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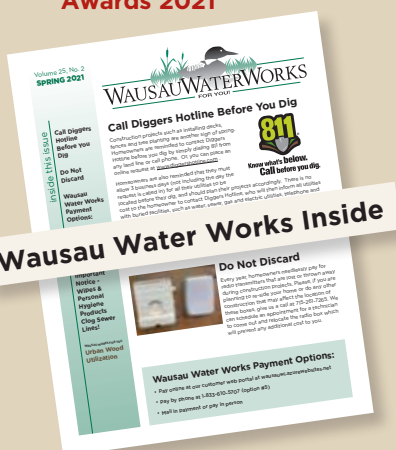
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Spring has sprung, Wausau.

In this newsletter you will find all the details on your spring outdoor needs including the yard waste site hours, large item drop-off event and a new Parks Department program called Movin' with the Mayor on Page 8.



It finally feels like we're turning the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic. In conjunction with the state and Northcentral Technical College, Marathon County opened up a mass vaccination clinic. Once they get rolling, they will be able to distribute 1,000 vaccines a day. To sign up, head to the state's vaccine registry at <https://vaccinate.wi.gov/>

The federal government passed the American Rescue Plan and that means that Wausau will be getting \$15.7 million. The economic idea is that injecting cash in local governments across the country will help shore up our economy after the pandemic. We're still waiting on some guidance from the U.S. Treasury's office about what we can spend the money on but have some broad direction. Allowable uses include:

Assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality

- Premium pay for essential workers
- Lost revenue due to the pandemic
- Necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

Wausau is an entitlement city so that means we will get our money directly from the federal government in two tranches: half in the next few weeks and half next year. We have until 2024 to use it. We aren't in a rush to commit the funds yet and we will have a public process to discuss priorities. Stay tuned for more details on this process in the coming months.

Moving further into the future, I'm very excited about the strategic planning process we're about to embark on. My desk is currently piled high with more than a dozen responses to our RFP. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to participate and share your vision for Wausau.

I hope to see you out in the community as we slowly get back to the important social aspects of life.

Katie Rosenberg, Mayor, City of Wausau

2021 Garbage and Recycling Collection Calendar

Please refer to the table and 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 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

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	Wednesday - YELLOW
South of Nina Ave & North of Hamilton St	Thursday	Thursday - BLUE
South of Hamilton St & North of Kickbusch St.	Thursday	Thursday - 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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SAVE THIS SCHEDULE

Clean It Up, Wausau

City Of Wausau

Large Item Drop-Off Clean It Up, Wausau

Friday and Saturday, May 21, 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

East end of E. Chellis Street near the Yard Waste Site



The City of Wausau is partnering with local non-profit organizations in another “Clean It Up, Wausau” event for Wausau residents to properly and safely dispose of unwanted items. Items can be dropped off at 105 E. Chellis Street. Follow the signs and please be prepared to **show proof of CITY OF WAUSAU residency!** If you have questions, please call Public Works at 715-261-6960 or the Mayor’s Office at 715-261-6800.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

To dispose of these or other items, please call the Marathon County Solid Waste and Recycling Information line at 1-877-270-3989.

- Household Garbage
- Light Bulbs
- Smoke/CO Detectors
- Batteries
- Paint, Chemicals
- Remodeling waste-insulation, fiberglass
- Roofing material
- Waste oil, antifreeze, lead
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides, Herbicides
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Explosives
- **Medication – Drop off at local Police Department**

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN WORKING CONDITION

We are partnering with Good News Project with their HEALTH EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM (HELP Closet). Please drop off any working item listed below. No fees apply.

- Bath Shower Chair
- Walker
- Wheel Chair
- Crutches, Canes
- Toilet Seat Riser
- Commode
- Bed Rail
- Bathtub grab bars
- Knee walker

ITEMS ACCEPTED	FREE
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ALL ELECTRONICS:	
All Computers, Faxes, Printers, cell phones, TV’s, mice, keyboards ,DVD’s, VCR’s, anything with a cord	.45/lb.
Broken TV’s	.60/lb.
Laptops	FREE

TIRES:	
Up to 22”	\$5.00
Over 22”	\$10.00

APPLIANCES:	
Microwaves	FREE
Dehumidifiers, Air conditioners	\$15.00
Refrigerators, Freezers	\$15.00
Snow blowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Lawnmowers (gas, oil removed)	FREE
Stoves	FREE
Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers	FREE
Scrap Metal	FREE

FURNITURE:	
Mattress/Box Springs	FREE
Tables, Chairs, Sofas, Hot tubs	FREE
Carpeting	FREE
Concrete chunks (small)	FREE
Grills (gas removed)	FREE
Pool Tables	FREE
Toilets	FREE

City Of Wausau

Yard Waste Site & Large Item Drop Off Dates

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 Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

YARD WASTE SITE 2021 HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

***Closed Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021**

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF DATES – CLEAN IT UP, WAUSAU EVENTS

SPRING:

Fri, Sat., May 21 & 22, 2021
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(appliances and electronics for a fee)

Help Good News Project reach their goal of 17,000 laptops!

E-cycle your laptops **FREE** in 2021--

- Personal
- Schools
- Business

Choose a secure, responsible way to spare our landfills, re-capture precious metals, and help Good News Project raise money to fund their first Capital Campaign for building upgrades. Use their secure laptop drop box—stop and drop anytime!



Good News Project (2020 recipient of WI DNR Recycling Excellence award) is your trusted collection source for all things electronic. They partner with global leader in IT Asset Disposition (ITAD) to track and shred your electronics—to ultimately safeguard you and our environment.

They accept all electronics every Friday 9am - 4pm, at a charge of .45 cents/pound.

1106 N. 5th St.
Wausau, WI 54403
715-843-5985
www.goodnewswi.com



Join Us on April 24




**PRESENTED BY
THE GHIDORZI FOUNDATION**



Early Online Registration Required at:

www.ghidorzigrreenandclean.com

Registration closes at noon on Friday, April 23.

Contact Taylre at 715.348.1360 or taylres@ghidorzi.com with questions.

Please Join Us on April 24!

Ghidorzi Green and Clean is ON for Saturday, April 24! We have adjusted our format to offer a safe volunteer opportunity that continues to achieve what we love most about this community event – a chance to band together, get outside and clean up our beautiful Wausau landscape of litter and debris! “Take a walk on the green side,” and make plans to join us!

The Corporate Cove kickoff will not take place this year. Instead, volunteers are asked to go directly to their registered cleanup site at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

Your free safety green t-shirt, trash bags, gloves, and printed site map must be picked up ahead of time from the Union Station lobby at 2100 Stewart Ave. on Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Event Details for 2021

- STEP 1 – Complete your online registration and choose your cleanup site today!
- STEP 2 – Pickup your supplies from 2100 Stewart Ave. the week prior to the event.
- STEP 3 – Clean up your registered site from 9 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.
- STEP 4 – Depart from your cleanup site, leaving full trash bags for drivers to pick up.

 Join us online to stay current with event happenings!

  @GhidorziCompanies
 @GhidorziGreenandClean



Take a Walk on the Green Side.

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DEPARTMENTS/INSPECTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, ZONING & ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

S P R I N G 2 0 2 1

Residential Swimming Pools

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.

Common Projects Requiring Permits:

- | | |
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| Decks | Additions |
| Remodeling | Garages |
| Sheds | Roofing/Siding |
| Demolition | Fences |

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.

For additional information refer to WMC Section 23.06.42 or visit the Inspections Department page on the City of Wausau website.



YOUR NEXT PROJECT:

With the weather becoming nicer, many residents are making plans for their Spring/Summer projects. Our inspections department wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. Our inspectors are here to partner with you to build strong, to build smart, and to ensure the safety of your project. Call or visit our office during the planning stages to ensure you and your contractors are following the State and Municipal codes and obtaining the necessary permits. Once issued, permits are valid for 6 months.

General Office Hours:

8am to 4:30pm M-F

Inspector Office Hours:

8-9am and 12:30-1:30pm

715.261.6780

inspections@ci.wausau.wi.us





2021 PET CLINIC A HUGE SUCCESS!

On February 27, 2021, the City of Wausau co-hosted the 2021 Pet Clinic at the DPW Building on Myron Street, through a partnership with Paws & Protect. Neighboring municipalities of the Village of Weston, Town of Weston and City of Schofield also participated. 99 furry friends participated in the Pet Clinic!

The pandemic caused us to implement some changes to the Pet Clinic which included pet owners pre-registering for the Clinic and pet owners remaining in their vehicles while furry friends were escorted by volunteers into the building to receive services. These changes made the Pet Clinic more efficient, and were so well received, that we plan to implement these changes for future Pet Clinics. As many of you know, the Pet Clinic offers free rabies vaccinations and microchipping at a reduced fee. The Pet Clinic is staffed by volunteers from the Police Department and local veterinarians, as well as our Marathon County Humane Officer, so it truly is a community team effort. We hope you enjoy the pictures we have included from this year's clinic! We also look forward to holding another Pet Clinic in 2022, and will provide details in the Winter City Newsletter, so stay tuned!



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.

2021 Election News

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the April 6th Spring Election will have passed. Tremendous appreciation goes out to our dedicated Election Workers, staff at the Department of Public Works and Poll Site facility owners for helping the City of Wausau administer safe and secure elections. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes in the days and months leading up to each election, and we could not be successful without everyone involved on our team.

The Spring Election is the final election for 2021, but it won't be long before we begin planning for the 2022 election cycle. 2022 will bring the potential for 4 elections if a primary is necessary in February, 2022. Races for City Alderpersons and the Governor's race will be among the contests on the ballot in 2022, along with congressional and senate races.

In preparation for the 2022 Election Cycle, we will again be accepting applications for Election workers throughout the rest of 2021. The link to the application can be found on the City of Wausau website under the Human Resources tab. Eligible Election Worker applicants from November, 2020, who were not contacted, will be contacted and are not required to submit a new application. The Clerk's Office will be holding training for new Election Workers later this fall and will share those details as it gets closer. If you have any questions on what is all involved in serving as an Election Worker, please contact Clerk Leslie for more details.

As always, the Clerk/Customer Service Office is here to serve and assist you. We wish everyone a happy and safe Spring season!

Fed Dollars Working for You

How Community Development Block Grant Funds aim to improve Wausau in 2021

As a federal grantee community, each year the City of Wausau receives Community Development Block Grant funds, or CDBG for short, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The primary purpose for these federal funds is to help develop a viable community by providing decent housing and suitable living environments, expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons, and provide a safe community. For 2021, the City of Wausau will be awarded more than \$638,000 to help with these goals.

A substantial portion of the funds will upgrade infrastructure in Wausau. For example, McIntosh Street will be reconstructed this summer between Prospect Avenue and St. Paul Street, including new water main, stormwater sewer, replaced curb and gutter, and regrading and repaving of the road.

Another large segment of funds will be used to replace the aging playground equipment at Riverside Park on the west bank of the Wisconsin River. The new playground will include equipment which meets American Disabilities Act requirements, an accessible route to the playground, and safety surfacing.

But CDBG funds can also be used for providing public services to residents of Wausau. The city has a Citizen's Advisory Committee made up of appointed community

members who review applications and make recommendations for funds to support these critical human services. Here's some of the most prominent public services benefitting from these federal CDBG funds in 2021:

- Hmong American Center will receive \$25,000 for its youth empowerment programs.
- Faith in Action Marathon County will receive \$20,000 for its Support for Seniors program, which enables Wausau residents age 60 and above to enjoy independent living by providing transportation for medical appointments, food delivery, safety/well-check phone calls, and the installation of home safety devices.
- Northcentral Community Action Program will get \$20,000 for its Hand in Hand Housing program, which aims to help 30 to 40 families maintain their current housing by providing financial education and to assist those families with budgeting to maintain or improve their housing.
- The Open Door received \$15,000 to provide 300 of its guests with one-on-one appointments with a trained resource specialist or a case manager to identify and apply for resources related to physical health, mental



health or issues associated with alcohol and other drug abuse.

- Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and service, based at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point campus in Wausau, received \$15,000 for its LENA Start Marathon County initiative to assist 25 low- to moderate-income families with educational materials to promote talking and reading to their young children, a proven critical aspect of brain development in early childhood.

Additionally, \$103,000 is being used for the City of Wausau housing rehabilitation loan program to assist income-qualifying homeowners with low interest loans to make necessary repairs. Through these and other endeavors, know the tax dollars you pay to the Feds each year at least have some impact right here in Wausau.

General Contractors Needed

The City of Wausau, Community Development Department is seeking to enlarge their General Contractors list that are willing to bid potential projects. Contractors must be licensed and insured. Community Development offers assistance to homeowners, landlords and commercial property owners whose buildings are in need of rehabilitation and/or repairs. Contractors are paid directly from Community Development.

If interested, please contact Tammy Stratz in Community Development for more information at 715-261-6682 or e-mail at tammy.stratz@ci.wausau.wi.us

Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Pools and Recreation Activities Planned for 2021!

2021 is bringing a new summer! Like most everything in 2020, the City pools were closed and most recreation programs did not take place. Moving into the spring and summer of 2021 the Wausau/ Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department is planning to open the three City pools, one County splash pad and run our regular recreation programs such as tennis and playgrounds. The department now has a new online registration software that is more efficient and user friendly. Users can register for recreation programs, reserve a shelter and purchase pool, bike and boat launch passes among other things!

The pools will be open on June 4. There may potentially be operational change (TBD) based on the CDC and Health Department guidelines as it related to COVID-19 such as:

- Reduced capacity
- Mask requirements
- Social Distancing
- Changing facilities
- Cleaning protocols

Please stay tuned to the department's webpage or Facebook page for further details. We want to make sure that all community members are prepared when they visit one of the three pools! Purchase your pool pass online or in our office today!

Swimming lessons will also resume this summer. We have revamped the swimming lesson program to better serve our community. Information on our swimming lessons can be found in the Spring/Summer activity brochure or at www.co.marathon.wi.us/reservations. You will also find information on playgrounds, tennis, camping and special events. New this year is Movin with the Mayor and pickleball classes. Mayor Katie Rosenberg will invite you to join her in a variety of fun challenges and activities this summer as she promotes health and wellness!

In addition, check out the list of parks on our department webpage for information on where you can participate in a variety of recreational activities including running, walking, biking, hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting, disc golf, horseback riding, tennis, pickleball, bird watching, and ice skating. The opportunities in Wausau and Marathon County are endless . . .

Mark your calendars for the 100 +1 Anniversary Celebration of the County Park system on August 28th!! We are so excited to celebrate with you. The event will be in Marathon Park and include family activities, fireworks, the band, Hello Weekend and so much more!

Whether you are visiting our parks to play or relax you will be sure to enjoy yourself. No matter what you like to do, there is something for everyone all year long!



Woodson Art Museum

Leigh Yawkey
Woodson
Art Museum

Spring Exhibition Celebrates **Woodson Art Museum Collection Artwork & Stories**

Backstories are in the spotlight this spring with an array of artwork from the Woodson Art Museum's collection in *Beyond Artworks: Artists & Their Stories*, on view March 6 through June 6.

Beyond Artworks shares stories of artists, their inspiration, and how artworks were acquired by the Museum for preservation and interpretation via varied exhibitions, always admission free.

Discover the tale and trace the trail that led to the acquisition of a rare oil painting and a hand-colored aquatint by John James Audubon. Experience artworks by three generations of Wyeth painters, N.C., Andrew, and Jamie, comparing and contrasting their distinct styles and gaining insights into their inspiration and work.

The hows and whys behind artists' inspiration are peppered throughout *Beyond Artworks*. Describing his acrylic painting of shorebirds, *Pacific*, Robert Bateman wrote: "During stressful times, I find it helpful to close my eyes, breathe deeply, and picture a pleasant, peaceful place. . . . In my vision, it's a calm, sunny day with just the whisper of little wavelets as they touch the sand. Instead of a focal point to distract from a more meditative state, there is only a slight scattering of marine life and just the hint of bird life . . . unidentified shorebirds."

Other stories emphasize the power of personal relationships. A watercolor painting by Frank Weston Benson, *Chickadees*, which had been owned by poet Robert Frost, became the perfect way to honor a member of the Museum's founding family, fondly remembered for wearing a chickadee-embroidered sweater.

Ever on the quest to continue building the Museum's world-class collection of avian art, curator Jane Weinke noticed in a 2007 gallery newsletter an image and story about a rare oil painting, *Pacific Loons*, by John James Audubon. The painting would augment several Audubon prints in the Museum's collection and also prompt the acquisition of *Black-throated Diver*, a hand-colored aquatint created for Audubon's *The Birds of America*, featuring watercolors of 435 life-size North American birds. The stories that unfold are part of *Beyond Artworks*, which provides opportunities to experience, compare, and contrast Audubon artworks.

Through purchases, gifts, and bequests, the collection has grown since 1976 to encompass more than 14,000 artworks, yet - because of space, preservation, and exhibition narrative considerations - only a portion can be on view at a time. This exhibition celebrates and returns collection artwork to the spotlight in spring 2021; responding to Covid-19 in spring 2020, the Woodson Art Museum re-configured its largest gallery for special/traveling exhibitions rather than featuring selections from the collection. This change allowed for installations to

be physically distanced, thereby creating an even more welcoming and safer environment for visitors. The Museum reshuffled and reimagined its exhibition schedule and draws upon its own resources in spring 2021 to highlight collection artworks via new combinations and narratives, sparking visitors' connections, too.



Discover the synergistic power of artworks and stories this spring via *Beyond Artworks*, on view through Sunday, June 6, 2021. UMR is the presenting sponsor.

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

The Museum reopened to all February 6 after a proactive closure during the region's coronavirus surge. All safety measures remain in place: mask wearing, physical distancing, and sanitizing; learn more here. Before visiting, always admission free, please check www.lywam.org for any updates.

Click on URL link to access high-resolution image and include caption with each image used.

[Walter T. Matia, *Hunger Is the Best Sauce & Paisanos \(6/36\)*, 2014, bronze](#)

[Karen Bondarchuk, *My name is Hubert and I am not an owl*, 2011, charcoal and ink on Hahnemühle paper](#)

[Jamie Wyeth, *My Chicken Transports*, 1982, mixed media on paper on board](#)

Woodson Art Museum

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 4pm
First Thursday of each month 9am - 7:30pm
Saturday - Sunday Noon - 5pm
Closed Monday & holidays, including New Year's Day, Easter, July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas

Admission: Always Free Admission

Phone: 715.845.7010

E-mail: info@lywam.org

Location: Franklin and 12th Streets,
Wausau, Wisconsin 54403-5007
(700 North Twelfth Street)

Online: www.lywam.org



to Launch Google Transit

Metro Ride has partnered with Google and Trillium Solutions to make Metro Ride's bus system information available on Google Maps. Metro Ride will soon launch a Google Transit trip planner that will combine transit system information for routes, schedules and bus stops with the power of Google Maps. Transit travel information will be easily accessible in dozens of languages on both computer and mobile devices. For Metro Ride and other transit agencies around the world, Google Transit is a cost-effective solution for assisting new riders and seasoned riders alike.

MCDEVCO, Inc.

MCDEVCO - Adapting and Moving Forward During a Pandemic.

March 25th and safer at home feels like a million years ago and at the same time just like yesterday.

To date MCDEVCO has been able to assist 294 small businesses to stay open and/or reopen with disaster funding. It has not been easy but our small businesses are pivoting how they do business to create a new and better future. We are seeing creative new products, apps to purchase products and food, curbside, delivery, outdoors dining, and more being adapted into doing business as a new normal.

City of Wausau Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Funds

Apply online today with MCDEVCO

- 1. \$1500.00 Grant
- 2. \$2500.00 IT Grant
- 3. Up to \$20,000.00 Forgivable Loan

www.mcdevco.org/covid-19/resources/



MCDEVCO continues to administer funds for the City of Wausau to assist their small businesses. COVID-19 disaster funds that are currently available are a \$1500.00 grant, \$2500.00 IT grant, and up to \$20,000.00 forgivable loan to ensure the sustainability of small businesses. Please go to our website - www.mcdevco.org/covid-19/resources/ to fill out an application(s) to see if you qualify.

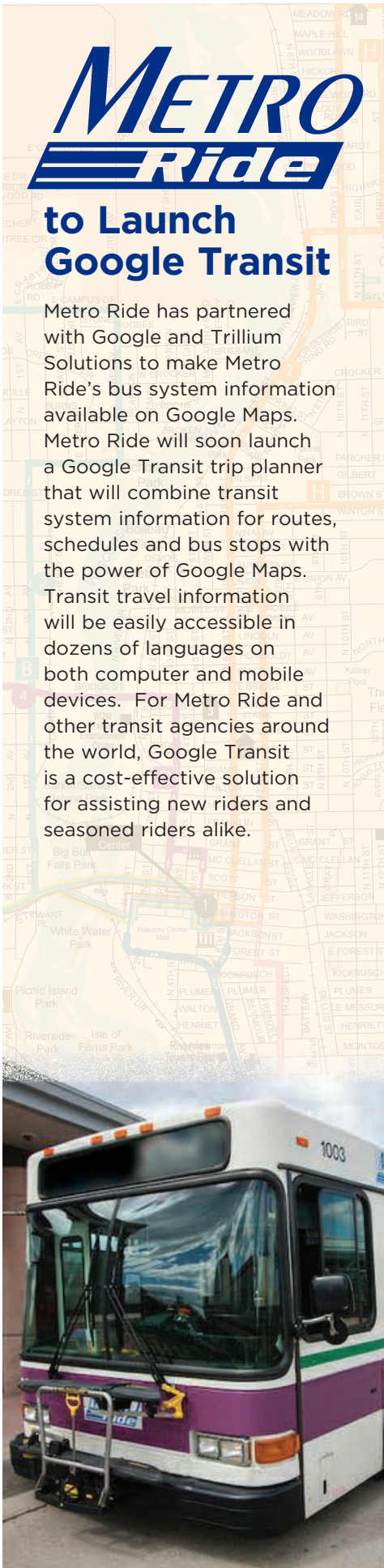
Entrepreneur Education

We are currently running our entrepreneur classes online for the safety of all. Watch for upcoming classes through our emails and website. If you do not receive notice of upcoming classes email info@mcdevco.org and request to be on our email list.

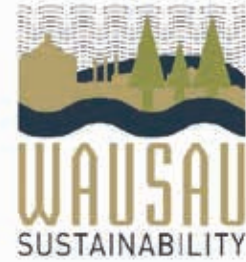
MCDEVCO is located at the Entrepreneurial and Education Center (EEC)!

MCDEVCO has their feet on the ground as the new manager of services at the EEC. Call (715.298.0084) or email us (info@mcdevco.org) for a tour, to book the conference room, and/or lease an office or manufacturing space for your new or small business.

Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners
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KEEP PLASTIC BAGS/WRAP OUT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT



Wausau Sustainability Awards 2021

The city of Wausau's Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Committee (SEEC) is pleased to announce the launch of another round of Sustainability Awards in honor of Earth Day - April 22, 2021.

The Sustainability Awards recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that are committed to creating a more sustainable and energy-smart Wausau. These awards are also meant to share examples of sustainability initiatives and projects with residents, businesses, community groups, and nonprofits and encourage similar projects.

An award may be given out in one following categories: Energy; Environmental Education; Resource Conservation, Preservation or Stewardship; Green Site and/or Building Design; Health, Food and Agriculture; Student Leadership; City Staff; or Other.

In 2020, the first Sustainability Award went to Aspirus Wausau Hospital (in the Energy category) for installing a 200 KW Photovoltaic solar panel system - the largest in Marathon County. By one estimation, the yearly value of reduced health incidents from replacing fossil fuel with the on-site solar power is \$246,711. Aspirus reduced emissions by 125 Metric Tons CO2 equivalencies (MTCO2e), which is like removing 27 gasoline powered vehicles from the road and equivalent to the annual energy use of 14.5 homes.

Award winners receive a certificate from the Mayor and are recognized at a Common Council meeting. If you know an organization or individual who is deserving of a Sustainability Award, please visit the City's website for more details and to fill out an application.

The Crisis of Plastic Film Waste

Plastic film is one of the most commonly used packaging materials -- from grocery bags, to plastic packing materials, to food storage bags. In the U.S., an estimated **3 billion pounds** of recoverable residential plastic film is generated each year.

Unfortunately, **96 percent** of it ends up in landfills and waterways.

Curbside Recycling can not manage plastic bags and film so it ends up in the landfill!



DROP WHEN YOU SHOP!

These area retailers have drop boxes that accept plastic bags and wrap: **Trigs, Target, Kohls and Walmart**. Each time you visit remember to drop off your clean dry plastic bags and wraps and keep our environment free from plastic! The bins are located at the front of the store by the shopping carts.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- shopping bags
- outer packaging wrap
- food storage bags
- plastic cereal liners
- shipping materials and bubble wrap





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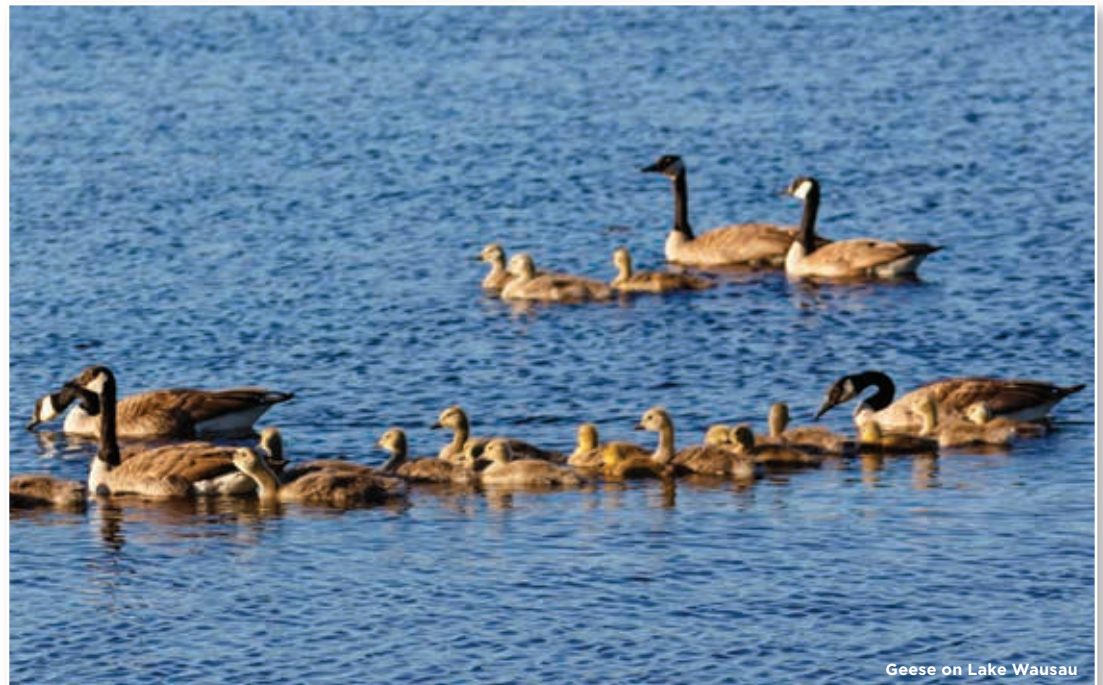
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Call Diggers Hotline Before You Dig

Construction projects such as installing decks, fences and tree planting are another sign of spring. Homeowners are reminded to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig by simply dialing 811 from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at www.diggershotline.com.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Homeowners are also reminded that they must allow 3 business days (not including the day the request is called in) for all their utilities to be located before they dig, and should plan their projects accordingly. There is no cost to the homeowner to contact Diggers Hotline, who will then inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area.

Water lines are marked in the street and up to the curb stop (shut off valve) which is typically located in the boulevard area. Water pipes beyond that point and into the house were installed privately and the utility does not have any record of where they are located.



Do Not Discard

Every year, homeowners needlessly pay for radio transmitters that are lost or thrown away during construction projects. Please, if you are planning to re-side your home or do any other construction that may affect the location of these boxes, give us a call at 715-261-7265. We can schedule an appointment for a technician to come out and relocate the radio box which will prevent any additional cost to you.

Wausau Water Works Payment Options:

- Pay online at our customer web portal at wausauwi.azurewebsites.net
- Pay by phone at 1-833-610-5707 (option #5)
- Mail in payment or pay in person

Spring Hydrant Flushing Begins May 10th

Avoid water use during the scheduled flush, especially for laundry purposes. It is particularly important to **NOT** use bleach in your laundry as it may stain your clothing. It is also suggested that you bypass water softeners during this time. Please also be aware that some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process.

Wausau Water Works anticipates the flushing to last about two weeks depending on emergencies or weather related delays. The progress may lead to flushing more than one zone per day. To work more efficiently the Wausau Water Works Department will completely flush the West Side before moving to the East side.

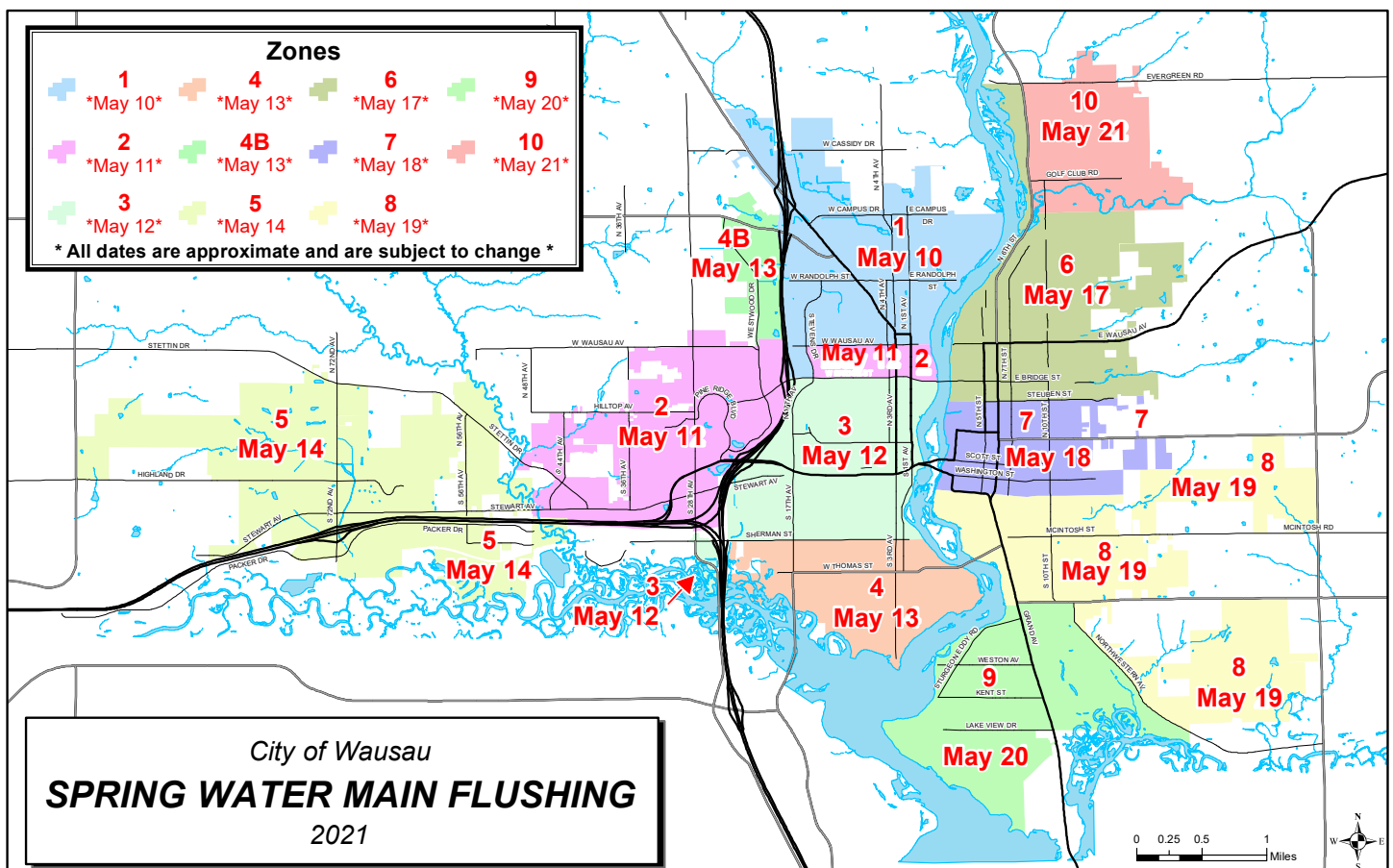
FLUSHING SCHEDULE:

West Side

- Zone 1** - West Wausau Avenue north to City limits
- Zone 2** - Wausau Avenue south to Bridge Street and Pine Crest area to Stettin Drive, west to 48th Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue.
- Zone 3** - Bridge Street south to Sherman Street
- Zone 4** - Rosecrans Street south to City limits
- Zone 4B** - high pressure zone by 28th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U
- Zone 5** - 56th Avenue west to City limits

East Side

- Zone 6** - Steuben Street north to Sylvan Street; 6th Street to City limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive
- Zone 7** - Hamilton Street south to Forest Street
- Zone 8** - Kickbusch Street south to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue
- Zone 9** - Town Line Road south to City limits
- Zone 10** - Riverview area



IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!

Many household products are labeled and marketed as **DISPOSABLE** and/or **FLUSHABLE**; many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towellettes are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these types of items have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.


Unlike toilet paper, these products **DO NOT** break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, **especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing**. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a **very costly sewer repair**.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

What We All Can Do To Help...

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:



Disinfecting/surface wipes	Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Jewelry wipes	Pet care wipes
Cosmetic wipes	First Aid wipes
Disposable diapers or diaper liners	Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)
Cotton swabs	Feminine hygiene products
Toilet cleaning pads	ANY Moist type towelettes
 ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!	

Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.**

Urban Wood Utilization

Residents often ask what happens with the wood from the trees removed in the boulevard or park lands. Many think of this wood as a waste product, or no more valuable than simply firewood. While that thought process is common, it is not the norm for the wood generated through the removal process of publicly owned trees.

It is standard practice that the resident has first right of refusal on the wood from a boulevard tree removed adjacent to their property. Homeowners often have no use for the wood, so this is where a coordinated effort begins to find the best possible use for the wood generated.

From contacts to contracts, much of Wausau's urban wood finds a suitable home. Currently, many of the trees being removed within the city are ash. We have contracted with an urban wood utilization company, Urban Evolutions, to purchase ash logs that will be used for veneer as well as flooring at a commercial site in the Fox Valley. In addition to this specialty market, many of the logs are used by area mills in the way of pulp and saw timber. Since some of the wood generated does not qualify as pulp or saw timber, we sell odd size/shaped material on auction for woodworking as well as firewood.

Another partnership that is emerging this year is with the Wausau School District. The district received a grant to purchase a portable sawmill to use as a teaching tool. The lumber generated from the removal of City boulevard trees will be used for construction and woodworking by the students. This is perhaps the best possible partnership, educating students with a locally grown resource.

The take home message is that Wausau is able to capitalize on revenue from what many view as a waste product. One person's trash is another person's treasure!

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Wausau City Forester



Image courtesy of Urban Evolutions