

# CITY OF Wausau WORKS FOR YOU



SPRING 2022



## Happy Spring, Wausau.

We've been holding onto this newsletter for a few extra days so that we can get all the latest information on PFAS into your hands. We will likely have more information after this is mailed out to you. We'll work with our media partners to ensure you have all those details as we have them.

On page three you'll see information on frequently asked questions about PFAS. There are a handful of locations you can pick up bottled water and the Water Department will have cases available for residents at their facility on North River Drive too. We're also putting together details on when and where you will be able to pick up an at home filter.

This is a challenging time for our community but despite that, testing and knowing what is in our water is critical if we want to ensure we have safe water. I've spent a lot of time talking to folks at the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, and community leaders who are going through similar situations in other parts of the state and nation. They've shared their insights but also some of the challenges they ran into. Across the board, they've shared that these issues are hard to grapple with from a public policy perspective because we need be thoughtful and speedy. Ensuring our leaders and our community can quickly understand the issue and can make high dollar decisions at the same time has proven to be tough but we are moving in the right direction.

Over the next year you will continue to hear more about PFAS in our public meetings as we discuss the new drinking water facility and how we will budget for our community's needs. You will also hear about other communities, including many of our neighbors, testing their wells for PFAS and going through similar challenges. My hope is that our experiences can help us with a regional approach to PFAS because our water resources are shared and connected. We are going to have to pull together to ensure our water is safe for every generation of future Wausau residents, visitors, and neighbors.

## Forest Park UPDATED Meeting Place and Time

**Meeting time:** 3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting location:** Bunkers, 1001 Golf Club Rd, Wausau in the Purple Room located on the south side of the building. Any changes will be posted in our monthly newsletter or on our Neighborhood Nextdoor or Facebook website.

**Contact:** Steve & Marie Schmidt, ForestParkNeighborhood@aol.com or 715-845-9559

See page 14 for all Neighborhood Groups Meetings.

**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.

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## City Hall

407 Grant St.  
Wausau, WI 54403  
715-261-6500  
General Hours: M-F, 8-4:30

## City Sesquicentennial

### Plans for the 150th are coming along, but save the date of Saturday, July 23rd!

We will start the day with a parade through time, ending at Marathon Park. At the park, there will be live music all day and into the evening, throwback games and activities for the kids, food stands and a business showcase.

We are looking for organizations, groups and businesses to run a game, create a parade float, or participate in the business showcase. Please contact Jean Frankel at 715-261-6800 or [jean.frankel@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:jean.frankel@ci.wausau.wi.us) for more information. Sponsorship packages are also available.

You can still join in the Passport to Wausau program. Passports are available at City Hall Customer Service, the Marathon County Historical Society, and the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau. Participating in different events will earn stamps. If you have enough stamps at the end of the year, you can be entered into the prize drawing. You can earn stamps by participating in the tour each month, visiting the Marathon County Historical Society exhibits, and History Hotspot events. Watch the website and facebook for details ([www.celebrateausau.org](http://www.celebrateausau.org).)



## Newcomer's Corner

*If you are new to Wausau, here are some things that are handy to know, before you learn the hard way...*

- Wausau has a limit of 2 dogs and/or 3 cats per household. A permit can be obtained if you have more. All cats and dogs must be licensed. Chickens can be kept with a permit.
- Building permits are required for most home improvements—call before you start a project!
- Garbage and recycling pick up is included in the property taxes. All residences are issued bins. Consult the schedule on our website to find out your pick up day.
- Backyard fires are allowed only by permit, which can be applied for at City Hall.
- Overnight parking follows an even/odd date schedule all year long. See the police dept section for details.
- Sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours. There are blue barrels for sand throughout the city that you can help yourself to for your slippery sidewalks. Snow is not to be shoveled into the street.
- During a major snowfall, a snow emergency may be declared, which means absolutely no parking on the street, even if you don't have driveway space.
- Water bills are sent quarterly, so it can take some time to get your first one (homeowners.)
- There is a curfew for those under the age of 16 between midnight and 6 am.
- You can view city meetings on our public access station, and on YouTube.



## Wausau Water Update

In January 2022, Wausau Water Works proactively worked with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to test every city well for PFAS in order to protect the health of residents.

The City of Wausau recently announced that the WDNR and Department of Health Services issued a “Health Advisory” as all six city wells contained levels of PFAS ranging from 23 ppt to 48 ppt. This is less than the WDNR threshold and EPA Health Advisory (70 ppt), but exceeds the Department of Health Services recommendation (20 ppt).

The Wausau Water Works Commission and the Wausau City Council immediately began the process of working with experts to investigate the most effective and efficient solutions to remove PFAS from Wausau’s water supply to meet the “Recommended Health Advisory Level Standard.”

The health and safety of our citizens is our highest priority. We take PFAS seriously and are working diligently to meet or exceed recommended guidelines to manage and mitigate its impact in our community.

### What are PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industrial and consumer products since the 1950s. PFAS are considered emerging contaminants. While there are concerns about their impact on human health, experts are learning more every year about the long term effects and are still in process of developing recommendations for communities.

### Questions?

If you have questions about PFAS and the city’s remediation strategies, please contact the City of Wausau at [comments@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:comments@ci.wausau.wi.us) or 715-261-6804. Leave your name, phone number, email and question and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends people limit their intake of PFAS compounds. One way to do this is through limiting consumption of drinking water containing PFAS.

### Water Remediation Plan

The City’s goal is to provide city residents with drinking water below the DHS’s recommendation of 20 parts per trillion as quickly as possible.

The City is conducting a pilot program to determine the most effective and efficient long-term solution to lower the PFAS levels in Wausau’s drinking water as part of the new water utility facility that will be opening later this year.

As a rapid response, the City is in the process of providing bottled water and personal filters to concerned citizens to ensure city residents have access to clean water while a more permanent solution is implemented.

United Way’s 2-1-1 has information on where to get bottled water. In addition, the Neighbor’s Place has water for Wausau residents who self-verify that they fall within the TEFAP income guidelines.

## PFAS



### Filters

We anticipate the first order of water filter pitchers will arrive shortly after this newsletter is received. Please pre-register to reserve a pitcher for your household so that we can manage the demand and coordinate pick up as smoothly as possible.

Pre-register on the city’s website under the PFAS Information link, at [bit.ly/wausau-water-pitcher](http://bit.ly/wausau-water-pitcher) or by calling 715-261-6804 and leaving your name, address, phone number, email address and any other pertinent details. We will contact you when your pitcher is ready for pick up with instructions.

We anticipate offering pick-up for the first five days from 8 am – 6 pm, and then during regular business hours of 8 am – 4:30 pm. If you are not able to pick up your pitcher, let us know when you pre-register so we can attempt to make other arrangements to get the pitcher to you.

## Spring Hydrant Flushing Begins May 16th

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.

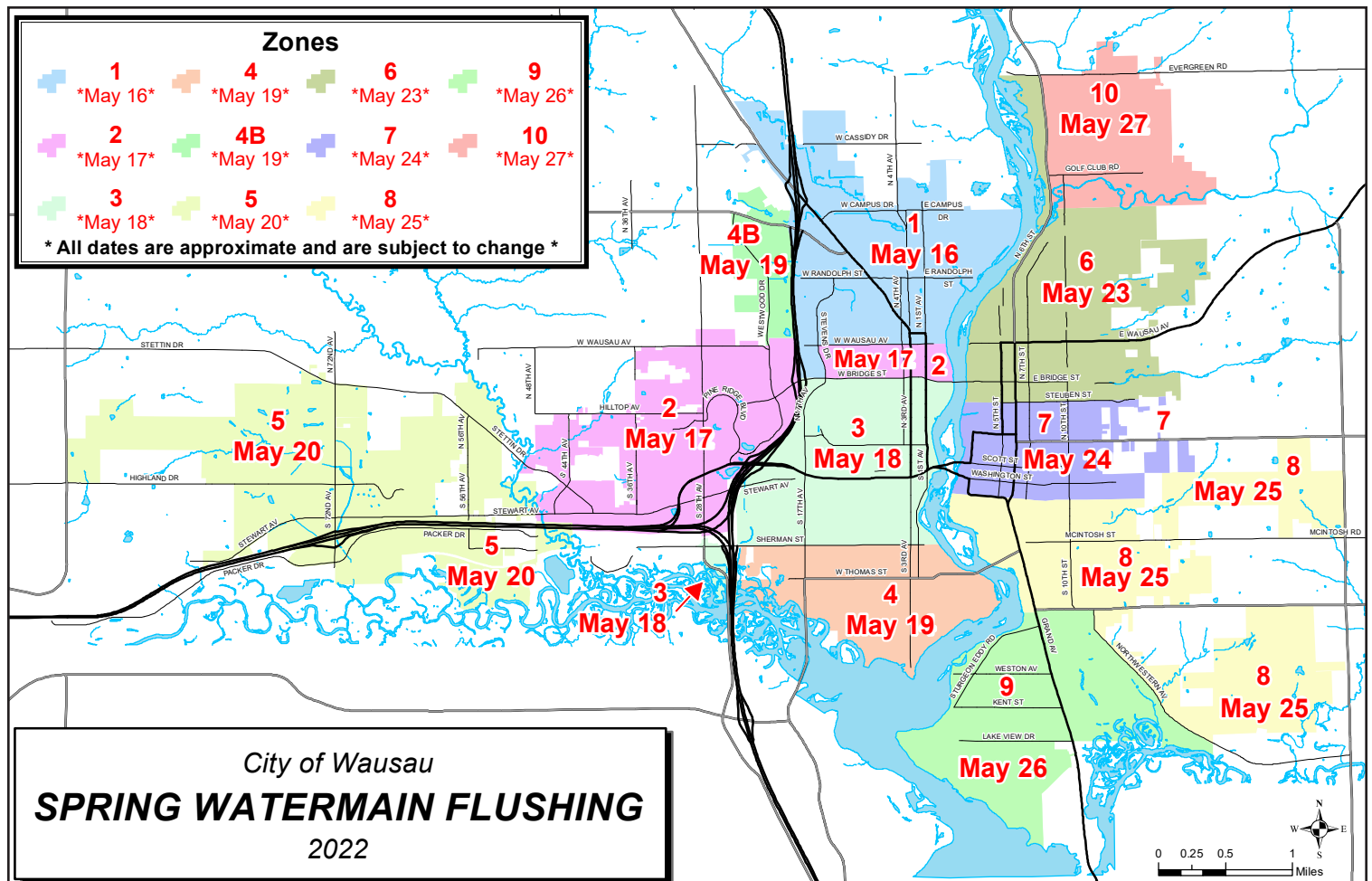
### FLUSHING SCHEDULE:

#### 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





## 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](http://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. If you are planning to re-side your home or do any other construction that may affect the location of these boxes, please 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.

# City Clerk

# PAWS & PROTECT

**May 21, 2022**

**Last chance** in 2022 for  
FREE rabies vaccine and/or  
\$10 microchip implants

License for 2022 *required*, late fees to be assessed



**\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED\*\***

Check out Wausau Humane Officer on Facebook or your City/Village Hall or [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us) for more details.



# SPRING ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 5!

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## REDISTRICTING:

The City is required to re-draw its election district lines following each ten year federal census. This means that it is possible that your district, ward, and/or polling place has changed. Go to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to see your election districts and what is on your ballot.

## VOTE ABSENTEE:

Absentee ballots are available for anyone that is unable to vote at the poll site on Election Day. Absentee ballot applications are available at the Clerk's Office in City Hall, Monday-Friday, or available at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) through Thursday, March 31.

## Upcoming Elections:

- April 5, 2022
- August 9, 2022
- November 8, 2022

## WHERE TO VOTE?

### DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1 & 2  
 DISTRICT 3 & 10  
 DISTRICT 4, 5 & 6  
 DISTRICT 7 & 8  
 DISTRICT 9 & 11

### POLL LOCATION

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH, 709 WESTON AVE  
 MARATHON PARK, EAST GATE HALL, 1201 STEWART AVE  
 THRIVE CHURCH, 400 GRAND AVE  
 ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 600 STEVENS DR  
 NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, 833 S 17TH AVE

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

715-261-6620 or [ci.wausau.wi.us](http://ci.wausau.wi.us)

## IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING:

Voters can vote at City Hall weekdays March 22-April 1 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Voters still need to provide a valid photo ID.

# Emergency Management

## It was nearly 45 years ago,

on Aug. 31, 1977, when a powerful F3 tornado touched down in Marathon County. At 6:15 p.m. the first sighting occurred near Fenwood where it destroyed barns. The tornado continued near Marathon City destroying more property, before moving into Rib Mountain. Seeing people still outside, Deputy Nick Rochon risked his own life, driving through a neighborhood warning people to seek cover on his loudspeaker. Fifteen homes were demolished and another 30 were damaged in Rib Mountain. But, the devastation didn't stop there. The funnel cloud moved across the southern end of Wausau and touched down briefly on Grand Avenue, Manson Street, and Linden Street. The tornado had a windspeed over 150 mph, traveled a path 27 miles in length, was up to 1,000 yards wide, and caused property damage close to \$2 million.

Notifications have greatly improved since that disaster and are an important part of being prepared for severe weather. The Marathon County Alert Program allows residents to receive critical information in

an emergency. You can sign up to receive texts, emails, or phone calls when a natural disaster, police activity or other emergency occurs, allowing you to take informed action, protecting yourself and your family.

Warning sirens are designed to alert people who are outside; if you hear a siren, move inside, seek shelter, and gather more information from local radio, TV, the internet, or a NOAA weather radio. All warning sirens in the Wausau Metro Area will be sounded for a tornado warning or when a tornado is sighted.

To ensure Wausau area sirens are in working condition, they are tested weekly on Mondays at 1:15 p.m. during the months of April - September. During the months when it's less common for a tornado (October-March), the sirens are tested monthly on the first Monday at 1:15 p.m. Sirens are not tested if there is a severe weather watch or warning in effect the morning of a scheduled testing day.

This year, Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week will take place April 4-8. The week is meant to encourage residents and businesses to develop or review their severe weather and tornado plans, so they are fresh in their minds before

the risk of severe storms increases. During the week, a statewide tornado drill is held, which provides opportunities for people to practice their tornado safety plan at school, work, and home.

The next statewide tornado drill will take place on April 7, 2022 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Please note that the Wisconsin drill no longer includes a test of the Emergency Alert System, which means there will be no alerts triggered on weather radios and broadcast TV/radio stations. Also, not all communities will be testing their outdoor warnings sirens during the designated drill times.

For additional information on how you can prepare in the event of a tornado, please visit the Ready Wisconsin Tornado information page.

## City Clerk

# Recreational Burn PERMITS

## Permits Expire

MARCH 31 OF THE 5TH YEAR



Permits are required in the City of Wausau for any recreational fires including a below-ground pit or a portable device intended to contain and control outdoor wood fires. There are three ways you can apply for, or renew your permit:

1. Online at [ci.wausau.wi.us](http://ci.wausau.wi.us)
2. Download an application at [ci.wausau.wi.us](http://ci.wausau.wi.us), complete and return
3. In the Clerk's Office at City Hall



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
715-261-6620 [ci.wausau.wi.us](http://ci.wausau.wi.us)



## STREAM AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT

With warm weather just around the corner, it is important to think about the impact humans have on wildlife in Wisconsin. Did you know that many of the pleasurable aspects of your favorite lake or river are dependent on healthy, well vegetated shorelands? As the snow melts and you are planning your spring projects, consider the central role shorelands play in maintaining your favorite activities.

Even if you don't own property along a lake or stream, in a sense, we are all "waterfront landowners" because we all live in a watershed – even that storm drain at the end of the driveway or street eventually leads to a waterway. Storm water flowing over roads, lawns, and yards picks up dirt, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, toxic heavy metals, pet waste and other pollutants that do not belong in our lakes and rivers. Preventing negative impacts to our waterways is everybody's responsibility – even if your property description does not read "waterfront."

### Native Plant Buffers:

Native plant buffers can be planted along water systems like lakes or rivers. These buffers can reduce stormwater runoff, minimize erosion, and filter out pollutants and nutrients. At the same time, native plant buffers add critical nearshore habitat, helping to reconnect the land-water interface that is critical for many of our amphibians and birds.



### Vegetation Management in Shoreland Areas

The protection of natural vegetation in shoreland areas, especially along lakes and streambanks, is critical to maintaining water quality and wildlife habitat. Good shoreland management requires the protection of natural vegetation in shore impact zones, steep slopes, and bluff areas.

#### Ecological Benefits Include:

- Minimizes the erosive impact of raindrops.
- Removes nutrients in runoff which would degrade water quality.
- Binds and strengthens the soil column with deep, dense roots which prevent and reduce the likelihood of bank or slope failure.
- Provides diverse fish and wildlife habitat.
- Provides privacy and helps screen shoreland development.
- Reduces erosion by protecting the banks against wave energy.

### Shoreline Property Best Management Practices:

#### INCORPORATE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Green infrastructure is the practice of using water management practices that mimic natural systems to retain and infiltrate stormwater. These practices reduce storm water runoff by limiting the amount of stormwater that directly enters rivers and lakes.

#### STABILIZE SHORELINES WITH NATURE-BASED TECHNIQUES

Bioengineering uses nature-based techniques to stabilize eroding shorelines. These techniques typically incorporate a combination of natural and man-made materials such as stone, erosion control blankets, and native plants to create habitat while using plant roots to bind the soil and minimize erosion.

#### REDUCE THE USE OF FERTILIZERS

Nearly all excess nutrients from fertilizers will wind up in our lakes and rivers. These nutrients can accelerate the growth of unwanted algae and bacteria, reducing both the water quality and habitat of lakes and streams.



# Police Department

The Wausau Police Department is pleased to partner with and assist the Wausau School District in providing a safe and welcoming learning environment in which to achieve the District's educational goals. There are four Wausau Police Officers assigned as School Resource Officers, with full-time placement at the high schools and middle schools during the school year. The Wausau Police Department and the District continue to share the cost of this service.

The SROs employ a community policing philosophy within their school communities, seeking to build trust and relationships with students and staff, to partner with them to enhance the quality of life and scholastic growth in the schools. They serve as part of the school administrative team within their respective buildings, and take ownership in the safety and success of their school community. The SRO role is challenging, as in addition to law enforcement duties, the SRO also serves as an educator, an informal counselor, safety and security consultant, and legal resource person for students and school staff. Parents attending athletic events and other school functions will often see SROs engaged there, too.

We are proud to have an SRO team bringing a combined 60+ years of law enforcement experience and dedicated service to the City of Wausau:

**Wausau West High School**  
- SRO Jeff Schremp

**Wausau East High School**  
- SRO Nick Stetzer

**Horace Mann Middle School**  
- SRO Koua Thao

**John Muir Middle School**  
- SRO Kevin Cornell

Since the introduction of Therapy Dog partners and seeing the impact they have at school, we have been excited to share our experience with many agencies throughout Wisconsin (and beyond) as a basis for starting their own programs. "Badge" is celebrating his 5th year of service at Wausau East, and "Theo" with 4 years at Wausau West. They also enjoy mingling with our citizens and visitors at Wausau's various summer events and festivals.

In the winter/spring semester, our Middle School SROs also visit the elementary

schools and teach the HOPE curriculum to 5th graders. The program focuses on the importance of making positive choices, internet safety considerations, and addresses the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.

Parents seeking current information and strategies for keeping their children safe in the evolving digital world are encouraged to check out the following online resources:

<http://www.netismartz.org>

<https://dpi.wi.gov/internet-safety>

- Lt. Nathan Cihlar



## How to Safeguard Against Vehicle Break-ins

Every year, hundreds of vehicle break-ins occur in the City of Wausau. The simple notion of finding your vehicle broken into and personal items stolen can be frustrating and even frightening.

Typically, vehicle break-ins are a crime of opportunity. Often, thieves will bypass a locked vehicle and continue their search for an easier target.

So, before you leave your vehicle unattended there are a few things to remember to help protect your possessions:

1. **Secure your vehicle** (i.e., lock doors, roll up windows)
2. **Remove tempting valuables** from your vehicle:
  - Firearms/ Weapons
  - Wallets and Purses
  - Cell Phones
  - Electronic Devices
  - Backpacks
  - Tools
  - Shopping Bags
3. If **valuables** need to remain in your vehicle, **keep them out of sight** such as in your trunk or by covering your windows.
4. If possible, **park in a well-lit area** or consider the addition of a motion light.

5. **Don't leave your keys in your vehicle** or hide a spare key on your vehicle. This can quickly turn a vehicle break-in to a vehicle theft.

Ultimately, the goal is to make your vehicle less desirable, which will decrease the potential for criminal activity. Finally, be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious behavior to your local law enforcement agency. Remember, if you see something, say something.



## 2022 Wausau Recycling Collection

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 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		
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

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

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.

When preparing for the **Spring and Summer** months, please keep in mind the following regulations:

### RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:

- ◆ Motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, ATV's, 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



## Construction and Remodeling Projects

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.

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



## Celebrating 150 Years of Arbor Day

April 29, 2022 marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day! Arbor Day - which literally translates to "tree day" - is a holiday that celebrates the planting, maintenance and preservation of trees. Though Arbor Day did not become a national holiday until 1970, the first observance was in 1872 in Nebraska where over one million trees were planted.

Today, with the loss of our beloved native American Elm and the Emerald Ash Borer removing ash from our landscapes, Arbor Day is as important as ever. As homeowners, look at your trees: What species are they? Are they in good shape? Do they need attention? Is there space for more? If you are not sure, contact an ISA Certified Arborist to assess your trees and make recommendations. Know that it is okay to remove trees that are in poor condition or in the wrong place, just be sure to plant more to replace.

Wausau/Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department maintains the trees in the Wausau boulevards, city and county parks. Each

year we prune thousands of trees and remove and plant hundreds more. You can help by notifying us if you see issues with the trees in the boulevard or parks and ask that if we plant new trees in your boulevard to please water them the first few years during dry periods - no permit is needed to water. Moisture is the most crucial need that can help them establish and succeed.

The Parks Dept. will again be planting trees in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day. The Department along with a diverse community group will be planting 14 trees in **Memorial Park 11:00 am on Saturday, April 23** (weather permitting). We invite you join us to learn proper planting, discuss species selection and maintenance.

— John Kahon III, City Forester



2021 Arbor Day Planting

## Emerald Ash Borer in Wausau

A new pocket of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infested ash trees has been identified within the City of Wausau. Several boulevard green ash trees near N. 13th Street and Brown Street have EAB and will be removed by the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department prior to spring. This is the second documented infestation within the City of Wausau - the first finding being 11/9/2020. The Park Department plans to monitor boulevard ash trees in the nearby neighborhood and complete physical inspections as deemed necessary. The NE quadrant of Wausau ash trees are due for EAB treatments in 2022 and will also be the area of focused ash tree removal and replacement with alternative species - both per the Wausau Ash Management Plan.

The WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

lists the entire state of Wisconsin as quarantined for Emerald Ash Borer. While it is legal to move ash products throughout the state,

**we ask that you not move ash wood - particularly ash firewood - into/around the city. Our goal as a community is to slow the spread to provide the city**

and homeowners a longer time period to manage the ash population.

What can you do as a homeowner? First, know what species of trees you have - only ash trees are affected by EAB. For private trees, you can use an identification tool, such as one found at: <https://eab.russell.wisc.edu/what-is-an-ash-tree/> This site

also contains valuable information on EAB and options for homeowners.

Trees in the boulevard are managed by the Park Department. You can access the Park Department TreeKeeper inventory program to identify what trees are in your boulevard at: <https://wmparkswi.treekeepersoftware.com> - Simply search your address and the tree species can be identified.

Secondly, if you have private ash trees and have concerns, contact an ISA Certified Arborist to inspect your trees: <https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist>

Residents can assist the Park Department by notifying us if EAB is confirmed in your ash trees: [parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us) or by calling (715) 261-1550.

— John Kahon III, City Forester

**NEW**

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

COMING SUMMER 2022

Wausau & Marathon County  
Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## SUMMER ACTIVITY REGISTRATION

STARTS APRIL 11TH

Wausau & Marathon County  
Parks, Recreation & Forestry

# APRIL 23

## GHIDORZI

green 2022 + clean

PRESENTED BY THE GHIDORZI FOUNDATION

Register online at:  
[www.ghidorzigrreenandclean.com](http://www.ghidorzigrreenandclean.com)

Register by Friday, April 8 to guarantee your free t-shirt. Contact Taylre at 715.348.1360 or taylres@ghidorzi.com with questions.

### Please Join Us on April 23!

Ghidorzi Green & Clean is greater Wausau's annual community-wide cleanup to free our beautiful landscapes of litter and debris. The event is a productive way to celebrate Earth Day and a healthy outdoor activity for families, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Safety green t-shirts, trash bags and gloves are provided free of charge, along with hot Starbucks coffee and refreshments to energize our efforts.

### Event Kick-Off Location

Corporate Cove Tower | One Corporate Drive, Wausau, WI

8 a.m. Refreshments, check-in, and live announcements from our media sponsor WSAW

8:45 a.m. Deployment of volunteers

9 -11 a.m. Trash pick-up

11 a.m. Event completion, volunteers depart from their cleanup site, thank you!

Your free safety green t-shirt, trash bags, gloves, and printed site map may be picked up ahead of time from Union Station at 2100 Stewart Ave. on Monday, April 18 through Thursday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join us online to stay current with event happenings!  
@GhidorziCompanies  
@GhidorziGreenandClean



## Spring Preview at Monk Botanical Gardens

From March through May, elementary kids can take advantage of free after-school programming outdoors! After a day in the classroom, kids can climb trees, catch bugs, look for animal tracks, build forts, care for a garden, prepare a meal, all with the guidance of an experienced environmental educator through our after-school program!

For details on Summer Camp in the Gardens, Birthday Parties & Landscape Consulting service, visit our website at [www.monkgardens.org](http://www.monkgardens.org) or send us an email for more information at [info@monkgardens.org](mailto:info@monkgardens.org).



## April 3, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.

### The Messiah: Community Easter Oratorio

Free to the community, this special concert event features the Wausau Symphony Orchestra conducted by Daniel Larson, and a full choir of local voices performing George Frideric Handel's exhilarating masterpiece, including the powerful Hallelujah chorus. First performed in 1742, Messiah has, over the ages, become connected most often to Christmas. But Handel originally conceived the work for Easter and its 1742 premiere in Dublin occurred in the spring of that year, during Lent.

Entry is free, but advance ticket reservations are strongly recommended. Tickets may be available at the door. No group/bulk orders over 10 allowed in advance.

This free concert is presented by the Chester L. Suski Arts Fund, and organized by Karla Westcott, Daniel Larson, and William Day.





# N2N & Neighborhood Groups



By being a part of your neighborhood group, you can get to know your neighbors. There is a comfort in knowing who your neighbors are, knowing that they will be there for you during difficult times, just when you need a friendly shoulder to lean on or a cup of sugar.

It is community efforts like these that help neighborhoods grow closer and give each other the support system that is so important—especially

during tough times. Close knit communities have less crime, fewer instances of vandalism and are generally happier places to live.

A neighborhood group determines its own activities based on its needs. If you haven't already, please try attending one of your neighborhood meetings, or if your neighborhood doesn't have a group, think about starting one! Please take the short survey below, so we can help your neighborhood come together.

[http://marathonwi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6sTNxo6WmS6FOaa](http://marathonwi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6sTNxo6WmS6FOaa)

**Athletic Park** -  
Not currently meeting

**East Towne** -  
Not currently meeting

**UPDATED MEETING**

**Forest Park** - Bunkers -  
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 PM  
Contact: Steve & Marie Schmidt,  
forestparkneighborhood@aol.com or 715-845-9559

**Grant** - Pick N' Save Café -  
2nd Wednesday @ 6 PM  
Contact: Jennifer Gabriel  
grantneighborhoodgroup@gmail.com

**Longfellow** - Wausau PD -  
1st Monday @ 6:30 PM  
Contact: Brook Mueller  
longfellown2n@gmail.com

**SW Jones** -  
Not currently meeting

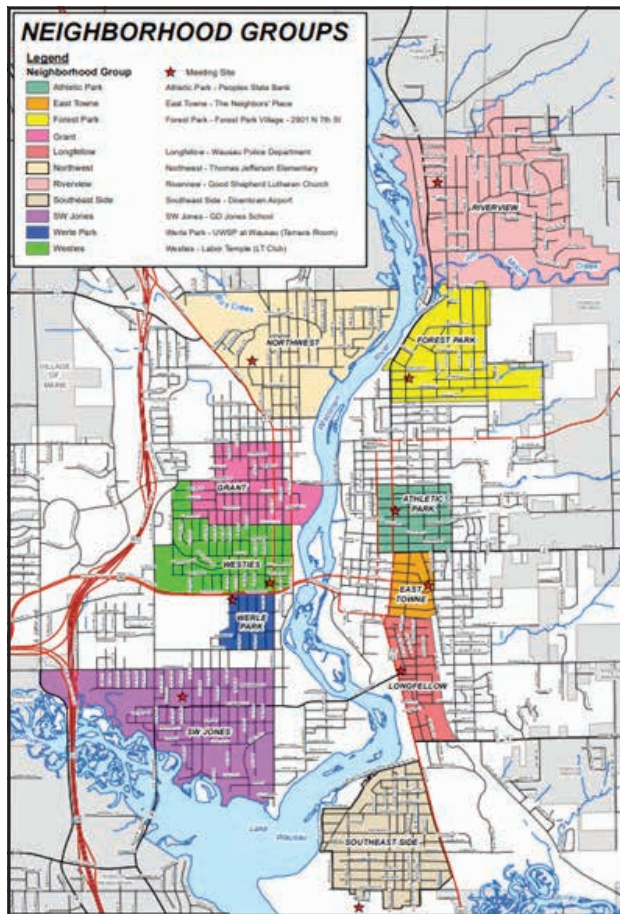
**Westies** - Labor Temple -  
2nd Wednesday @ 6 PM  
Contact: Deb Ryan debra.ryan@ci.wausau.wi.us

**Northwest** - Monk Gardens -  
1st Monday @ 6:30 PM  
Contact: Paul Svetlik paulsvetlik@icloud.com

**Riverview** - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -  
4th Thursday @ 6:30 PM.  
Contact: Carlos Etchepareborda  
Riverviewneighbors@hotmail.com

**Southeast Side** - Airport - 3rd Monday @ 6:30 PM  
Contacts: MaryAnn Gullihur 559-281-1711  
Sue Nowak 715-574-1295 Bonnie Cloer 760-413-8786  
Steve Gullihur 559-246-4457 Lisa Shilts 715-571-6668

**Werle Park** - Grace United Church - 2nd Monday @ 6PM  
Contact: Deb Ryan werleparkneighborhood@aol.com



# Public Works

## City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

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

### 2022 Hours of Operation

The Yard Waste Site will be open from April 1st through November 20th during the following hours:

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

**\*CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 17th\***

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

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

### Materials Accepted:

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

The City of Wausau appreciates your cooperation. The site is for City of Wausau residents only.

Call The Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960, if you have any questions. Office hours are: Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.





# Public Works

City Of Wausau

## Clean It Up, Wausau! Large Item Drop-Off

Friday & Saturday,  
May 20-21, September 23-24 • 9am - 5pm

Location: east end of E. Chellis Street - Near the Yard Waste site



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
Bathroom plumbing fixtures
Cabinets
Carpeting
Chairs
Concrete chunks (small amount)
Countertops
Furniture
Hot tubs
Large grills (propane tanks removed)
Long boards (that do not fit in a garbage container)
Mattresses
Metal
Plastic children toys (that do not fit in a garbage container)
Pool tables
Remodeling waste - insulation, fiberglass (small amount)
Sinks
Sofas / couches
Tables
Toilets
Vacuum cleaners
Wash tubs

TIRES - (CASH ONLY)
Under 22" - \$5.00
22" and Over - \$10.00

### CITY OF WAUSAU RESIDENTS ONLY - (proof of residency required)

The City of Wausau Department of Public Works facility is monitored by video surveillance. A citation will be issued to those who intentionally dispose of unacceptable items at their facility.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CITY'S DROP OFF SITE
Cardboard, plastic containers - can be placed bi-weekly in a container provided by Harter's

OTHER ITEMS ACCEPTED
<b>Appliances (examples) :</b>
<b>FEE TO DISPOSE OF</b> - air conditioner, dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer
<b>NO CHARGE ITEMS</b> - microwave, dishwasher, dryer, humidifier, stove, washer
If your appliance is gently used and in working condition - <b>it can be donated to Habitat for Humanity's Recycled Building Materials Facility</b> OR if in NON working order - <b>Contact: Alter Metals, Wellers Salvage, Yaeger's or other salvage scrap vendors</b>
<b>Electronics (examples) :</b>
<b>*FEE TO DISPOSE OF - (based on weight*)</b>
TV's, computer monitors, computers, laptops, keyboards, cameras & recorders with video display, DVD & VCRs, printers, scanners, fax machines, cell phones with video display. <b>Contact: Good News Project, Best Buy, Helping Hands Recycling or Wellers Salvage</b>
<b>NO CHARGE ITEMS - Lawn mowers, snow blowers, weed eaters</b> (or any gasoline engine equipment gas and oil removed)

Marathon County Hazardous Waste Facility - Located at the Marathon County Landfill	
<b>*NOTE you need to make an appointment at least 1 day in advance* There may be fees associated with specific items • 715-446-3101 ext. 100</b>	
Aerosol paint cans with paint in them (empties can be recycled)	Cleaning solvents, degreasers, drain cleaners, oven cleaners
Antifreeze	Ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, tubes
Dry cleaning fluids	Ether, fuel
Floor / furniture polish	Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides
Gun cleaners	Hobby materials / chemicals
Metal cleaners	Mildew cleaners
Oil / or any gas mixtures exceeding 5 gallons	
Paint (oil based), thinners, turpentine, varnish	
Photography chemicals	
<b>Sharps are accepted at the landfill:</b> Put them in a commercial sharps disposal container, or in a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with a screw-on cap for sealing tightly. <b>NO MILK JUGS OR OTHER THIN PLASTIC.</b> Do not separate the needle from the syringe. <b>LABEL THE CONTAINER WITH 'BIOHAZARD', INFECTIOUS WASTE / SHARPS &amp; DO NOT RECYCLE.</b>	

ITEMS NEVER ACCEPTED	
Ammunition, explosives	Compressed fuel cylinders
Freon	Latex paint
Fire extinguishers (if empty take to landfill to recycle as scrap for free)	
Medical waste	Water-based stains or caulks
Radioactive material	



## CITY OF WAUSAU

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## Wausau Area Events

# WINGS OVER WAUSAU

## JUNE 24 - 25

### DOWNTOWN WAUSAU AIRPORT



PROFESSIONAL AIRSHOW  
FIREWORKS SHOW  
KID'S ACTIVITIES & GAMES  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD VENDORS  
DRONE DEMONSTRATIONS  
FULL CAR SHOW  
RUN THE RUNWAY 5K



## WWW.WAUSAUEVENTS.ORG

### CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE

400 BLOCK - DOWNTOWN WAUSAU  
6 PM TO 8 PM JUNE 8 - AUGUST 17

