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MaryAnne Groat Finance Director

# It is officially budget season in the City of Wausau.

Right now, City of Wausau department directors are wrapping up the finishing touches on their budgets for 2024 and I am busy scheduling meetings with each individual department director and the mayor so we can present our best efforts to the Finance Committee.

With their work, each department developed a cost to continue projection. That cost to continue is the dollar amount they would need to provide the same level of services in 2024 that they did in 2023. Last year, that cost to continue was a little more than \$1 million citywide. Departments scrutinize spending to find savings and improve processes and efficiencies. Several departments will also submit supplemental requests that address additional needs or priorities of their department. These supplemental requests will be ranked by the

Finance Committee during their budget sessions. The committee will consider the ongoing costs of services with the prioritized supplemental requests when recommending the tax levy.

If you haven't looked through our city budget before, you can anticipate that our operating budget will show how much revenue we expect for the year, where that money will come from, and how we plan to spend that money. Rising costs, increased needs and demands for expanded municipal services, along with facility and infrastructure maintenance regularly outpaces our revenues, so as you can imagine, balancing the budget means asking ourselves tough questions about our taxpayers' expectations.

Additionally, lack of revenue diversity continues to be a challenge. Most of our general operating budget depends on state aid and local property taxes. When costs increase without a corresponding increase in revenue sources, policymakers must make decisions about cutting services or increasing property taxes. However, there is good news for the 2024 budget! Thanks to the historic 2023 – 2025 state biennial budget, the City of Wausau will see a \$1.1 million increase in shared revenue.

Over the summer, the Capital Improvement Program Committee reviewed all proposed capital projects and developed funding recommendations. After that, the Finance Committee will review the budget over a series of public budget workshops through the fall and they will ultimately make their recommendation to the Common Council in early November. These budget workshop sessions allow the committee to review each component of the budget. If you are interested in following along, each meeting will be broadcast live on YouTube and Wausau Public Access. We've scheduled our budget public hearing for November 7th and we expect the final budget vote on November 21st.

As you can see with the series of workshops, the public hearing, and the final budget adoption meeting, this budget process is meant to be transparent. All residents are welcome and encouraged to review the budget online, attend or watch the budget meetings and to contact us at <a href="mailto:finance@ci.wausau.wi.us">finance@ci.wausau.wi.us</a> with questions, ideas, and input.

All in all, 2023 has been a very busy time for the Finance Department. At the beginning of the year, the City of Wausau and Marathon County deployed brand new financial and human resources software that replaced the financial software we purchased in 1993. We're excited that the Workday cloud-based software provides modern technology, automates manual procedures, and eliminates paper processes. One of the final phases of the project was implementing the budget and planning application. While the implementation has been very time-consuming and stressful, we know the efforts are well worth it to our internal teams and the entire community.

**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.

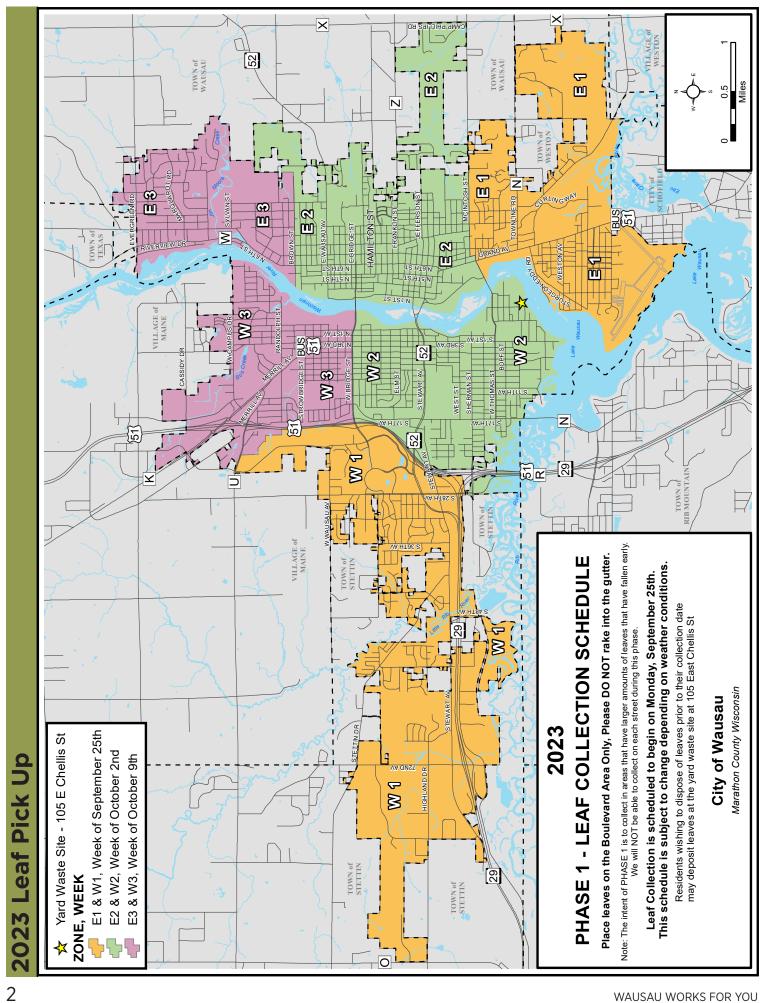
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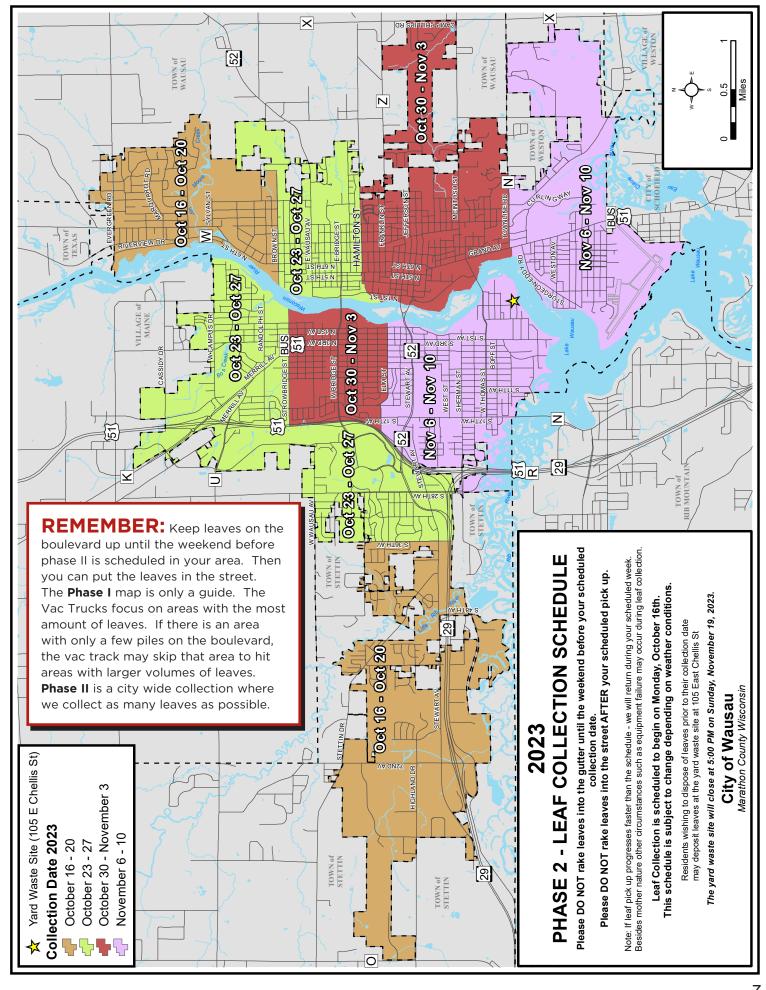
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# City Hall

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





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# **Emergency Management**

# **Hunting Safety**

Kelly Bremer, Marathon County Emergency Management Coordinator

Hunting season is upon us, and while "bagging the big one" is on many of our brains, it is important to prioritize hunter safety. Whether you are a beginner or a long-time hunter, there are some important safety tips to remember.

In 2022 Wisconsin had 12 reported hunting-related incidents (firearm or arrow), one being a fatality. The cause of these injuries ranged from handing off a loaded firearm to someone else, hunters hitting victims beyond their target, to the hunter losing their balance and discharging their firearm. In addition to the injuries caused by firearms, many hunters are injured yearly due to tripping while walking and falling from tree stands. Along with traumatic injuries occurring with those incidents, there are other hunters experiencing heart attacks or other medical conditions. Hunting can be strenuous between hiking to the stand and back and dragging a heavy deer through snow or brush. Combined with the excitement of the hunt, these activities can put a hunter at risk of a heart attack. For these reasons, it is essential for hunters to know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, basic first aid, and CPR.

Each year there are reports of lost hunters that need assistance. Here are some steps that you can take to help yourself should you end up in this unfortunate situation.

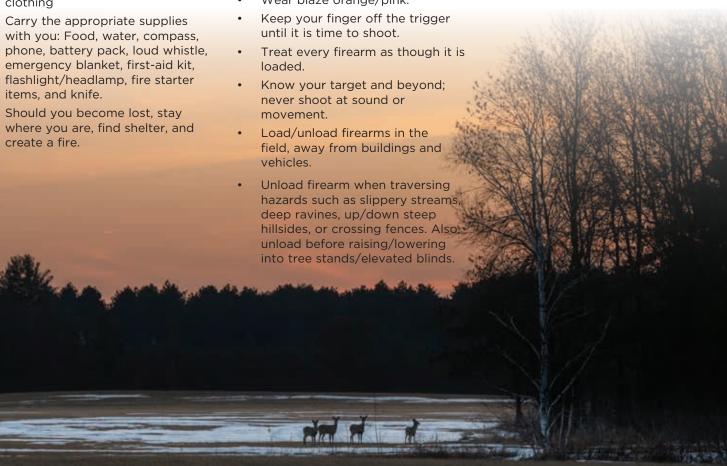
- Be familiar with the area you are hunting.
- Let someone know where you will be hunting and when to expect you. Leave this information on your vehicle's dash to be seen from the outside. Set scheduled check-in times if you plan to be gone for an extended period (multiple days).
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing
- Carry the appropriate supplies with you: Food, water, compass, emergency blanket, first-aid kit, flashlight/headlamp, fire starter

We can help create a safe, successful hunting season by following simple safety tips.

- Pay attention to the weather forecast.
- Avoid alcohol/drugs.
- Be aware of dangerous game while hunting in areas that have them.
- Perform an annual inspection of your tree stands, elevated blinds, and weapon.
- Use 3 points of contact when climbing into and out of your tree stands and elevated blinds.
- Wear blaze orange/pink.

Tips for non-hunters in hunting areas

- Wear suitable clothing avoid colors that blend into the surroundings.
- Make some noise.
- Keep pets safe- Don't let dogs off-leash.



WAUSAU WORKS FOR YOU

# **Assessment Department**

The City of Wausau will be conducting a "Revaluation" of all taxable property for the 2024 Assessment Roll. During the 2024 Revaluation, the Assessment Department will estimate the market value of all locally assessable property in the City of Wausau and produce an assessment roll of all taxable property as it exists on January 1, 2024. The assessment roll describes the property, states the assessed value as of January 1st and lists the owner's name and property address. The new assessed values will be used to compute property tax statements that will be delivered by mail in December 2024.

The goal of a revaluation is to create uniform, fair and equitable assessments so that each property bears its fair share of the property tax burden. The last revaluation in Wausau was conducted in 2020. The Assessment Department understands the current dynamics of the market in how they are significantly different than the conditions we were experiencing in 2020. By validating all real estate sales, foreclosures, and other market information throughout the City we see varying degrees of market influences that need to be reflected in the assessed values. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue equalization process also serves as a guide to the level of assessment in a community, which is reflected on everyone's property tax bill identified as the Assessment Ratio.

There are many forces in the marketplace that affect a property's value. The Assessor is interested in determining the value based on the selling prices of real estate by knowledgeable buyers and sellers. As defined by Wisconsin State Statutes, assessors must value property at "full value." "Full Value" has been defined by the courts as synonymous with market value. Market value is, "the most probable price, in cash or its equivalent, which a property would bring in a competitive and open market under all conditions requisite to a fair sale: the buyer and seller each acting prudently, knowledgeably, and without compulsion". Note that market value is neither the highest nor the lowest price paid, but the 'most probable price'. Buyers and sellers, through their market transactions, tell Assessors important factors and trends taking place in the market. It is the consummated sales between buyers and sellers that meet market value conditions that ultimately are used in determining assessed values.

Many property owners equate new assessed values with corresponding changes to their property tax bill. That is not necessarily the result nor is it the reason for the revaluation. The revaluation ensures that the distribution of property taxes is fair, impartial, and uniform based on the market value standard.

There are many factors that affect value and cause assessment changes to differ among property types. As all real estate professionals will agree, location is the single most important consideration. However, the type of property, design, condition, quality of construction and many other factors also play a role in determining value. Property taxes, on the other hand are determined by various taxing bodes including, the City of Wausau, the State of Wisconsin, either the Wausau or Everest Public School Districts, Marathon County, and the North Central Technical College – it is not the Assessment Department. The amount that each property owner will pay in taxes based on the revaluation will not be known or determined until December 2024, when all the taxing authorities have approved their yearly budgets.

Once the revaluation is completed, property owners will receive an assessment change notice in the mail stating the new assessed value of their property. A public service announcement will also be made when the revaluation is complete. If the property owner feels the new assessed value is not reflective of the current market value of their property, they are invited to discuss the valuation with the assessor and may be asked to offer evidence of an alternative value. Property owners can assist the revaluation process by: 1) allowing interior home inspections if asked; 2) responding to requests for information; 3) verifying the physical attributes of your property to insure the information is correct, by reviewing the online assessment data at: <a href="https://wausauwi.">https://wausauwi.</a> patriotproperties.com/default.asp. This link is found on the City of Wausau official website under the Assessment Department tab. If you have questions about the revaluation process or would like to speak with an assessor, please call 715-261-6600.



# PROPERTY REVALUATION

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN

# RUNNING: LOCAL OFFICE?



# THE OPEN CITY OF WAUSAU ELECTED OFFICE POSITIONS IN 2024 ARE:

Position	Term	Min . # of Signatures	Max. # of Signatures
Alderperson (1-11)	2 year	20	40
Mayor	4 year	200	400
Municipal Judge	4 year	200	400

Candidates may begin to ciruclate their nomination papers on or after **December 1, 2023**. The deadline to file candidacy papers with the City Clerk is **5:00pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024**. You can pick up a candidate information packet at City Hall or view it on the City's website. The Spring Election will be held on April 2, 2024, and if necessary, a Spring Primary on February 20, 2024.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR LANGE LECTIONS!

# **FEBRUARY 20:**

Spring Primary

# **APRIL 2:**

**Spring Election** 

# **AUGUST 13:**

Partisan Primary

# **NOVEMBER 5:**

General Presidential Election

# **River District**

# Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 25th

Location: Wausau River District

Celebrate and support small businesses and all they have to offer!





# Holiday Ale Trail Saturday, Dec. 9th 1-4pm

Location: Wausau River District

\$10 a ticket. Enjoy beer samples at some of your favorite local Wausau River District businesses while doing holiday shopping. A shuttle will link the Downtown to the River West neighborhood to safely transport attendees to all locations. Complete your tasting punch card for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to your favorite local business.



# Santa Saturdays Nov. 25th-Dec. 23rd 11am-4pm

Location: City Square Office Center Lobby

Come visit with Santa and take your photos inside the City Square Office Center on Saturdays leading up to the holiday. This is free and open to the public. In addition, visit this location for the downtown gift-wrapping station.

# **City Clerk**

# DIRECT WITHDRAWAL PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AUTHORIZATION FORM

I (we) hereby authorize the City of Wausau (39-6005648) to initiate entries and to initiate, if necessary, entries and adjustments for any entries in error to my (our) account indicated below and the depository named below, to credit and / or debit the same to such account.

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Wausau has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the City of Wausau and the depository named below a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name:		
Address:		
City State Zip:		
Phone #:		
Tax Parcel #: 291-		
Debit my account to pay my real estate tax bill from my bank checking  Full Payment Plan (December 31)  Three Installment Payment Plan (Jan 31, April 30, July 31)  Full Payment Plan (January 31)		
Bank Name:		
Signature:		
Date Signed:		
*Important Note: Please attach a voided check from your account.  Then mail along with the form to the  City Clerk, 407 Grant Street, Wausau WI 54403	For Office Use:  Date Rec'd:  Set up by:	

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# **Schedule of Rates**

# **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023**

# **WAUSAU WATER WORKS**

407 Grant Street City Hall, Wausau, WI 54403-4783

Phone: 715 261-6530 • Fax: 715 261-6535 E-mail: waterworks@ci.wausau.wi.us

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

# WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

#### **Quarterly Service Charge**

# Plus Volume Charge:

# **Residential Customers -**

All water used - \$5.58 per 100 cu. ft.

# Non-Residential Customers -

First 6,000 cu. ft \$5.58 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 54,000 cu. ft. used
\$5.39 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 60,000 cu. ft. used
\$4.54 per 100 cu. ft.

# **Irrigation Class** -

All water used - \$8.46 per 100 cu. ft.

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

# PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

# **Quarterly Service Charge**

(based on meter size)
5/8 Inch Meter
3/4 Inch Meter
1 Inch Meter48.00
1-1/4 Inch Meter 69.00
1-1/2 Inch Meter
2 Inch Meter
3 Inch Meter
4 Inch Meter
6 Inch Meter
8 Inch Meter
10 Inch Meter 2,223.00
12 Inch Meter

# **SEWER RATES**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

# **Quarterly Service Charge**

(based on water meter size)
5/8 Inch Meter
3/4 Inch Meter36.31
1 Inch Meter49.01
1-1/4 Inch Meter
1-1/2 Inch Meter
2 Inch Meter
3 Inch Meter 239.27
4 Inch Meter
6 Inch Meter
8 Inch Meter 1,213.05

# Plus Volume Charge

All volume, as recorded by the water meter each quarter shall be charged at the rate of \$5.91 per 100 cubic ft.

All customers are billed for sewer based on the amount of water used each quarter. Unmetered sewer rate is \$154.51 per quarter in the City and \$162.91 per quarter outside the City.

# PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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

2 Inch or Smaller Connection \$ 27.45
3 Inch Connection 52.50
4 Inch Connection87.00
6 Inch Connection
8 Inch Connection270.00
10 Inch Connection 417.00
12 Inch Connection
14 Inch Connection
16 Inch Connection

# CHARGES FOR TURNING ON SERVICE

#### Turn on valve at curb

(includes meter installation if needed)
During Normal Business Hours\$65.00
After Hours100.00

# LATERAL CONNECTIONS

1" Water Lateral Connection ......

Easter at Oothingotton
Based on Time and Materials
1-1/2" or Larger Water Lateral
Based on Time and Materials

# MISSED APPOINTMENT FEES

<b>During Normal</b>	Business	Hours	\$60.00
After Hours			100.00

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

Payments Not Honored	
by Financial Institution	\$45.00

# Wausau Water Works to Issue Delinquent Notices

Notices for delinquent water and sewer bills will be issued in early October to property owners and tenants. These bills are due by November 1, 2023, to avoid an additional 10% penalty. If not paid by November 15, 2023, the total owing, including the 10% penalty, will be added to the property taxes.

These charges may also show up in the Circuit Court Access Program (CCAP) program under the tenant's name. This could have a bearing for tenants who are looking at renting other properties and have delinquent water and sewer bills as potential landlords would be able to see that information.

Should you have any questions regarding any outstanding balances, please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530.

# **Residential Cross Connection Survey**

As part of a continued effort to provide safe water, Wausau Water Works performs a Cross Connection Survey at each residence within the city. These are completed during the same appointment as a water meter replacement. These inspections not only protect against hazardous connections to the water supply but are required by the EPA and DNR.

These residential surveys will consist of an inspection of the basement plumbing, as well as any plumbing located outside the home. Some of the things we will be looking at are the drains on water softeners, hose bibs, laundry tubs, boilers, toilets and other connection points including irrigation systems. This assures compliance with state cross connection plumbing

The most common residential non-complying plumbing fixtures are hose bibs not having back flow prevention. A simple installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker can often fix this issue.

Property owners will be responsible for any repairs or alterations to their plumbing that will be necessary to meet code compliance. If violations are found during the inspection repairs will need to be made within 30 days and a follow-up re-inspection scheduled with the utility.

The cross connection control program was set up to protect the public water supply system from potential backflow hazards which could allow "dirty" or unsafe water to get into the public water supply. Wausau Water Works would like to thank you for your participation in this program, helping us to provide safe water and meet federal and state requirements.

## What is a Cross-Connection?

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

#### How does contamination occur?

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

contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

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

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

# Backpressure

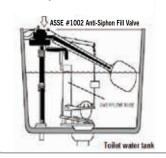
May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

# In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture The hand held shower fixture is compliant if: · When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub) · Complies with ASSE#1014 Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle 1" Minimum AIR GAP Above Tub From Fixture Outlet Bath Tub

#### In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- . Look for the ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an ASSE #1002 approved anti-siphon fill valve device. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the device.



#### Insights to protect your drinking water

# Do...

- · Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- · Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home. Make sure water treatment devices such as water
- softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

### Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker

# Don't.

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow
- prevention device.

  Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.



# **PFAS Update:**

A new water treatment plant went online in December 2022. with the first part of a two part process to treat our raw water and remove the PFAS. The new water treatment facility included an anion exchange treatment system that is primarily used for total organic carbon (TOC) removal and it also reduces PFAS during the treatment process to below 20 ppt for PFOA/ PFOS. This process requires that the filtration be changed approximately every 10 months at a cost of about \$800,000.

The City has also begun the construction of a granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment system as a longterm solution for removing known PFAS compounds to non-detectable levels. It will treat the raw water before it gets to the anion exchange treatment system, reducing the frequency of having to change that filter. This treatment process is scheduled to begin operations in November 2024.

As of December 2022, there is no need to use filtration pitchers to filter out PFAS. Please keep in mind that the tester that came with the pitcher isn't testing for PFAS in the water - it's testing for diluted particles, like minerals, and was only designed to show when the filter was full and no longer filtering the water properly. So the meter reading higher than 0, does not mean there is PFAS in the water.

In June of 2023, the City of Wausau signed on to a multi-district litigation over the contamination of drinking water resulting from widespread use of aqueous film-forming foam. The proposed class settlement amount is in the billions of dollars and is intended to cover the costs of water treatment needed to eliminate PFAS from public water supplies. This settlement still needs to be approved by the court, and then steps will be taken to file the claim.



backflow prevention methods.

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# **Wausau Water Works**

# The Wausau Water Works Customer Web Portal URL has been changed.



Please scan the code and/or update your bookmark to reflect wausauwi.epayub.com.

Wausau Water Works Payment Options:

Pay online at wausauwi.epayub.com

Pay by phone at 833-610-5707 (option #5)

Mail in payment or pay in person at Wausau Water Works, 407 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403

# Wausau Water Works Invoice Information

Wausau Water Works has recently seen an increase in incorrect account numbers on mailed in check payments, online bank bill pays, over the phone payments, or payments through third party sites. Please make sure you are entering the correct account number when making payments or verify your payment methods you currently have set in place. The below image shows where to locate your account number.



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JOHN DOE 123 MAIN ST WAUSAU, WI 54403

# INVOICE

Date: 09/29/2023 Account Number: 0123456000

Due by: 10/20/2023

Service Address:

123 MAIN ST

Reading Dates:

06/01/2023 - 09/02/2023

# **Parks Department**

# **Holiday Trees Needed**

The Wausau/Marathon County Park Department is looking for four (4) evergreen trees to be donated for the Holiday Season. The trees must be accessible by our trucks and be of acceptable shape, size, and form.

The trees, preferably balsam fir or spruce, will be installed at the 400 Block, City Hall, Courthouse, and the intersection of Stewart Avenue and 1st Avenue for the Holiday Season.

Anyone interested in donating a tree for these locations is encouraged to contact the Park Department at (715) 261-1550 or <a href="mailto:parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us">parkforestry@co.marathon.wi.us</a>

# City of Wausau Yard Waste Site

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

# \*EXTENDED HOURS FOR FALL\* 2023 HOURS OF OPERATION

The Yard Waste Site will be open the following hours:

# October 16th-November 5th

Monday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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.

# **November 6th-November 19th**

Due to daylight savings time

Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The site will be locked and gated during non-operating hours.

The site is monitored by video surveillance.

Citations will be issued to parties who leave yard waste outside the gate of the facility.

#### MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

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

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

If you have any questions, call the Department of Public Works at 715-261-6960.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# **Police Department**

# **Overnight Parking**

ALL NIGHT PARKING: Parking is allowed on City streets (other than in designated areas in downtown—see below) on an alternate side basis **during the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.** It is not necessary to call the Police Department for permission. Vehicles must be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days and on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days.

Odd/even parking is not allowed on streets where "No Parking" restrictions are in effect. However, odd/even parking is not enforced on streets with "No Parking" on one side of the street only. Therefore, residents can legally park on the side not prohibitively posted regardless of the day unless a snow emergency has been declared.

POLICE SINCE 1872

Keep in mind that the odd/even requirement pertains to the time period of 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. If you park your vehicle on the street in the evening intending that it will be parked overnight, make sure it is on the appropriate odd/even-numbered side of the street for the time period of 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**DOWNTOWN AREA:** Between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., parking is not allowed in the area (including both sides of the streets) bounded on the north by McIndoe Street, on the west by First Street, on the south by Forest Street, and on the east by Sixth Street. Persons who live downtown (and occasional visitors) can park overnight in the parking ramp structures. However, your vehicle must be removed from the parking structure before 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, to avoid being ticketed.

**SNOW EMERGENCY:** Overnight parking will not be allowed during snow emergencies. Residents should keep in mind that even if a snow emergency has not been declared, vehicles which are parked overnight on City streets during snowfalls may hinder snow plowing operations.

The forfeiture for violating the overnight parking ordinance is \$25.00, and is \$100.00 during snow emergencies.

# **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 www.wausauwi.gov>forresidents>parking for details.
- Sidewalks need to be cleared of snow and ice withing 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.



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# **Wausau Events**



# **FALL EVENT SCHEDULE:**

# ARVEST FEST



# HOLIDAY PARADE

DECEMBER 1 - WAUSAU



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