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Mayor's Message

Greetings & HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our residents!



Looking at this past year, I am reminded of all the compassionate, caring and generous citizens and all the numerous non-profit and faith-based organizations that contribute to others within our community. There are so many different events, causes and diverse cultures and people and experiences that make our city the wonderful place it is. We are truly blessed to be here together! I am grateful to everyone that contributes in a positive, kind and helpful way. There are many good and successful things happening here in our community and they need to be celebrated as we move into Year 2019.

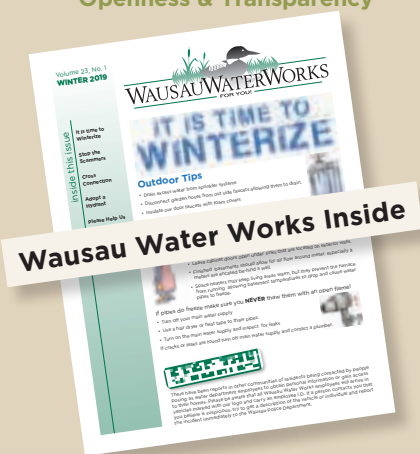
Winter is obviously here in Wausau and of course, that means (for some) that dreaded four-letter word - **S N O W!** With snow, come the many city services that you expect. Our Department of Public Works is well organized, prepared and dedicated to their responsibilities. They take pride in caring for our streets and are "set-to-go" to provide prompt and efficient service to our residents. I thank them for ensuring such great service and for taking care of emergency events as they happen - oftentimes during the middle of the night and during the holidays and coldest nights of the year. Snow-plowing, repairing broken water pipes, repairing our miles of roadway and filling pot-holes are just a few of their duties....And speaking of pot-holes, if you see one, please report it by calling our DPW "**POT-HOLE HOTLINE**" at **715-261-6688**. Depending on the weather conditions, most pot-holes will be repaired and dealt with promptly.

I am happy to report that we had another excellent year in economic development throughout the city. 2018 was a growth year in building permits with almost \$100 million dollars of investment in Wausau! We are proud of the new businesses' that have established themselves here and happy to see many that continue to look to Wausau as a place to grow their business and make Wausau their new home. We will continue to seek out new business opportunities as they become available to us.

To continue to provide more outreach to our residents, new for 2019, I will be hosting "**Coffee with the Mayor**". This is an added opportunity for you and me to talk about issues and ideas or concerns that you may have and how my administration and city council members can resolve them. Our first get-together will be held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 7:00-9:00am at the Filling Station Restaurant located at 1314 North 6th Street**. These will be held once or twice a month at various locations, so please watch our city government Facebook page and city website calendar for locations and times.

Both city staff and the city council continue to challenge themselves in meeting the needs of our citizens. We are never more important than the people we serve. We welcome opportunities to speak at a neighborhood group session, your business meetings, or faith-based or non-profit organization gatherings and we look to again continue to engage the public in a number of public conferences in 2019. Always remember that I am very accessible and welcome hearing from any resident at any time. In addition to this message here, I have another one titled "Openness & Transparency" located in this newsletter. Again, **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all of you! 2019 is going to be a **SPECTACULAR** year, I can feel it!

Robert B. Mielke-Mayor of the GREAT City of Wausau!



2019 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

2019 Recycling Calendar

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Mark Your Calendar - Winter Fest is January 26th!

Winter Fest will be held Saturday, January 26, 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), crafts at the CitySquare Office Building 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!

Attention Voters!

Spring Primary, if necessary, is Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Spring Election is Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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. 2 nd Street
Districts 6	Wausau East High School 2607 N. 18 th Street
Districts 7 & 8	Wausau West High School 1200 W. Wausau Avenue
Districts 9 & 11	National Guard Armory 833 S. 17 th 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 whether at the polls or at City Hall. 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.

Winter Center Urban Design

& Transportation Master Plan Survey

The City is conducting a public input survey on the street designs proposed by the Toole Design consultants for the Forest and Washington Street corridors, as part of the planning process for the Wausau Center Urban Design and Transportation Master Plan. This master plan is evaluating the streets, streetscaping and design of the Forest and Washington Street corridors, from 1st Street to 6th Street in the south part of downtown Wausau.

Go to this URL to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wausaucenter>.

A hard copy of the survey can be requested from Brad Sippel at Bradley.sippel@ci.wausau.wi.us or 715-261-6686. Draft recommendations of the plan can be found at <http://www.wausaudevelopment.com/MallRedevelopment.aspx>.

Enjoy the Monk Botanical Gardens in Winter

The shrubs are bare, the trails are snow-covered and the trees have shut down for the season. But that's no reason to avoid the Monk Botanical Gardens in winter. The days are lengthening, the sun stays up longer, the snow is softening. Come out for a walk with a cup of coffee or a mug of hot cider. Look for winter birds. Watch for animal footprints. Enjoy this urban sanctuary as spring edges closer.

And, why not participate in these upcoming winter events at the Gardens, 1800 N. First Avenue in Wausau.



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Monk Garden Events

Luminary Snowshoes Walk • Friday, January 25th 6-8pm
Bring your family and friends (dogs are also welcome) to the gardens for a luminary-lit snowshoe walk ending at the Kitchen Garden, where you can warm up with a bonfire, hot chocolate, apple cider, and roasted marshmallows. Go to monkgardens.org for more information. *Sponsored by Maher Water Corporation*

Sweetheart Walk • Friday, February 15th 6-8pm

Bring someone you love (dogs are also welcome) to the gardens for a luminary-lit sweetheart snowshoe walk ending at the Kitchen Garden, where you can warm up with a bonfire, mulled cider and roasted marshmallows. This is an adult only 21+ event. For more information go to monkgardens.org. *Sponsored by Maher Water Corporation*

Spring Break Camp in the Gardens

March 25-29th 8am-12pm

Look for signs of spring at the Gardens. We'll see if we can find animal tracks, plants waking up from winter, and see what other secrets spring holds. For 2nd-4th graders. For details go to monkgardens.org.

Monthly Programs

Weekend Wonders Family Program

On the second Sunday of every month, 2:00-3:30pm

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.

We will meet at the Kitchen Potager within the Gardens. For more information go to monkgardens.org.

Tots in the Garden • 10:00-11:00am

On the second and fourth Tuesday of every month

Each session will be an adventure with nature, using the alphabet as a guide. We will highlight a letter or two as we engage in hands-on nature activities. Have a snack, make a craft, and participate in an activity with your 3-5 year old tot in the gardens! For more information go to monkgardens.org.

Advisory Referendum Results Send a Clear Message:

Close the Dark Store Loopholes!

Wisconsin residents spoke loudly and clearly at the polls on November 6: Close the dark store loopholes and stop the tax shift from big-box retailers to homeowners and small business owners.

Twenty-three communities had ballot questions related to closing the loopholes on Tuesday. Of the more than 1 million votes cast, more than 802,000 -- almost 80% -- voted to support legislative action on this important issue.

Add those results to the overwhelming support voters showed in the two local referendums in the primary, and more than 900,000 Wisconsin residents have now stepped up to say, "Enough is enough."

"The pace of Dark Store shifts will increase in the next few years as more and more large commercial property owners tap into these loopholes," said League of Wisconsin Municipalities Executive Director Jerry Deschane. "A recent Kenosha News story reported that property tax bills for taxpayers who can't use the loopholes will increase as much as 18-percent. It's time to shut the door on this unintended tax break and protect home owners and small businesses."

"The voters have spoken and now we encourage the Governor-elect and the legislature to take up this issue and close the dark store loopholes. This is a tax shift, mainly to homeowners, and we encourage our state officials to act in January," said Wisconsin Counties Association Executive Director Mark D. O'Connell.

Wisconsin Towns Association Executive Director Mike Koles added, "Large corporations, small businesses, and home owners are all vital elements in local communities. Their success depends on being provided an array of public services like roads, police, and fire. Local governments are already capped at how much revenue can be generated to provide these critical services. The issue is not about local governments collecting more in property taxes. It is about keeping property tax bills as equitable as possible for all taxpayers. The referendum results illustrate the public's disdain for the push to have homeowners and small business shoulder an unfair portion of the responsibility."

Many state legislative candidates ran on the Dark Store Loopholes, vowing to close them. Two bills in the 2017-18 Legislature already had remarkably broad support among legislators of both parties. One bill had 84 co-sponsors (63% of the Legislature). The other had 61 co-sponsors (46% of the

Legislature). If the bills had been scheduled for votes, they would have passed both houses by huge margins.

The League will work with the new administration and the legislature to enact legislation to close the two Dark Store Loopholes. We'll need your help to make it happen. Please stay tuned to League newsletters for tactics that you can use to help stop the shift to homeowners and small businesses.

County/Municipality	Total # Votes for Referendum	Total # of Votes Cast	% for the Referendum
DeForest	4,091	4,566	89.59%
Glendale	6,064	6,900	87.88%
Kenosha	30,613	34,617	88%
Merrill	2,594	3,419	75.87%
Sun Prairie	12,816	14,322	89.50%
West Milwaukee	1,016	1,187	86%
Barron	11,853	17613	67.30%
Brown	81030	108028	75.01%
Dane	260283	283568	91.79%
Grant	12582	18093	69.54%
Green Lake	5295	7607	69.61%
Jefferson	19787	33104	59.77%
Kenosha	50920	64612	78.81%
Manitowoc	22310	32984	67.64%
Monroe	10384	15614	66.50%
Outagamie	56457	76321	73.97%
Portage	26684	32603	81.85%
Rock	47544	64,700	73.48%
Vernon	8366	12404	67.45%
Walworth	31039	41659	74.51%
Washburn	4998	7291	68.55%
Washington	45,475	70845	64.19%
Winnebago	50,669	68755	73.70%
Total	802,870	1,020,812	78.65%

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The Big Shift to Homeowners



River District News

1) Heart of Wausau

Date & Time: Month of February

Location: Throughout downtown's Wausau River District

Description: Support downtown Wausau's River District this February by donating \$1 to receive a heart and share Why You Love Wausau. Hearts available at any participating business starting February 1st. It's a Valentine from Wausau to Wausau! All proceeds go directly to funding a canopy for the Kickbusch Plaza stage.

Phone: 715-218-9457

Email: Blake@WausauRiverDistrict.org

Website: <http://www.wausauriverdistrict.org/heart-of-wausau/>

2) Downtown Wausau Dining Week

Date & Time: April 15 - 19, 2019

Location: Throughout downtown's Wausau River District

Description: Downtown Wausau Dining Weeks is Wausau's favorite feast! Participating restaurants will feature a special meal for lunch and dinner, allowing you to experience the many wonderful tastes of our downtown eateries!

Phone: 715-218-9457

Email: Blake@WausauRiverDistrict.org

Website: <http://www.downtownwausaudining.com/>

3) 2nd Avenue Block Party

Date & Time: June 8th, 2019 12-4pm

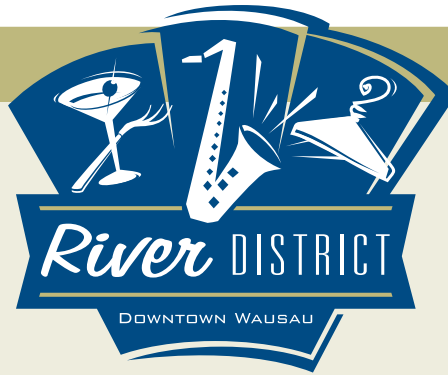
Location: Corner of 2nd & Stewart Avenue

Description: Join us for this celebration of the near west side. FREE and open to the public

Phone: 715-218-9457

Email: Blake@WausauRiverDistrict.org

Website: <http://www.wausauriverdistrict.org/2nd-avenue-block-party/>



4) Downtown Employee Application Week

Date & Time: June 24 - 28, 2019

Location: Throughout downtown's Wausau River District

Description: This is a week all about celebrating our downtown office workers. We hope you can join us for this week of free activities, created by and for downtown employees. We love that you've made your "second home" in downtown Wausau's River District and want to put some fun in your work week!

Phone: 715-218-9457

Email: Blake@WausauRiverDistrict.org

Website: <http://www.wausauriverdistrict.org/downtown-employee-appreciation-week/>

5) Jazz on the River

Date & Time: Sunday evenings July 7th - August 25th, 2019 5-7pm

Location: Kickbusch Plaza (behind the Marathon County Public Library)

Description: Join us for the second year of our Jazz on the River series in Wausau's beautiful downtown River District! Sunday evening concerts! Concerts are held at the Kickbusch Plaza from 5pm - 7pm with a rain location of J. Gumbo's (316 3rd Street). Parking is available at and near this picturesque venue. Lawn chairs and picnic dinners are encouraged and welcomed!

Phone: 715-218-9457

Email: Blake@WausauRiverDistrict.org

Website: <http://www.wausauriverdistrict.org/jazz-on-the-river/>

National Winter Bike to Work Day

Break up your winter commute with National Winter Bike to Work Day. Join people from around the world and commute by bike on February 8, 2019. If you prefer to ride in a group, there will be a group ride starting at the hockey rink at Marathon Park (inside) and ending at City Hall. The group will meet around 7:45 a.m. and depart for City Hall at or around 8:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be available in the lobby of City Hall between 7:30 am and 9:30 am for anyone that arrives by bicycle (just show your helmet). The City website will have more details.



Wausau Bird Club News

by Susan Haug

Here is a list of speakers the Wausau Bird Club is having in the New Year.

February 4: Bob and Hiroko Sanders share pictures of birds taken during their travels

April 1: Dr. Brett Barker, UW-SP Wausau, will present «John James Audubon and The Birds of America.» Dr. Barker will tell of the life of Audubon and his contribution to art and ornithology.

All meetings start at 6:30 pm in the atrium of the Universalist/Unitarian church and are open to the public. The church address is 504 S Grant Street, Wausau WI.

Marathon County Historical Society

Having Fun with History!

At the Marathon County Historical Society, we not only collect and preserve the history of Marathon County, we have fun bringing history to life!

People often bring in artifacts that belonged to older family members. We appreciate the opportunity to help find the best place for these treasured objects to reside.

Our archives contain records from city, township and county governments, and personal items such as journals, letters, and photos.

Exhibits and tours

We curate exhibits of local interest. Have you seen our map of 1930 cheese factory locations in the exhibit Milking Time: Evolution of the Dairy Industry in Marathon County? Or checked out the flip charts showing which farms had electricity in 1930 in the exhibit Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change? Have you touched the centuries-old projectile points or the raw rubber in the exhibit Our Stories: The History of Marathon County?

Have you toured the Yawkey House Museum lately? This 1901 mansion was the most expensive house in Wausau when it was built for Cyrus, Alice and Leigh Yawkey. It contains many of their original furnishings, including the Dining Room set and monogrammed dinner service, Alice's telescope, Cyrus' oak desk and office chair, Alice's Louis XV parlor furniture, and light fixtures throughout the house. Guided tours are offered during open hours, or groups can reserve After Hours Tours for their own private party. Call 715-842-5750 for information.

History Speaks

Our popular History Speaks series keeps growing. We have a dozen new topics lined up for History Speaks at the Woodson History Center, beginning with "Side Streets of Downtown Wausau" on January 27, 2019, and "From Sawmills to Paper Mill: The Growth of Schofield" on February 24, 2019. Check out the complete list on our website at <http://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/history-speaks-topics-2019/>.

Also watch for information about upcoming History Speaks In Your Town. Various experts in their fields will bring history talks to communities outside the Wausau city limits. On February 11, 2019, hear about the Pomeranians who settled in western and northern Marathon County when DuWayne Zamzow speaks at Marathon High School. Then on March 18, Brett Barker will speak in Spencer about the Transcontinental Railroad.

Special events

Ladies will enjoy dressing up for our annual Valentine Tea, or bring the kids to the less formal Mother-Child Tea, February 14 and 16, respectively.

Just when you think winter will never end, we will host our annual Houses in Bloom week. Local florists will bring in fresh floral designs to brighten up both our historic houses and all of our lives! Stop by March 12 through March 17 for a breath of spring!

We are making plans for a historic tavern tour in May, and our biennial cemetery tour in September. Watch for more details on Facebook or on our website <http://www.marathoncountyhistory.org/>.

Vintage Game Nights happen twice a month: for all ages on fourth Fridays at the Woodson History Center, and for adults on first Thursdays at Limerick's.

We encourage people to write down their memories with our I Remember When Club on second Thursdays. In January we launched a writers workshop series for people who want more direction in writing those family stories.

Add in facility rentals, photo shoot rentals, programming for schools and clubs, and you'll see there truly is something for everyone at the Marathon County Historical Society. Come and check us out!

ASSOCIATED BANK PRESENTS HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD
 An Evening to Benefit The Women's Community
 COCKTAILS • LIVE/SILENT AUCTION • DINNER • RAFFLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
 NEW LOCATION: HILTON GARDEN INN

COCKTAILS: 5PM ★ DINNER: 7PM ★ AFTERPARTY: 9PM

Title Sponsor: Associated Bank

Premiere Sponsors: UMR

Register online: womencommunity.org/hooray

Friends of the Marathon County Public Library

February 2019 Winter Book Sale

Special Members Only Sale
Thursday, Feb. 7th
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Memberships available

Sunday February 10th
BAG SALE
 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. \$6
 Bags provided

Friday & Saturday
Feb. 8 & 9
 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Vehicle Charging Station

a Feature at Parking Ramp

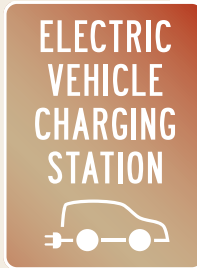
Owners of electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles are likely to know something about Wausau that the rest of us don't. There's an electric vehicle charging station near the Second Street entrance to the Jefferson Street parking ramp. They likely also know that they can top up their batteries at no cost other than feeding the parking meter.

It's intended as a courtesy, too, for out-of-town visitors. A local user of the station, Paul Kage, says an electric vehicle owner elsewhere in the state could decide to visit Wausau and possibly stay overnight based on whether there's a charging station in a convenient location in the community. Kage, who owns a Chevy Volt, says the charging station could also be a factor in someone living downtown purchasing an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle. He uses it mainly to top off his batteries rather than for a full charge.

The charging station has put Wausau on the map, so to speak. It's listed on the internet site/cellphone app Plugshare, along with charging stations at Northcentral Technical College, Kocourek Nissan and Courtyard by Marriott. Kwik Trip has charging stations at several of their convenience stores, but they're 110 volts and charging goes too slowly to be convenient.

City electrician Rick Pergolski said after receiving several citizen inquiries about having a charging station, the Engineering Department decided to try one. Equipment cost was about \$800 and installation last spring cost \$200.

Pergolski says part of the reason for not requiring payment is practical. The usage levels of the station have not made it worthwhile, at least not yet, for the city to buy the device that would collect payments via credit card. Kage says the parking fee for a charge usually comes to \$2.



PAWS & PROTECT

Saturdays Feb 2nd & March 23rd
8am - 12pm

@ Humane Society of Marathon County

- **Free**— Rabies vaccines
- **\$10**— Microchips implanted
- Licensing for cats & dogs



- * **Animals MUST be on a leash or in a crate**
- * **Animals MUST be licensed for 2019 before leaving**

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



Pet Licenses Expire December 31st 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 Customer Service 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 process the license application online by uploading the required documents at <https://evolveportal.ci.wausau.wi.us/?portal=clerk>.

Licensing fees for the 2019 licensing year are: an unaltered dog or cat is \$60.00 per year; an altered dog or cat is \$18.00 per year. All licenses are given an \$8.00 discount if the pet is 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, within thirty days of

acquiring ownership of a dog or cat, or when the pet reaches four months of age. **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.





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Openness & Transparency *By Mayor Robert B. Mielke*

Since I became Mayor, one of my main goals has been working to make City Government a more “open and transparent” process for residents to see what and how things happen and how decisions are made in local government.

That means there might be some more spirited debate, but I have been very pleased to have made these efforts... because even though all of us might not always agree on an issue, it’s important to listen to all sides and understand why decisions were made by myself, the City Council and city staff.

Previously (and fairly or unfairly) the perception was thought that our public decision-making process at City Hall was not always known as being open. I am proud to have made many changes over the past 2 ½ years to improve communications. They include the following changes and improvements:

1. Since the beginning of my term, we have broadcast ALL of our Committee and Common Council meetings “live” via our Wausau Area Access Media webpage and public access channels # 980 & # 981 on your television cable.
2. We have issued a record amount of public press/media releases and created more media roundtables/press conferences on key city issues than ever before and will continue to do so. All local media outlets have had unlimited access to myself and to all Department Heads whenever they have any questions.
3. Expanded our Facebook and social media presences with both our General Government page, as well as specialized pages for our Public Works, Police and Fire departments, all of which now total over 25,000 likes.
4. We have unveiled a new City of Wausau mobile app-(a first!) available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play providing a wealth of city resources and information.
5. We have started and promoted our new www.wausome.com web homepage and Facebook page, sharing stories of civic, business and community leaders.
6. We created four (4) new public Commissions and Committees for further public engagement: A new Energy and Sustainability Commission which was created as a citizen advisory body to the City Council and staff on the policies, programs and decisions that affect the relationship between the City and the natural and man-made environment and how they affect the quality of life for residents. A first-ever Public Arts Commission to advise the City Council and staff on the planning, programming, procurement, installation, operations and maintenance of public art projects and artworks. A new Room Tax Commission which distributes room tax revenue generated from local hotels for distribution to non-profit groups to promote Wausau for increased tourism and a new Dog-Park Advisory Committee to promote and develop a new dog park for Wausau, a need wanted by many residents!
7. Numerous City Staff members and myself attending a record number of Neighborhood Network Groups, as well as non-profit and faith-based events to speak and address resident’s questions and concerns about issues facing city government and neighborhoods.

I would welcome any new ideas you may have on how the City of Wausau Government can be even more “Open and Transparent”. You can let us know at the new one-click “Contact Us” on our web homepage at www.ci.wausau.wi.us and share your idea...and of course, I am always available to speak with you at (715) 261-6800. We will continue to strive for more openness and transparency for the well-being of our GREAT city.

Thanks for reading this “extra message” I look forward to hearing your thoughts!

It is time to Winterize

Stop the Scammers

Cross Connection

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WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

IT IS TIME TO WINTERIZE

Outdoor Tips

- Drain excess water from sprinkler systems
- Disconnect garden hoses from out side faucets allowing them to drain.
- Insulate our door faucets with foam covers



Indoor Tips



- Make sure any pipes that are at risk for freezing are well insulated.
- Keep doors and windows in you basement closed.
- Basements should be heated to 50 degrees F.
- Leave cabinet doors open under sinks that are located on exterior walls.
- Finished basements should allow for air flow around meter, especially it meters are encased be-hind a wall.
- Space heaters may keep living areas warm, but they prevent the furnace from running allowing basement temperatures to drop and cause water pipes to freeze.

If pipes do freeze make sure you **NEVER** thaw them with an open flame!

- Turn off your main water supply
- Use a hair dryer or heat tape to thaw pipes.
- Turn on the main water supply and inspect for leaks

If cracks or leaks are found turn off main water supply and contact a plumber.



STOP THE SCAMMERS

There have been reports in other communities of residents being contacted by people posing as water department employees to obtain personal information or gain access to their homes. Please be aware that all Wausau Water Works employees will arrive in vehicles marked with our logo and carry an employee I.D. If a person contacts you that you believe is suspicious, try to get a description of the vehicle or individual and report the incident immediately to the Wausau Police Department.

What is a Cross-Connection?

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

How does contamination occur?

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

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

Backsiphonage

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

Backpressure

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

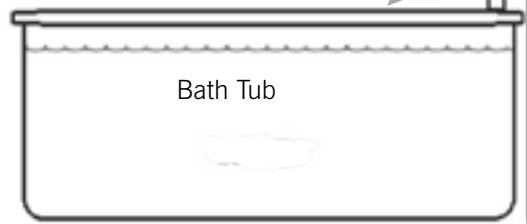
In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Complies with **ASSE#1014**
- Has the **ASME code 112.18.1** stamped on the handle



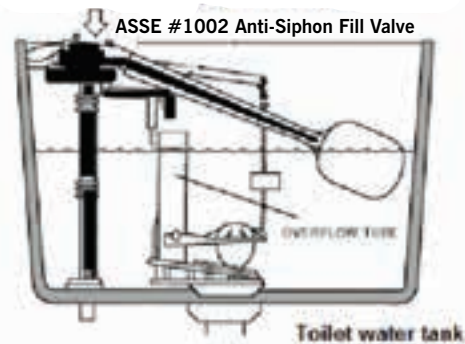
1" Minimum AIR GAP Above Tub From Fixture Outlet



In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the 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



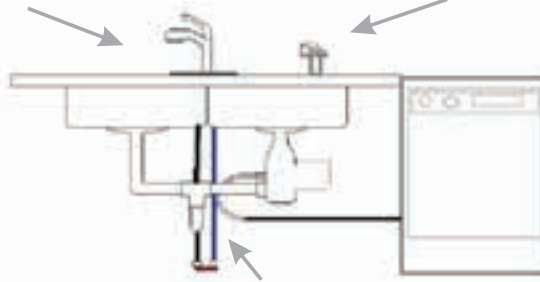
Don't...

- 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.

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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.



Please Help Us

Cold winter temperatures bring water main breaks! We are asking for your help in spotting water main breaks. If you see any running water any time of day, please call Wausau WaterWorks, at 715-621-6530 to let us know. Reporting main breaks when you see them helps us keep repair costs down and limit property damage.



Winter Recreation Programs 2019

Adult Evening Water Exercise

Jan. 2-Feb 6, 2019 • Feb 11-March 20, 2019
6:30 -7:30 pm, John Muir Pool
Mon /Wed nights. Fee: \$45 Wausau residents, \$57 non-res. Space limited, pre-registration required. No children or drop-ins allowed.

Sylvan Hill Snow Tubing

Dec 15 through March 03 (weather permitting)
Fri. 6-9:30pm, Sat. 1:30-5 or 6-9:30pm, Sun 1:30-5pm.
Must be 42 inches tall to ride. One rider per tube. Fee: \$7.00-13 & under (min. 42 inches tall); \$9.50 14 & older. Hill available to rent for private parties. Call 715-261-1550 for details.

Sledding Hills in Wausau

Open when snow cover permits.
Hours: sunrise to 11pm 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: Thru-Mar 8, Mon-Fri 11am - 1pm.
Thru Feb 20, Wed. 7-9pm, Sun. 2-5pm.
Call 715-261-1550 for Holiday hours.
Hours subject to change due to special events and/or scheduling conflicts. Fees: Youth (17 & under) \$2, Adult \$3. Youth Bonus Card (10 sessions) \$15. Adult Bonus Card \$25. Skate rental \$3.

Outdoor Ice Skating

The outdoor ice skating season begins as soon as conditions allow them to be built and runs through Feb 17, 2019. 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 8pm, Sat. 10am to 8pm and Sun. 10am to 6pm.

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 715-261-1550. 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 Dec 1 to Jan 5, save 15%, Jan 6 to April 15, 2019 and save 10% over the cost of your family, adult or youth pool pass. All neighborhood water parks will open on or about June 7, 2019 at 1 PM (Starting date may be affected by "Snow Days" and the final school day for Wausau students).



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/>



MCDEVCO's Winter 2019 Programing

Winter – snow, cold, and frozen lakes. If you find yourself stuck inside and looking for some unique educational opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners, join us at MCDEVCO. Our no charge workshops and programs will re-energize you and start your new year off right!

Entrepreneurs programs that teach skills for long-term success:

January 24, 2019 – 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Nuances of Networking. Amy Plier (Wausau Container) will guide you through how to have a successful networking experience.

January 29, 2019 – 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lunch & Learn - Retirement Planning Strategies for Small Business Owners. Zach Kyhos (Buska Wealth Management, LLC) will talk about strategies and retirement plan options for entrepreneurs.

February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019 – 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Hmong Lean Business Workshop. Amy Plier (Wausau Container) and Yeng Yee Lor (Faithful Consulting) will teach these important workshop skills in Hmong.

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March 14, 2019 – 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Business Startups - Are You Ready to be an Entrepreneur?

Jeny Nieuwenhuis (REI Engineering) will explain business startups, and what you need to know if it is your time to be an entrepreneur!

All programs unless noted are held at MCDEVCO. To get up-to-date information on our programs or to pre-register for a program email us at info@mcdevco.org, or call us at 715.298.0084.

We hope to see YOU at one of our programs!

Investing in Business
and Community

GAP Financing at MCDEVCO = SUCCESS!

MCDEVCO provides GAP financing for:

- New small businesses and/or expanding small-to-midsize businesses.
- Larger projects that support significant community/economic development.
- Projects that create and retain jobs.

GAP financing can be used to:

- Purchasing Land and/or Building(s)
- Equipment
- Purchasing an Existing Business
- Working Capital
- Agriculture - New equipment and/or new technology

Up to 20% GAP financing of the total package when we collaborate with a Marathon County Financial Institution. Funds available for ALL of Wausau and Marathon County! Call us at MCDEVCO to find out more!

Street Department News

Sand Barrels

To help property owners keep their sidewalks safe during the winter, the Department of Public Works has over 100 sand barrels placed throughout the city. The barrels are filled with a sand and salt mixture that is effective for helping to melt icy spots as well as adding grit to slippery sidewalks. If you notice that a sand barrel is getting low in your area please contact DPW at 715-261-6790 and let them know the location so it can get refilled. A map of sand barrel locations can be found on The City of Wausau website here: http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Streets/Documents/Sand_Barrel_Locations_11x17L.pdf Sand is also available by stopping in the office at the Department of Public Works, 400 Myron Street, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Snow Emergencies

When substantial amounts of snow are predicted or have fallen in a short period of time it may be necessary for the Department of Public Works to declare a snow emergency. The purpose of a snow emergency is to minimize the number of vehicles parked on the streets so the snow plow operators can effectively and safely clear the streets of snow. Parking on City streets during snow emergencies will result in issuance of a parking citation with a fine of \$100 and/or the vehicle being towed. When declared, the City will publish the snow emergency using various local media outlets and an announcement will be placed on the City website and Facebook pages.

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

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. Each spacious apartment has a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom with a walk-in shower. All of these areas are equipped with emergency pull-cords as well as a 24 hour Lifeline service. 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 Carol Nass commented, "The people are so nice and friendly and we have a lot of activities."

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. Nancy Christianson, resident, says "Our wonderful care coordinator and her staff are very kind and always ready to assist us in any way they can."

Come visit and see what Riverview Terrace has to offer. If you are seeking assisted living care for yourself or a loved one, 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.