participation in this program, helping us to provide safe water and meet federal and state requirements.

What is a Cross-Conn

A cross-connection is a source of contamination installed at every point eliminated.

How does contaminat

When you turn on your certain hydraulic condition contaminate your own drinking

Water normally flows this is known as Backflow backpressure.

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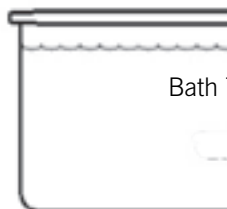
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In the Bathroom - Hand

The hand held shower f compliant if:

- When shower head is freely, it is at least 1" above of the flood level rim receptor (tub)
- Complies with ASSE#3
- Has the ASME code 1 stamped on the handle

1" Minimum AIR GAP Tub From Fixture Ou



Year Again

water main breaks! We are asking for your help in spotting water main breaks. If you see any running Wausau WaterWorks, at 715-621-6530 to let us know. Reporting main breaks when you see them and limit property damage.

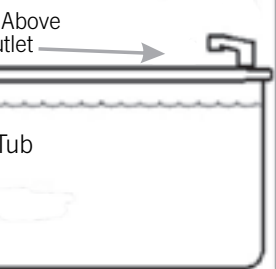
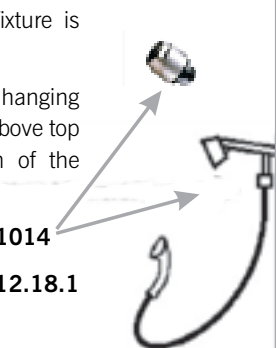
Connection?
 an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be used at any point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

When can backflow occur?
 When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, if your plumbing system is left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to enter your drinking water or even the public water supply. Backflow can occur in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is called backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

Back siphonage: A loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break, or a pipe leak creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and into the public water system.

Backpressure: A source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied by the water utility. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through a cross-connection.

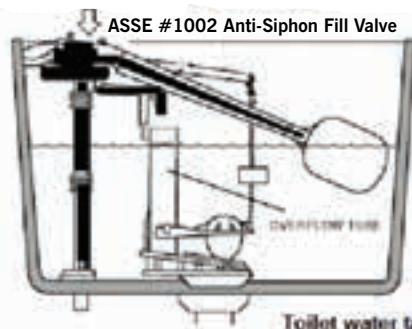
Backflow at a Hand Held Shower Fixture



In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

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

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



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.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

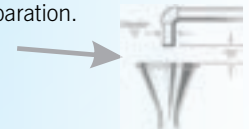
Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker



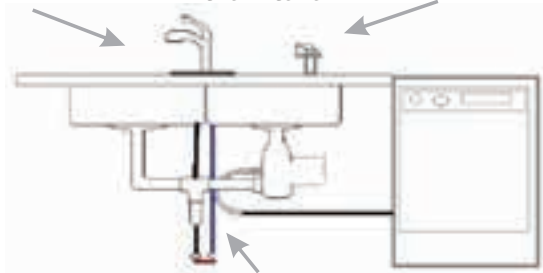
Don't...

- 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 a one inch "air gap" separation.

Air Gap



In the Kitchen



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

Cross Connection Inspections

The goal of Wausau Water is to deliver safe, high-quality drinking water every day. To continue to protect the public health and keep the water system safe from contaminants and pollutants we are required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services, and the Wausau Municipal Code to maintain a cross connection control program. Wausau Water Works has renewed its contract with HydroCorp of New Berlin, Wisconsin to assist in managing our program.

HydroCorp is a consulting firm that specializes in backflow prevention education and cross connection control programs and inspections. HydroCorp does not sell plumbing devices, installations or perform backflow preventer testing. Each HydroCorp Inspector carries an easy to see Photo Identification Tag Issued by Wisconsin Rural Water Association. All employees undergo a third party background check.

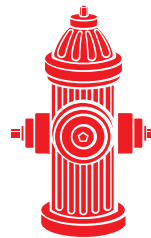
HydroCorp will perform the surveys of commercial and Industrial buildings throughout the community to detect actual & potential cross connections and make recommendations for the installation of backflow prevention devices or assemblies where necessary. This will help ensure that contaminated or polluted water cannot backflow into clean drinking water. A survey is a walk-through of the water system piping in a building or property, starting at the water meter and ending at the last free-flowing tap. At the end of the survey HydroCorp will produce a report describing any violations or discrepancies found, as well as a time frame for compliance. Inspection notices will be mailed to water customers approximately two weeks before the scheduled inspection date. A representative should be available during the inspection to answer questions and provide access. Cross connection control program questions can be directed to Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7265 or water customers may call HydroCorp directly at 800-315-4305.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to the following employees who have recently received certifications or finished certificate programs. Kevin Behnke received his WDNR certificate in Lime Softening, and Floyd Smith received his WDNR Water Operator Certifications for VOC removal, Iron removal, zeolite softening and Lime softening.

Cheryl Sell recently completed her Certificate in Supervision course offered by the Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company. Great job everyone!!

Wausau Water Works encourages professional development for its' employees to ensure that we have well trained and educated employees working for our organization which in turn helps us provide the best service to our customers.



Adopt a Hydrant

As winter comes and drops that snowy blanket on everything, it's important to remember your neighborhood fire hydrant as you're shoveling or snow blowing. Remember, keeping hydrants free of snow and accessible to fire fighters could mean saving your property or your neighbors and could mean the difference between life and death.

