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Happy Summer, Wausau.

2020 has been a year of challenges, change, and opportunity. How we react to the challenges of this year will either set us up to be resilient or it will cause us to buckle under the pressure. I've only been in office for a few weeks but I already know that our team is going to push us through even the toughest times. I've met enough of you to know that you are right here with us, too.



This spring, the COVID-19 pandemic forced many of our local businesses to close their doors to protect our community against the spread of the novel virus. We changed the way government meets. Many of us hunkered down, tried to work from home while keeping our students on track to finish their school year away from the classroom, and stayed patient and hopeful. It was not easy.

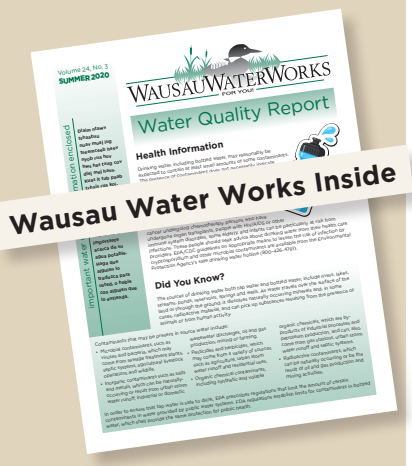
As we're emerging we're faced with changing expectations of how we interact with each other, how we engage in public and still keep each other safe, and how to support our businesses. The city council approved a few measures that will help local restaurants take advantage of the warm months to space out tables outside and celebrate Wausau's downtown Wednesdays this summer by closing parts of 3rd Street to traffic, starting on June 24th.

Thanks to the work of our Citizen's Advisory Panel and Community Development team, we also announced the Wausau CARES grants and loans program in an effort to jumpstart the reopening of our local small businesses. We know some businesses didn't get anything from the federal or state government yet, and we want to help them succeed. I hope the program will be a shot in the arm for our local entrepreneurs.

All of these challenges and changes create a unique opportunity for all of us in local government to reflect and review how we work for you. What is the essential work for the people of Wausau? What should we stop doing? What needs attention right now?

I have a lot of questions. That's why I presented a framework to start work on Wausau's first strategic plan to the city council. They are all in. That means I will need your help on this too, so expect to weigh in on what you think our city's priorities should be. Where do **you** want Wausau to be in five years? Let's get there together, Wausau.

Katie Rosenberg
Katie Rosenberg, Mayor



Clerk's

2020

Hello City of Wausau residents! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather. As you know, 2020 has been very busy with 5 elections being held this year. The remaining election dates for 2020 are the Partisan Primary on August 11th and the General Election on November 3rd. Below are a few things for residents to be aware of:

Some Polling Locations Changing

It has become necessary to change the polling location for residents in **Districts 4 & 5** and residents in **District 6**. Information on the new polling locations for residents in these districts will be provided well ahead of the August 11th Partisan Primary, so please watch for additional information coming soon!

Absentee Ballots and Early In-Person Voting for August 11th Partisan Primary

If you are thinking about requesting an Absentee Ballot for the August 11th Partisan Primary, we encourage you to do so early. You can request an Absentee Ballot online at Myvote.wi.gov or you can submit an application to the Clerk's office by mail or in person. If submitting an application to the Clerk's office, please remember to include acceptable photo identification with your request. The application can be found on the City of Wausau website by selecting the Clerk Department and then the Elections tab. You can also call the Clerk's office (715-261-6620) to request that an application be mailed to you.

Early in-person voting for the **August 11th** Partisan Primary will be held at City Hall July 27-31 and August 3-7. Specific hours that we will be open for early in-person voting during these two weeks will be announced in early July. Please watch for additional information on the City's website and Facebook page.

Election Day Workers Needed

We are recruiting for Election Day Workers, as we will need additional staff for the busy November General Election. This is a paid position and you will receive great training to prepare you to carry out your duties on Election Day. Serving as an Election Day Worker is one of the most rewarding ways to become involved in the election process! It also is a fun way to socialize and meet other members of the community. The City of Wausau has put CDC recommended practices in place to assist in keeping our Election Day Workers and our Voters safe while at the polls. Citizen involvement is essential to be able to administer open, accurate and fair elections in Wisconsin, and I hope that you will consider serving as an Election Day Worker in the City of Wausau. Encourage a friend who resides in Marathon County (City of Wausau residency is not required) to join you! Applications are available on our website under the Human Resources Department. If you are undecided and want more information on the Election Day Worker position, please feel free to call me at 715-261-6622 and I can answer any questions you may have.



CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING PROJECTS

- New construction
- Additions
- Remodeling
- Garages
- Accessory buildings
- Roofing/Siding
- Fences
- Demolition
- Plumbing
- Electrical

Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and complies with City and State codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.



A complete list of permit requirements is available on-line at: www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections

Department of Inspections, Zoning & Electrical Systems



New 2020 Zoning Codes >>>

Check out the new zoning codes before you start your next project

Some updated requirements:

Section 23.06.42

Swimming Pool Standards

- Swimming pools greater than 3 feet in height require a permit and are allowed in rear and side yards only, with 6 foot setbacks from lot lines.
- Pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence of sufficient strength to prevent access to the pool.

Section 23.06.40: Fencing Standards

- Finished side facing outward
- A 4 foot max height for front yard fences. For corner lots with streets on 2 sides, contact Zoning staff for regulations.
- Any fence located in the front yard shall be a max of 50% opaque.



Property Maintenance

Keeping a safe & healthy community!

The City of Wausau has ordinances that are designed to protect the public's health and safety, and to preserve the appearance of neighborhoods. For the most part, City residents take great pride in maintaining their property in an aesthetically-pleasing condition, and comply with City ordinances. Following are the most common violations observed by City Inspectors:

EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS:

- Shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of items, garbage, debris, yard waste.
- Yard waste cannot be placed on the Right-of-Way, including the alleys, boulevards, gutters and streets.
- Dog/animal excreta must be picked up in a timely manner, so as to minimize health hazards.
- Furniture, not intended for outdoor use, is not allowed on yards or open porches.

VEHICLES:

- Must be parked on established driveway/parking areas that are hard-surfaced.
- Parking on the grass is not allowed.
- Vehicles that are unregistered/unlicensed, inoperable, abandoned, or in any state of major disassembly, disrepair, or undergoing overhaul are not allowed to be parked on residential properties.
- Motor vehicle repair is not allowed on residential properties.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:

- Motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, ATVs, utility trailers, etc. cannot be parked or stored in any required front yard or corner side yard, except for on a designated driveway which meets the City's hard-surfacing requirements.
- Equipment or trailers that are longer than 30' (measured from back bumper to tongue) must be parked within enclosed structures.

SIGNS:

- Rummage sale, garage sale, real estate, advertising or other such signs cannot be placed on boulevards, other public right-of-ways, or attached to public utility poles.

2020 Garbage and Recycling Collection Calendar

Please refer to the table, calendar and map on the previous page 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 carts 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. Recycling containers have a green lid and Garbage containers have a blue lid. Garbage pick-up is every week and Recycling cart pick-up is every other week. Placement of the carts at the curbside need to be placed at least 4 feet from other objects such as other carts, mailboxes and trees to accommodate the mechanical arm as it grips the cart and empties its contents. Thank you! **Keep this schedule for future reference and remember the holiday schedule of a "day delay" pick-up.**

West Side Of Wisconsin River	Garbage P/U	Recycling P/U
North of W. Wausau Avenue	Monday	Monday - BLUE
North of Elm St, South of W. Wausau Ave, & East of USH 51	Monday	Monday-YELLOW
South of Elm St & North of Stewart Ave, including entire area west of USH 51	Tuesday	Tuesday - BLUE
South of Stewart Ave & North of Thomas St.	Tuesday	Tuesday-YELLOW
South of Thomas Street	Wednesday	Wednesday-BLUE

East Side Of Wisconsin River	Garbage P/U	Recycling P/U
North of Marquardt Rd & East of railroad tracks	Wednesday	Wednesday-BLUE
North of Nina Ave & South of Marquardt Rd including homes west of the railroad tracks to Evergreen Rd.	Wednesday	Wed-YELLOW
South of Nina Ave & North of Hamilton St	Thursday	Thursday-BLUE
South of Hamilton St & North of Kickbusch St.	Thursday	Thurs-YELLOW
South of Kickbusch St. North of McDonald St & East of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Friday-BLUE
South of McDonald St & entire area west of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Friday-YELLOW

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Monk Botanical Gardens News

Hands-on Plants Adult Workshops are set to start June 1st at Monk Botanical Gardens. Try your hand at a new plant-related project every week this summer, either in-person or safely at home. Mondays June-July you can make and create new treasures for your home, yard, and gardens. If you do it at home, you can either pick up the supplies, or have them delivered, and you'll be sent a video of how to complete the project on your own. At the Gardens: Space is limited to a total of ten (2 Gardens staff, and 8 attendees) to adhere to safety guidelines. All supplies will be provided. Masks are required to participate. The program will be filmed to share with anyone who chooses to do the project at home.

Also new this summer, we are hosting an interactive family event, August 29th, **Alice in the Gardens**. Imagination runs wild and logic is abandoned in this fantastical, interactive, and nonsensical event. Participants will be led down the rabbit hole through an array of magical scenes, performed by Out of the Woods Theater throughout the garden, stopping on occasion to play a life sized game of chess, flamingo croquet, paint the roses or maybe take their chance with the Red Queen. This magical experience will end with a spectacular tea party hosted by the Mad Hatter. Support for this event was provided through the Community Arts Grant Program of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, with funds provided by the Wisconsin Arts Board, a state agency, the Community Foundation, and the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation, Connexus Association, Wisconsin Public Service Foundation and Albert R Olson Charitable Trust. For more information and to see all of our programs offered this summer go to www.monkgardens.org

Wausau Neighborhood Group Update

The last spring edition of the city newsletter listed all 10 Neighborhood Groups within the City of Wausau along with the meeting times, dates and locations. Unfortunately, with the Covid-19 pandemic, they have not been able to meet physically and have cancelled future meetings through the months of June, July and August, as of this date. It will be determined later, whether meetings will resume in September and throughout the rest of 2020. With this news, below is a list of the groups along with their point-of-contact and their most recent brief update.

Athletic Park - Jaci Kell - 715-847-4105; Doug Diny - 715-803-5040
They wish to thank People's State Bank on 6th Street for hosting their meetings these last 6 years and are hoping they can successfully resume meetings in the fall or shortly thereafter.

East Towne District - Amie Leanoff - 715-297-2963

Forest Park - Marie Schmidt - 715-845-9559
They are cancelling physical meetings until further notice. They are maintaining contact with our Wausau Police Department and Alderpersons and utilize their private neighborhood website as a tool of communication throughout their neighborhood. They successfully work with other neighborhood leaders to improve communication between their neighbors.

Longfellow - Anne Heidemann - 715-845-4148
They wish to thank the Wausau Police Department for allowing the use of the Community Room at the Police Department for their monthly meetings. They have cancelled their meetings during the months of June, July and August and hope to resume meetings in the fall or shortly thereafter.

Northwest Neighborhood - Mary LeBrun at mmlebrun@aol.com or Paul Svetlik - 414-533-2042

Riverview Neighborhood - Carlos Etchepareborda - 715-574-5135
They have been communicating efficiently through the Nextdoor app and with their Police liaison, Lt. Melinda Pauls and Alderperson, Ms. Becky McElhaney. They are grateful for their assistance during this time and hope to resume meetings in the fall or shortly thereafter.

SW Jones District - Officer Garrett Carr - 715-261-7952

South East Side Neighborhood - Sue Nowak - 715-574-1295
They are forever appreciative of the positivity that comes from their neighbors. Kindness has been shown throughout the neighborhood with neighbors helping neighbors, sharing of garden plants, freebies set along curbs and safety measures with each looking out for one another. They are grateful for their business neighbors, North Central Health Care, Wausau Downtown Airport and all the business partners along Grand Avenue. They hope to resume meetings again in the fall or shortly thereafter.

Westies - Jennifer Gabriel - 715-551-5107 - rjmegabriel@msn.com
They are cancelling all physical meetings at this time and ask that you check back on the city website in the fall for future meeting dates and times.

Werle Park - New Contact - TBD

Community Development News

During unprecedented times, Wausau’s Planning, Community and Economic Development Department has continued to tackle a variety of projects and efforts during recent spring months.

The department approved two additional Fix It Up loans to assist city homeowners finance significant rehabilitations to their homes (fixitupwausau.com), and closed on five Live It Up loans providing \$59,000 in down payment assistance for employees to purchase homes in the city (liveitupwausau.com).

The City created several new initiatives to provide assistance to Wausau businesses throughout the course of pandemic-related closures. Small businesses with existing city-funded loans and ground leases were granted six-month deferments on payments. The City approved temporary changes to liquor licensing and parking regulations to allow more outdoor dining throughout the city with enhanced social distancing.

The City also launched its Wausau Cares grant program to help Wausau-based businesses reopen

fully and safely. Read more about Wausau Cares in the separate article appearing in this edition.

The department welcomed Sean Fitzgerald as its new business development specialist. In this role, Fitzgerald assists with various economic development projects in Wausau, manages the city’s tax incremental finance application and review process, and serves as a point of contact between business leaders and City of Wausau staff, among other responsibilities. He recently relocated here from Oshkosh where he owned and published a regional business magazine for the past 18 years and held several community leadership positions, including as an elected member of Oshkosh’s Common Council.

Lastly, the department’s director Christian Schock retired in June following nearly six years of service to the City. Much of Schock’s work during his tenure focused on urban housing diversity and new home ownership programs, continued progress in the Riverlife area and bold plans for more development of the riverfront, as well as the major expansion of the Wausau Business Campus.

Yard Waste Site & Large Item Drop Off Dates & Hours

The City of Wausau Yard Waste site is located at the east end of East Chellis Street. The site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours and is monitored by video surveillance. Citations will be issued to parties who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility. Call the Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions. Office hours are Mon-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

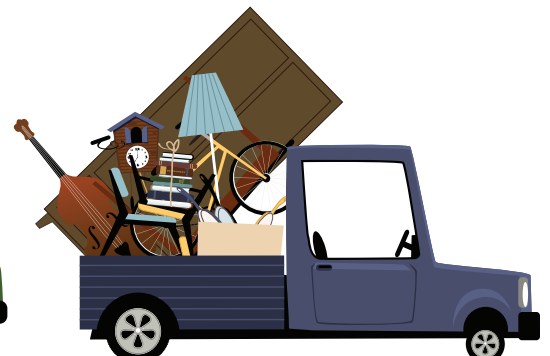
Yard Waste Site – 2020 Hours Of Operation

MondayCLOSED
TuesdayCLOSED
Wednesday9:00 am – 8:00 pm
ThursdayCLOSED
Friday9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Large Item Drop Off Dates – Clean It Up, Wausau Events

Summer – Fri, Sat., July 24 & 25, 2020 – 9am-5pm
(NO appliances or electronics – only large items)

Fall – Fri, Sat., Sept 25 & 26, 2020 – 9am-5pm
(appliances and electronics for a fee)



Wausau Cares Program helps city firms get back to business

The City of Wausau rolled out its Wausau Cares program in late May to help provide relief to businesses in the city which suffered financial losses as a result of circumstances stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wausau Cares authorized \$336,804 in grant and loan funding to city-based businesses to assist in recovery and reopening for business. Program funds can be used for business expenses such as payroll, marketing, rent payments, utility bills, inventory, and health and safety improvements.

Funding for the Wausau Cares program came from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars allocated to the city as part of the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. **No city taxpayer dollars were used for this business reinvigoration initiative.** The funds are being distributed locally through a partnership with MCDEVCO, Inc.

"Pandemic-related closures put many of our local businesses in a tough spot - some suffering through

some serious revenue loss. The Wausau Cares grants are meant to complement other state and federal efforts and help Wausau-based businesses reopen to fully and safely serve their customers again," said Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg. "I'm so proud that the city's CDBG staff took a proactive approach to bring these grant funds to Wausau."

The Wausau Cares program includes:

- A total of 74 grants totaling \$1,500 each;
- Another series of 20 potentially forgivable loans up to amounts of \$20,000 based upon workforce and payroll retention.

There are various eligibility requirements for businesses to receive Wausau Cares grants and loans, including being physically located in the City of Wausau. Find more details about eligibility criteria or information on how to apply for a grant or loan through MCDEVCO's website at mcdevco.org.

The graphic features the Wausau Cares logo on the left, which includes a circular emblem with 'WAUSAU WISCONSIN' and 'MCDEVCO' below it, surrounded by colorful gears. The text 'Wausau Cares' is prominently displayed. Below the logo is the slogan 'Ready. Let's Grow!' with an upward-pointing arrow. On the right side, three stacked green boxes contain the following information: 'City of Wausau Cares', 'Wausau Small Businesses COVID-19 Assistance Applications Start May 28, 2020', '\$1500.00 Grants', and 'Up to \$20,000.00 Forgivable Loans'. At the bottom left, a black box provides contact information for MCDEVCO, Inc. as the Fund Administrator, including the website mcdevco.org/covid-19-resources, phone number 715.298.0084, and email info@mcdevco.org. A 'SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS' logo is located at the bottom right of the graphic.

Wausau Cares



Ready. Let's Grow!

City of Wausau Cares

Wausau Small Businesses COVID-19 Assistance Applications Start May 28, 2020

\$1500.00 Grants

Up to \$20,000.00 Forgivable Loans

MCDEVCO, Inc - Fund Administrator
 Apply Online at mcdevco.org/covid-19-resources
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Wausau River District News

Dining on the Street

Wednesdays June 24th -
August 26th from 5-9pm

Come and enjoy a night of dining al fresco in downtown Wausau, while supporting our local restaurants. Explore the many flavors of downtown Wausau safely each Wednesday, while dining on the street on a warm summer evening.

Mission Statement... In response to our citizens, we will provide services in the most effective manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment. Plan and encourage positive growth. Promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

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important water quality information enclosed

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Water Quality Report

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).



Did You Know?

The sources of drinking water both tap water and bottled water; include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

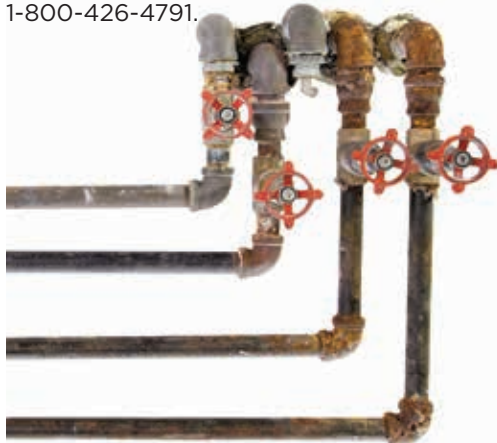
Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

Lead & Copper

As a result of materials used in your home's plumbing, it is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. They could also show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wausau Water Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. Additional information is also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline from EPA, 1-800-426-4791.



Let's Raise Our Glasses to Toast Water Quality Excellence!

Wausau Water Works is proud to present this year's Water Quality Report, and even more proud to announce that our test results for 2019 met all the requirements for safe, excellent water quality. A complete list of the results of these tests is shown on pages 4-5 of this report. We are often asked "why do you prepare this report?" Because we want you, our valued customers, to be informed about your drinking water, and know that the product you are drinking is safe and of the highest quality. The federal government also wants you to be informed about your drinking water, and requires all water utilities in the United States to provide this information to their customers on an annual basis. So let's raise our glasses (of water, of course) and toast to another year of water quality excellence!



Looking for ways to conserve water?

Installing water conserving shower heads, faucets and toilets can help reduce your water usage and lower your utility bills. When looking for new fixtures look for the Water Sense Labels.

Water Sense labels makes it easy to find efficient products that meet EPA criteria and performance standards. For more information on water conservation please visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



Notice of Rate Increase Water Customers of the Wausau Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Wausau Water Utility will be implementing a two-step increase in water rates. This first step increase will go into effect on July 1 2020. Please see rates published in this newsletter. The second step will take place on January 1 2021, please see the city web page for more information. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Wausau Water Utility at (715) 261-6530.

Routine Water Quality Testing...

The Water Quality Test Results shown on pages 4-5 only lists substances which were detected. **We run numerous tests for substances which are not detected.** We also run routine tests to help us evaluate water characteristics such as pH, alkalinity, hardness, etc. A summary of those results is shown below.

pH - Typical result: 8.5. Ideal range: 7 to 8.5. Measure of acidity—low values may indicate corrosive water.

Alkalinity - Typical result: 70 to 80 mg/l. Measure of water's ability to neutralize acids—is related to pH and hardness.

Hardness - Typical results: 80 to 100 mg/l or 4-1/2 to 6 grains/gallon. Wausau's water is moderately soft. Hard water is beneficial to health, but high levels can decrease soap's cleaning ability and cause scaling inside of pipes.

Iron - Typical result: less than 0.05 mg/l. Natural levels in our well water can be high, but it is removed by our treatment plant - not a health concern, but it can cause taste and odor problems as well as staining of laundry when bleach is used.

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

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



Definitions of Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ND- None detected in the drinking water.

TCR- Total Coliform Rule.



Detected Contaminants

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

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Count of Positives	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
E. COLI	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli	0	1	No	Human and animal fecal waste

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-11	60	60	13	13		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-11	80	0	8.8	8.8		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-16	60	60	12	12		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-16	80	0	10.5	10.5		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSNIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	1 - 1	9/5/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Run off from electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.006	0.006 - 0.006	9/6/2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.7	0.6 - 0.7	9/5/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.56	0.54 - 0.56		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
NITRITE (NO ₂ -N) (ppm)		1	1	0.065	0.000 - 0.065	9/5/2017	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	21.00	18.00 - 21.00	9/6/2017	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.0380	0 of 30 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	5.69	1 of 30 results was above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.8	0.5 - 0.8	9/11/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

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

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)
SULFATE (ppm)	15.00	8.30 - 15.0	9/6/2017
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM (ppm)		0.10 - 0.13	8/13/2015
CHLORATE (ppm)		300 - 320	8/13/2015
STRONTIUM (ppm)		66 - 69	8/13/2015
VANADIUM (ppm)		1.70 - 1.80	8/13/2015

Questions About This Water Report?

If you have questions regarding this water quality report, or concerns about your water, please contact Eric Lindman, Director of Public Works and Utilities at 715-261-6745 or Scott Boers, Drinking Water Superintendent at 715-261-7286. If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works visit our website at www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks.aspx.



Schedule of Rates

WAUSAU WATER WORKS
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 Wausau, WI 54403-4783

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

Office Hours:
 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Water Rates

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Quarterly Service Charge (based on meter size)

5/8 Inch Meter	\$24.24
3/4 Inch Meter	24.24
1 Inch Meter	39.54
1-1/4 Inch Meter	53.94
1-1/2 Inch Meter	67.74
2 Inch Meter	103.74
3 Inch Meter	171.00
4 Inch Meter	258.00
6 Inch Meter	459.00
8 Inch Meter	699.00
10 Inch Meter	1011.00
12 Inch Meter	1326.00

Plus Volume Charge:

Residential Customers:

All water used - \$2.80 per 100 cu. ft.

Non-Residential Customers:

First 6,000 cu. ft. \$2.78 per 100 cu. ft.
 Next 54,000 cu. ft. used - \$2.60 per 100 cu. ft.
 Over 60,000 cu. ft. used - \$2.17 per 100 cu. ft.

Irrigation Class: All water used - \$4.18 per 100 cu. ft.

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

Public Fire Protection Fees

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Quarterly Service Charge (based on meter size)

5/8 Inch Meter	\$12.54
3/4 Inch Meter	12.54
1 Inch Meter	31.11
1-1/4 Inch Meter	45.84
1-1/2 Inch Meter	62.15
2 Inch Meter	99.84
3 Inch Meter	189.00
4 Inch Meter	309.00
6 Inch Meter	621.00
8 Inch Meter	990.00
10 Inch Meter	1,509.00
12 Inch Meter	2,007.00

Sewer Rates

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Quarterly Service Charge (based on water meter size)

5/8 Inch Meter	\$20.40
3/4 Inch Meter	20.40
1 Inch Meter	27.60
1-1/4 Inch Meter	38.40
1-1/2 Inch Meter	44.40
2 Inch Meter	74.40
3 Inch Meter	134.40
4 Inch Meter	219.60
6 Inch Meter	433.20
8 Inch Meter	681.60

Plus Volume Charge

All volume, as recorded by the water meter each quarter shall be charged at the rate of \$3.11 per 100 cubic ft.

All customers are billed for sewer based on the amount of water used each quarter. Unmetered sewer rate is \$82.60 per quarter in the City and \$103.00 per quarter outside the City.



Private Fire Protection Charges

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

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

2 Inch or Smaller Connection	\$15.00
3 Inch Connection	30.00
4 Inch Connection	51.00
6 Inch Connection	99.00
8 Inch Connection	159.00
10 Inch Connection	240.00
12 Inch Connection	321.00
14 Inch Connection	399.00
16 Inch Connection	480.00

Charges For Turning On Service

**Turn on valve at curb
 (includes meter installation if needed)**

During Normal Business Hours	\$60.00
After Hours	100.00

Lateral Connections

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

Missed Appointment Fees

During Normal Business Hours	\$60.00
After Hours	100.00

Miscellaneous

Payments Not Honored by Financial Institution . . .	\$45.00
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Where Does Our Water Come From?

Wausau's drinking water comes from six municipal wells, all of which are located near the Wisconsin River. These wells range in depth of 95 feet to 160 feet and pump anywhere from 900 to 3000 gallons per minute.

From the wells, the water travels to our Water Treatment Plant where it undergoes treatment to remove iron and manganese. It then enters the distribution system made up of approximately 250 miles of mains that deliver the water from the Treatment Plant to close to 16,000 homes and businesses served by Wausau Water Works.

Utility Commission Meets Monthly

The Wausau Water Works Commission typically meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall (some exceptions do apply)

If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works, please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled Commission meetings. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for Commission consideration, please contact Michelle Weasler at 715-261-7289 two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

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



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