

CITY OF Wausau WORKS FOR YOU



SUMMER 2022



Greetings, Wausau.

We have a lot going on this summer and a lot of information packed into this quarter's newsletter.

The Wausau and Marathon County Parks Department is getting ready to welcome the goats back to Barker Stewart Island this July. You can expect to see them for a few weeks while they munch away on invasive species like honeysuckle and buckthorn.

Later this month, we would love to celebrate 150 years since Wausau's incorporation as a city with you. On July 23, we will celebrate Wausau's Homecoming with music, food, and a parade. Mega shout out to Jean Frankel in my office for helping to plan and execute all of the fun and fascinating sesquicentennial events. You can find more details inside this newsletter.

At the end of summer, we are expecting the city's new drinking water treatment facility to go online. When that happens, the new anion exchange treatment system will begin to remove PFAS to between zero parts per trillion and 15 parts per trillion.

We know it has been confusing to watch the state and national policymakers and agency servants hash out the regulatory framework for PFAS removal and that is why the Wausau WaterWorks Commission recently voted to futureproof Wausau's drinking water treatment facility with a granular activated carbon (GAC) system that will remove PFAS to below detectable limits. Based on the pilot study results and research of proven technology, we think this is the best option for residents over the next several decades because GAC has inherent characteristics to remove other types of contaminants, too. We do not know what the next emerging contaminant will be, but we want to be ready when we find out.

I am also excited that the city is now working with our friends at Hsu's Growing Supply to offer composting for the entire city. You can find the details about what can and cannot be composted at the yard waste site inside this newsletter. We are also still making extra recycling bins available at the yard waste site for those who need it.

I hope to see you out and about. Enjoy the summer, Wausau!

Neighborhood Meetings for the Northwest Neighborhood

Meeting Time: Last Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm

Meeting Location: Northcentral Technical College, Rm E101 (use Main Entrance)

Contacts for this Neighborhood Group are Mary LeBrun at mmlebrun@aol.com and Paul Svetlik at 414-533-2042 or paulsvetlik@icloud.com.

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City Hall

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

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.

July 23rd is the date to put on your calendar!

The City of Wausau will be hosting Homecoming and it will be a day to remember! We will start the day with a parade down 3rd Avenue, starting at W Wausau Ave to Garfield Ave, then turning and going into Marathon Park. Marathon Park will be host to music, food and drinks, old fashioned carnival games, family activities, and a business showcase.

The current band line up is Wausau Concert Band, The Allen Brothers, Aircraft (reunion,) The Brady Luke Band, and Vic Ferrari. Music, food and drink, and activities at the park start at noon and run until about 10:30 pm (not all activities will run that whole time.) Please see www.CelebrateWausau.org for complete details.

WAUSAU CONCERT BAND

Allen
Brothers

AIRCRAFT

THE
BRADY LUKE
BAND

VIC FERRARI



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 — see the police department website for details.
- 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.
- The city has 3 public swimming pools and a splashpad. See the parks dept website for details. And... Vehicles and campers cannot be parked on the grass in your yard.



PFAS Update:

The city of Wausau is committed to providing the city residents with drinking water below the DHS's recommendation of 20 parts per trillion, and as low as reasonably possible. Our pilot studies continue, and are showing effective PFAS reduction.

In the short term, there are still water filter pitchers available. The process has changed slightly - no pre-registration is needed. City residents can stop at the Water Meter Shop at 1701 N River Drive (north of WOW Restaurant) between the hours of 7:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Proof of residency is requested.

In addition, in response to the requests for additional filters for residents, the Common Council has approved one additional filter per household. These can also be picked up at the Water Meter Shop without pre-registration. Proof of residency is requested.

During the June 20th, 2022 Water Commission meeting, it was determined that the pilot studies have provided the information needed to move ahead with a strategy to manage the PFAS in the drinking water. The next phase in this strategy is the interim phase, and that will start when the new drinking water facility goes online, which is scheduled for mid-August of this year. That will reduce the PFAS to below 20 ppt.

The long term phase was determined to be a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) system, which will reduce the PFAS in the drinking water to non-detectable levels. Due to the design and procurement process, this phase is likely to take 18-24 months.

If you have questions about the health effects of PFAS, or whether you should be concerned about consuming the city water, please contact the Marathon County Health Department at 715-261-1900.

If you have questions about getting a water pitcher or filter, please call Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530.



City of Wausau PFAS Timeline

- 1930's** - PFAS is invented and used in nonstick and waterproof coatings
- 1960's** - PFAS is added to firefighting foam, other uses discovered
- 1970s** - Industry studies show PFAS can accumulate in human blood and could be toxic
- 1998** - US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) alerted to the potential risks of PFAS
- 2000s** - Surface and drinking water testing for PFAS becomes more widespread
- 2015** - PFAS chemical no longer manufactured or used in United States
- 2016** - USEPA sets lifetime health advisory for PFAS at 70 ppt
- 2019** - Wausau tests raw water (wells only), PFOA/PFOS totals 18-28 ppt
- Jan 2022** - Wausau tests raw water and finished water for PFAS. Results are 23 - 48 ppt
- Feb 2022** - WDNR recommends a PFAS standard of 20 ppt to the Natural Resource Board (NRB) and NRB recommends a standard of 70 ppt to the state legislature
- Mar 2022** - Wausau starts pilot study with multiple treatment options for new water plant
- Late Mar 2022** - City Council approves funds for bottled water and water filtration pitchers
- Apr-Jun 2022** - Pitcher distribution and pilot studies continue
- June 2022** - State of WI approves setting a Drinking Water Standard for PFAS at 70 ppt
- June 2022** - USEPA sets new interim Health Advisory Levels for PFAS below detectable limits
- Aug 2022** - Substantial construction completion of the new drinking water facility expected to open with interim PFAS removal system
- Dec 2022** - USEPA expected to recommend a drinking water standard for PFAS
- Feb 2023** - WDNR expected to recommend to NRB a PFAS state drinking water standard of 20 ppt
- 2024** - Long term treatment option expected to be functional at new drinking water plant

Save Water this Summer

Ask municipal water utility managers about water consumption, and they will tell you how much it goes up in summer.

That's because lawn and garden watering take up a large amount of water supplied to customers. In fact, national statistics indicate that of the water you use in summer, 30 percent goes to outdoor irrigation.

On average, municipal water costs just 1 or 2 cents per gallon. Still if you can reduce the amount of water you use in the summer, you'll see savings. And if all customers conserved, our utility would have to treat and pump less.

Here are some tips:

- Don't overwater your lawn. It needs about 1" to 1 1/2" of water or rainfall per week, according to turf experts like Scotts.
- Water before 10 in the morning, and around 4-5 in the afternoon. Watering overnight promotes lawn diseases; during the middle of the day, much of it will evaporate.
- If you have an inground automatic system, make sure it has "smart" controls so it turns on only when necessary.
- Reduce the amount of lawn needing watering by expanding patios or widening your landscaped areas.
- Plant native plants and shrubs that are adaptable to our climate and won't require as much watering. Check online or with our local UW Extension office for ideas.
- Consider container gardening, since the pots and containers hold water better and don't require as much.
- Use watering cans and aim at the soil level where roots are located. If you use a hose, make sure it has a trigger nozzle so you can use only as much water as you need. Create areas in your gardens that catch rain water and use it for irrigation.
- Consider a rain barrel or two. It's amazing how much rainwater runs off your roof and fills these barrels with water you can use in gardening. If you missed the Wausau Water Department's latest distribution of rain barrels, watch for the next one which will be held next spring. Or they are available at local stores.
- Monitor your usage as reported on your water bills. See if efforts like those above are reducing the amount of water you're using this summer.



(Wauter Savvy is a program of the Wausau Waterworks designed to help customers reduce water consumption and save money.)



Great Pinery Heritage Waterway - A paddle trail like no other!

The **Wausau and Marathon County Parks and Recreation Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation with a single mission, "to promote the common good and general welfare of the people of Marathon County, Wisconsin."

GREAT PINERY
HERITAGE WATERWAY

The **Great Pinery Heritage Waterway (GPHW)** is an overarching historic river trail system that combines the histories of three rivers that meet in the heart of our city. The trail offers our residents paddling opportunities on the Wisconsin River, the Lower Big Rib River, and the Lower Eau Claire River on branded landings that tell the story of our rivers and the people that lived along their banks. More importantly, the trails include the amenities, paddle times, GIS locators and maps that paddlers require to safely navigate the waterways for a day of fun with one's family and friends.

Lake Wausau is the center to the trails with the confluence of all three rivers occurring there. Plans include three shorter inter-lake trails that will offer paddlers one to two hours of paddling in the backwaters, sloughs and conservancies that border the lake giving paddlers an "Up North" feeling while learning about the bird life that inhabits our waterways. In addition to the trails, new kayak launches are being planned for Lake Wausau that will open the lake for the disabled and make it easier for the elderly to access the lake. Lake Wausau will not only be a destination for tourists but increase the livability of our metropolitan area for all the communities that border its waters.

"The Pinery", were magical words 150 years ago, when the likes of George Stevens, Walter McIndoe, C.C. and Hiram Stewart built our city on the back of the Wisconsin River and its tributaries harvesting pine to the great lake to the north. White pine was "King" and fortunes were made with the sawmills that lined our shorelines, supplying lumber for a growing nation, building Americas great cities to the south: Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City.



As part of this project, the Central Wisconsin Visitors Bureau is investing in a new "Best in Class" website that will not only highlight the trail but is all encompassing in highlighting all the outdoor recreation opportunities that Central Wisconsin has to offer. The website is not just a one stop shopping location for tourists. It also serves our residents, by providing a global overview of ALL the outdoor recreation opportunities in our community which otherwise are available only by going to the individual websites of all the municipalities.

The website will also be a great tool for the business community in that it is a single source for outdoor recreation opportunities which are very important in the recruitment and retention of employees. The trail and website are integral pieces in accomplishing the overarching goal of having our community be a "Great Place to Live, Work, and Visit" which is found in most of the local strategic plans.

Both projects are scheduled for completion in late summer or early fall of 2022.



REDISTRICTING IS COMPLETE

The State of Wisconsin just completed the redistricting process following the 2020 U.S. Census. Your voting districts including your local ward, aldermanic, and state assembly district may have changed. Go to myvote.wi.gov to see your election districts, find your polling place, and see what is on your ballot.

DISTRICT 6 POLLING PLACE MOVED

Voters in District 6 will vote at Sylvan Hill Park, 1329 Sylvan St starting with the Election on August 9. We are sending more information on this change to residents who this affects.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee ballots for the August 9 Primary are being mailed to voters. Eligible voters can request a ballot be mailed to them until August 4 at 5:00pm:

- Online at myvote.wi.gov
- By mail, email, or fax

Ballots need to be returned to City Hall by 8:00pm on Election Day!

REMINDERS FOR THE PARTISAN PRIMARY

- You may only vote for candidates of one party in the primary
- All poll sites are open from 7:00am - 8:00pm
- Eligible voters can register at the polls on Election Day if they have a proof-of residence document

IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING STARTS JULY 26

In person absentee voting will be held at City Hall:

- July 26-29: 8:00am - 4:30pm
- August 1-2: 8:00am - 4:30pm
- August 3-5: 7:00am - 5:30pm

Voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to receive a ballot.



Visit ci.wausau.wi.us or call 715-261-6620 for more info

Food Waste Recycling Program

This is a pilot program that offers Wausau residents the opportunity to drop off their food waste into bins that will be located at the Chellis Street Yard Waste Site. Our goal is to divert food waste out of the landfill and recycle it into compost that is then used by local landscapers, farmers, and gardeners. It is estimated that one third of all food produced is wasted, and what ends up in the landfill creates methane gas. By reducing what ends up in the landfill, we save landfill space, reduce methane, and benefit local soils and waters. This project helps create a circular economy that directly benefits our community.

Blue rolling bins will be located in the northeast corner of the Yard Waste Site, with a list of compostable items clearly printed on the containers. The bins will then be picked up and turned into compost at our local composting facility. Hsu Growing Supply is located at 237502 County Rd W, Wausau, WI 54403. We also offer compost collection containers and compost tumblers so that community members can help return organic matter back into the soil in their own backyard.

Any questions can be directed to info@hsucompost.com or you can call 715-675-5856. For more information and for a full list of compostable items, please visit <https://hsugrowingsupply.com/composting-faq/>



Compostable

- Fruit and Vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Cooked meat
- Pasta, Rice
- Dryer lint
- Human or Pet Hair
- Certified Compostable bags and flatware
- Tea Bags (without staples)
- Cardboard tubes
- Paper napkins
- Flower stems/ old flowers
- Fruit seeds and pits
- Newspaper
- Houseplants
- Cotton balls, Q-tips without plastic
- Pizza boxes
- Baked goods

Not Compostable

- Raw/Uncooked Meat
- Plastic of any kind - even if it says "compostable" or "biodegradable"
- Produce stickers
- Plastic coated paper products
- Cat or Dog Poop
- Rocks
- Yard debris
- Animal bedding
- Aluminum foil
- Grease or oil
- Charcoal
- Ashes
- Plastic bags of any kind
- Cigarette butts
- Rubber bands, twist ties, or twine
- Toothpicks
- Dryer sheets
- Glossy paper or cardboard



If you have any questions about what should or shouldn't go in these bins, please contact info@hsucompost.com or call 715-675-5856





Selling a Vehicle in Wisconsin

Anyone who sells a motor vehicle from one individual to another individual (i.e. private sale), including transferring a junk vehicle by bill of sale, must submit notification of the sale to the WI Dept. of Motor Vehicles (WisDOT).

Within 30 days of a sale the seller needs to report the following information to WisDOT:

- Vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle
- Identity of the individual buyer
- Sale price
- Date of sale

To submit seller notification online you need:

- To be an owner of the vehicle (must be an individual, not a business)
- Your Wisconsin driver license or identification card number (or full name)
- The last four digits of your social security number (or full SSN)
- Your date-of-birth
- The vehicle identification number (VIN) for the vehicle

Once completed, you will have the option to print, email or save confirmation of your notification. Online submission:

- Seller Notification Information: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/other-servs/seller-notify.aspx>
- Direct Link - WisDOT - Seller Notify

What should I do with my license plates?

If you are selling your car, truck, van, or motorcycle, then please remove your license plates before allowing the new owner to drive away – the license plates are still registered under your name.

For any questions or additional information, you may contact the Wisconsin DOT directly at (608) 266-1466 , or, review these online resources:

- **Selling a Vehicle** -- <https://wisconsin.gov/pages/dmv/vehicles/sll-jnk-vhcl/sellyourvehicle.aspx>
- **Points to Remember** -- <https://wisconsin.gov/pages/dmv/vehicles/sll-jnk-vhcl/sold.aspx>
- **Sell-It-Right Brochure** -- <https://wisconsin.gov/documents/dmv/shared/sell-it-rightbrochure.pdf>

Fireworks Information

Summer is a season of celebrations, and there are few celebratory acts more conspicuous than using fireworks. So, what fireworks are not permitted in the City of Wausau? The answer to this question can be found in Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 and chapter 9.12 of the Wausau Municipal Code. In short, the following types of fireworks are NOT allowed without a permit:

- Firecrackers
- Roman candles
- Bottle rockets
- Mortars

A basic rule of thumb: it is prohibited if it explodes or leaves the ground.

The following types of fireworks may be used or possessed without a permit, or may be sold to a person who does not have permit:

- Sparklers
- Noisemakers
- “Snakes”
- Confetti poppers
- Certain cones or cylindrical fountains
- Devices designed to move or spin on the ground

In regard to permits, only the mayor may issue a valid permit. Purchasing a permit from a person who sells fireworks does not make it legal for you to possess or use the fireworks in Wausau.

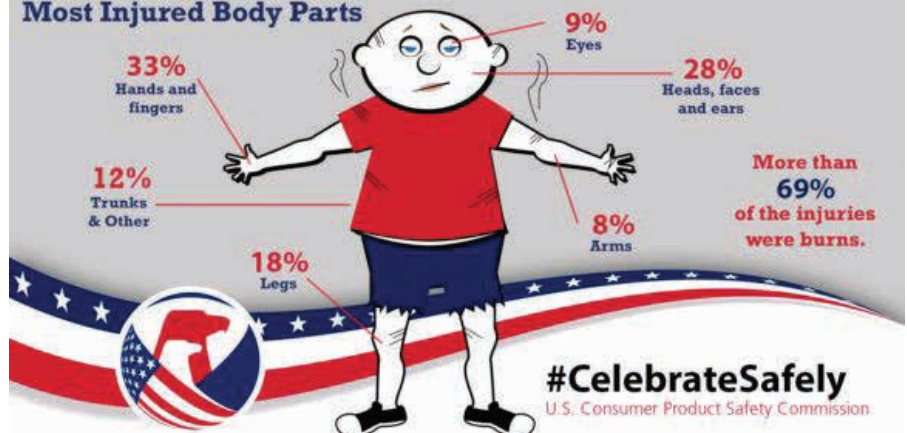
The Wausau Police Department takes a no tolerance policy when it comes to fireworks because of the quantity of complaints we receive annually regarding their use. Also, fireworks can be a serious fire hazard when they are used near homes, buildings, and landscaping.

The fire department offers these firework safety tips:

- Never allow children to play with or light fireworks.
- If you decide to let your child use a sparkler, make sure that they are constantly supervised and are old enough to understand that they or someone else could get hurt if they are not careful (sparklers burn at 1200 degrees F or higher).
- Never try to relight “dud” fireworks. Leave them alone for 30 minutes before approaching.
- Keep a garden hose nearby just in case of malfunction or fire.
- Maintain a safe distance.
- Always light fireworks on a hard level surface (preferably concrete).
- Avoid alcohol when using fireworks.
- Keep your pets on a leash.

Have a great summer and stay safe!

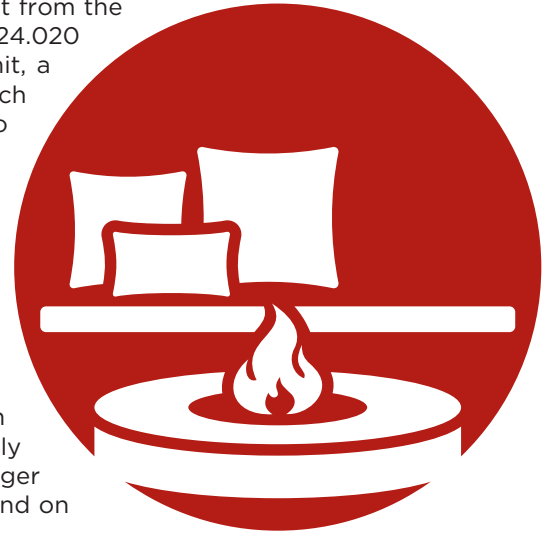
Most Injured Body Parts



Fire Department

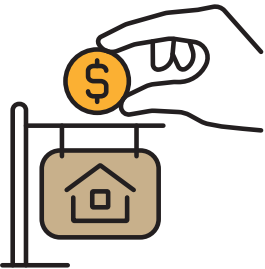
Recreational Fires

Any property owner who wishes to have a recreational fire must obtain a permit from the city clerk. Even with a permit, all residences need to follow the city ordinance 17.24.020 - Open fire and burning for recreational burning. The city allows with a permit, a recreational fire at single-family and two-family dwellings, provided that such fires are in strict compliance with restrictions relating to recreational fires. No recreational fires may have a diameter larger than three feet, nor may the fire extend more than two feet above the fire pit. Only clean, dry wood or untreated and unpainted lumber is permitted to fuel a recreational fire. No recreational fire shall be closer than twenty-five feet from any building, structure, shed, garage, combustible fence, or any combustible material or ten feet from any lot line. No recreational fire shall be started or allowed to continue burning when the wind direction or wind speed will cause smoke, embers, or other burning materials to be carried by the wind toward any building or other combustible materials, nor any time when the wind speed exceeds seven miles per hour. Recreational fires shall be attended at all times by at least one responsible person of age eighteen or older from the ignition of the fire until the fire is completely extinguished. Recreational fires are prohibited when the DNR classifies fire danger as high, very high, and extreme levels. The current fire danger level can be found on the Wisconsin DNR website <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.asp>.



Community Development

Exciting Changes in the Community Development Department!!!



Downpayment Assistance Program

The City of Wausau offers a Downpayment Program designed to assist low to moderate income households with a low interest loan to use for the purchase of a single-family home in the City of Wausau. The current loan limit of \$2-6,000 was established many years ago but with the increase of housing prices and the competitive market, that amount has proved to be less than helpful for borrowers. As a result, on 6/9/22, the Citizens Advisory Committee approved increasing the loan range to between \$5,000-\$10,000! The loan has a 2% interest rate with repayment terms of 12-15 years. The BEST PART of this program is if all payments are made as agreed, the final year of payments will be forgiven! Contact Shannon at 715-261-6679 today to learn more!



Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program

The City of Wausau offers a Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program to low to moderate income households to assist with repairs on a primary residence located in the City of Wausau. Repairs may include windows, electrical, HVAC, insulation, roofs, etc. The loan carries a 2% interest rate with payments deferred for 6 months at which point a minimum payment of, at most, \$75/mo. will then be required (dependent on amount borrowed). The maximum loan amount was \$25,000 but recognizing the explosive cost increase for building materials, the Citizen's Advisory Committee approved increasing the maximum loan amount to \$35,000! Contact Tammy at 715-261-6682 today to learn more!



Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education and/or Counseling

Did you know????? The City of Wausau is a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency and Adopter of the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling. Buying your first home is exciting but can also be overwhelming and confusing. Homeownership education and counseling is a critical step in being an informed consumer and this service can help individuals/families achieve the dream of buying a home. Housing Education & Counseling will provide an evaluation of how much house you can afford, if you need a down payment and/or down payment assistance programs, the entire mortgage process including what to expect at closing, household budgeting and so much more! Contact Shannon at 715-261-6679 to learn more!

A new railroad has come to town!



**FOXY
RAIL SYSTEM**

Watco's Fox Valley & Lake Superior Rail System Line, or FOXY for short, includes 650 miles of former Canadian National track. This services Wausau, north to Park Falls and Rhinelander, as well

as areas near Green Bay and the Fox Valley. Local customers have increased their usage of the service, as well as customers to the north.

What does this mean for Wausau?

With the expanded track and more localized routes, there is more train traffic coming through town. In addition, with the higher rates for trucking due to fuel prices, and the labor shortage, rail usage has been ramping up. Keep in mind that just like semi traffic, trains do not just run during the day – they operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and that means we will be hearing more train horns at night.

But we have a train ordinance that prohibits trains from using their horns during the night, so why are they blowing their horns?

Railroads are governed completely by Federal law, which takes precedence over local or state regulations. While the City of Wausau ordinance has been pre-empted by the Federal law it is preserved for "grandfather" purposes in the Code. The Federal law permits communities like ours that had a train whistle or horn restriction in ordinances that pre-existed 2005 to retain its train horn limitations by following certain procedures of the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA"). The City has followed these procedures and so it has what is called a "pre-rule, partial quiet zone" under which the FRA enforces quiet hours at multiple railroad crossings in the City from the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Federal regulations require locomotive horns to be sounded in advance of all public highway rail crossings for motorist and pedestrian safety reasons. There are very specific requirements as to when, where, how long, and how loud a train must sound its horn in advance of street railroad crossing. Regardless of the city's partial quiet zone a train locomotive, by Federal law, must still use its horn in an emergency

situation, such as the presence of a vehicle, person, or animal on the track, or at any railroad crossing where there are active railway workers nearby and/or as part of an active work zone (even though you might not see the activity from your vehicle.) According to the Wisconsin DOT, every three hours, a person or vehicle is hit by a train in the United States.

Why are we hearing more whistle blowing?

With more nocturnal train activity, drivers need to be aware of trains, especially at intersections without gates. It may appear that a train is not moving, or moving slowly, so drivers proceed, or even speed up to beat the train so they do not have to wait. When a train isn't moving, that means that the rail personnel may be off the train and could be flagging traffic withing the intersection to perform their duties, even at night. Please be alert when approaching any and all railroad crossings at night when a train is in the area. Local trains have frequently encountered people and animals walking on the tracks, or sitting in the middle of them, and vehicle crossing when they should not, prompting additional whistling. Reports from just the 6p-3a shift of violations and near misses count 47 just from April. Most of these required the whistle to sound; some of them were so fast the whistle couldn't even be activated.

Anytime you come to a train crossing, keep in mind that the crossbuck sign (the black & white X with Railroad Crossing on it) is the same as a Yield sign. If a train is approaching, you must yield and let the train pass. If the red lights are flashing or the bells ringing, you are required to yield to the train and remain stopped until the lights have stopped flashing. In addition, it is illegal by state and federal law to drive across a railroad crossing when: the lights are flashing, the gates are dropping down, the bells are ringing, and/or you fail to yield to any train at a crossing with a stop, yield, or crossbuck sign. YOU can help silence the locomotive whistles by complying with our state and federal laws.

Watch for an informational video from the Mayor and new information on the city website with FAQs with reminders of these general rules and tips on how to co-exist safely with the trains in our community.

LEGEND

- Fox Vally and Lake Superior Rail System (FOXY)
- FOXY - Out of service
- Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR)
- WSOR Trackage Rights
- Grand Elk Railroad (GDLK)
- CN
- UP
- CPRS
- Other railroads



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Keeping a safe & healthy community!

City residents take great pride in maintaining their property. Lawn care is an essential task in keeping in compliance with city ordinances.

- Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed 12 inches. Landscaping shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways. Property owner maintenance responsibilities include the boulevards and along alleyways.
- Exterior 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 & REMODELING PROJECTS

Our inspection department wants your project to be a success and will help you avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money. On-site inspections will be required to make certain the work conforms to the permit, local codes and plans.

Discuss your plans with the inspections office before beginning your project to determine whether you need a permit. Even if a permit is not needed, the inspector can answer questions and provide valuable advice.

A complete list of permit requirements is available on-line at:

www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections

Street Light Maintenance

Report a street light problem and help keep our streets lit and safe.

If you notice a street light that is not functioning properly, please do the following:

- For a wood pole, write down the number and call WPS at 800.450.7240 or access their website at https://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/secure/ssl/acct/street_light to report the issue online.
- For a metal city street light or traffic signal, call our office at 715.261.6780 or email inspections@ci.wausau.wi.us to give us the location and/or corner of the intersection.

The general office hours are M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The inspectors are in the office from 8:00-9:00 AM and 12:30-1:30 PM, M-F, to review plans, issue permits and answer questions. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. If these times are not convenient for you, contact the department at 715.261.6780 or inspections@ci.wausau.wi.us

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

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

TRASH CONTAINERS, RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS AND TRASH:

Trash containers, recyclable containers and trash shall not be set out for collection any sooner than 3:00 p.m. of the day before pickup, and all containers shall be removed from the curb-side/boulevard area by 11:00 a.m. of the day after pickup.

Between pickups, trash and recyclable carts should be stored in a garage or shed, or kept behind or on the side of the house. Containers cannot be stored at the front of the house or on a corner lot side yard.

Parks Department

Suckers and Watersprouts on Boulevard Trees

Have you ever noticed how certain species of trees can't seem to decide if they want to be a tree or a shrub? No, I'm not referring to a hybrid or some other genetic variation where different plants are exhibited from the same root stock. I am speaking of the dreaded SUCKER.

Suckers, originating from the base of a tree and watersprouts, originating from a latent bud in the trunk can be quite a nuisance or even a hazard if allowed to grow too large. These adventitious branches are prolific growers and not only become difficult to mow around, but can become a visual obstruction while exiting driveways or approaching stop signs.

Although pruning of boulevard trees is prohibited by Chapter 12.56 of the Wausau Municipal Code, removal of suckers is permitted and even encouraged. Some species (linden/crabapple/pear) often produce suckers annually, and removing the new shoots can be a quick and easy way to prevent issues in the future. These new shoots are often about the size of a pencil and can be removed with a pruning shear.



Please refer to the pictures to understand the distinction between suckers (originating at the base), watersprouts (small shoots from the trunk), and low branches. Low branches are off limits for residents to prune.

If these suckers have gotten too large and need to be addressed by our staff please don't hesitate to contact us at parkforestry@marathon.wi.us or (715) 261-1550.

Department of Inspections, Zoning & Electrical Systems

Summer Reminders

These are the top items that warnings and citations are issued for in the summer months by Inspections:

- Lawns need to be cut on a regular basis. Landscaping, especially trees, needs to be trimmed so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on roads and alleys. Alleys need to be trimmed back to the staked property line. Properties should be maintained so as to enhance their appearance and value of the property and neighborhood.
- Motor vehicles must be parked on the driveway, garage apron, or similar all-weather paved surface, directly adjacent to the driveway, and not on the lawn or other landscaped open space not designed for parking. Inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles may not be kept on a residential lot unless parked in a garage. Motor vehicles may not overhang along public sidewalks, designated bicycle paths or rights-of-way.
- The accumulation of garbage, trash, junk, and debris help spread disease, harbor insects and rodents, and detracts from the appearance of your property. You can help control these problems by placing your trash in proper containers. Storing your trash and recycling containers out of public view helps to enhance the visual image of the neighborhood and the quality of the community. Chapter 6.44 of the Municipal Code requires the use of garbage containers by all City residences and businesses.
- Motor homes, camping and travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, utility trailers, etc. cannot be parked or stored in any required front

yard or corner side yard of any residential property, 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.





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Wausau Area Events



FALL EVENT SCHEDULE:

BIG BULL FALLS BLUES FEST

AUGUST 19-20 AT FERN ISLAND



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 FOR
FREE ADMISSION!

BEER AND BACON FEST

SEPTEMBER 17 - FERN ISLAND



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SUMMER 2022

important water quality information enclosed

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Scott Boers at (715) 571-7752.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

First Tuesday of every month at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers at Wausau City Hall.

2021

Consumer Confidence Report Data

PWS ID: 73701023

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. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems 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).

Educational Information

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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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.

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.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-16	60	60	10	10		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-16	80	0	5.3	5.3		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-7	60	60	11	11		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-7	80	0	5.3	5.3		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	1	8/20/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.007	0.006 - 0.007	8/19/2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.5	0.4 - 0.5	8/20/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO ₃ -N) (ppm)		10	10	0.94	0.54 - 0.94		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (NO ₂ -N) (ppm)		1	1	0.055	0.047 - 0.055	8/19/2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM (ppb)		50	50	1	0 - 1	8/20/2020	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	18.00	17.00 - 18.00	8/20/2020	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.0110	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	7/13/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	5.80	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	7/2/2020	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 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	1.0	0.1 - 1.0	8/19/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	1.1	0.0 - 1.1	8/20/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)		3	3	0.0	0.0	8/20/2020	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE (ppb)		50	50	0.0	0.0		No	Discharge from chemical factories

Contaminants with a Health Advisory Level or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level

The following tables list contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Health Advisory Level (HAL) or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Contaminant (units)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Typical Source of Contaminant
ALUMINUM (ppm)		0.05	0.2	0.08	0.06 - 0.08	9/5/2017	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
CHLORIDE (ppm)		250		28.00	23.00 - 28.00	9/6/2017	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, road salt, water softeners
MANGANESE (ppm)		0.05	0.3	0.02	0.01 - 0.02	9/5/2017	Leaching from natural deposits
SULFATE (ppm)		250		9.00	8.60 - 9.00	8/20/2020	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes

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 2021)
BROMIDE (ppb)	29.7615	29.344 - 30.179	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA5 (ppb)	12.92975	9.049 - 18.562	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA6Br (ppb)	.44375	0 - .697	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
HAA9 (ppb)	13.3735	9.049 - 19.191	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018
MANGANESE (ppb)	17.00525	1.616 - 35.742	1/8/2018, 1/9/2018 & 7/23/2018
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (ppb)	5086.05	3956.1 - 6191.7	1/8/2018 & 7/23/2018

Definitions of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAL	Health Advisory Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
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.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ND	None detected in the drinking water.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million , or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion , or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion , or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion , or picograms per liter
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	95	Active
6	Groundwater	100	Active
7	Groundwater	100	Active
9	Groundwater	100	Active
10	Groundwater	160	Active
11	Groundwater	155	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Scott Boers at (715) 571-7752.

Health effects for any contaminants with MCL violations/Action Level Exceedances/SMCL exceedances/HAL exceedances

Contaminant	Health Effects
ALUMINUM	Waters containing aluminum in quantities above the SMCL are not hazardous to health but may be objectionable for taste, odor, or color.

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wausau Waterworks 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. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. 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.