

## December 2015

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and an opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Here at City Hall, we have been busy finalizing our budget for 2016 in addition to all of the usual business of managing the City's affairs, and I am happy to bring you this monthly update.

After January 1<sup>st</sup>, in addition to these monthly updates, if you are interested in receiving periodic e-mail updates from the Mayor's office regarding ongoing City business, please provide me with your e-mail address on the slip below and return it with you water and sewer bill payment. You may also e-mail <a href="mayor@mosinee.wi.us">mayor@mosinee.wi.us</a> to request updates. Simply type, "MAYOR UPDATES" in the subject line.

I would like to take this monthly update opportunity to highlight our City's business park - the Central Wisconsin Business Park. We are very fortunate to have a booming business park that offers valuable employment and significant tax dollars for improvements throughout the community. A vibrant business park is essential to the strength of our community. For this reason, we are investing in many ways in this park to both retain and attract new business.

First, this past year, the Council authorized a multi-million dollar bond issue to repair numerous streets throughout the City, which includes many of the roads in the business park. The road repairs in the business park will be specifically financed with tax increment from the properties in the park. Second, to market additional development in the business park, we recently leased space on a billboard on I-39 Northbound just before the Mosinee Exit. This billboard design was selected from several designs submitted by our very own Mosinee High School students. All of the designs were very good and this was a tough decision. The rent for the billboard will not be paid with tax dollars but with money that was set aside in a special fund from the previous sale of business park properties. Finally, updates to our business park webpage on the City's website were long overdue. City staff has recently worked hard to update our business park webpage to highlight our current tenants, our available properties, and recent news. I encourage everyone to take some time to visit the webpage at http://www.mosinee.wi.us/business park.html

In other news, our budget will be finalized in December. Therefore, in January I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the highlights from our 2016 budget process. Finally, I think it is important for the Mayor's office to annually update all residents on the events of the past year. Therefore, after the 1st of the year I anticipate providing a Mayor's annual update to the Mosinee Times to consider for publication.

I wish you and your entire family a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and I look forward to updating you again in 2016!

Mayor Brent Jacobson
Cut and return with your utility bill payment or return to City Hall
I would like to receive periodic updates from Mayor Jacobson's office via e-mail at the following e-mail addresses:

## **Tree/Bush Trimming in Alley**

Trees and bushes with low and/or dead branches that overhang an alley or that encroach within the alley, are potential safety and liability hazards. The City recognizes the hazards created by trees and shrubs in such conditions. Therefore, the City's Public Works Department periodically trims trees and shrubs that overhang or encroach on the alley.

The City's Public Works Department is planning to trim trees/shrubs that are either overhanging or encroaching within the alley in various locations throughout the City of Mosinee during the winter months - weather permitting.

Please call or email the Public Works Dept. if you have any questions. 715-693-3840 or publicworks@mosinee.wi.us



## Winter Snowplowing Information

Snow season is here and along with snow comes slippery streets and icy sidewalks. Due to the fact that the State of Wisconsin has significantly cut the amount of annual aid payments to the City and forced staff reductions, the City will again be snowplowing with one less driver. Similar to last year, it will take us approximately 4 hours longer to clear the City streets and alleys of snow.

In order to make the job of snowplowing and snow removal easier for the Public Works Department, residents should keep the following in mind: City ordinances prohibit blowing or shoveling snow onto or pushing snow across any City street. Parking is also prohibited if a snow emergency is declared.

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Failure to do so may result in fines to the property owner. Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks safe and clear.

Every snowfall or snowstorm is different but in general we begin to plow, salt and sand when snow accumulations are about 1 inch on hills and busy intersections and 2 inches elsewhere. During heavy snows, plows concentrate on the Priority 1 streets during the day. A night plowing operation is then scheduled to clean all City streets. If you have any questions or concerns relating to snow plowing operations please call the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840.

## STREET PARKING RESTRICTED

Parking is not allowed during the hours of 2:00a.m. and 6:00a.m. on any street or highway from November 1 to April 1 in the City of Mosinee. For more information please contact the Mosinee Police Department – 715-693-2000

## SIDEWALKS - SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The owner/occupant of every building or unoccupied lot in the city abutting any street shall clean the sidewalk of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall and shall keep the sidewalk clear from ice and snow, provided that when the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the sidewalk shall be sprinkled with salt, sawdust or sand.





## Recycle Christmas Lights

Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is collecting Christmas lights. Every year tons of light strings are thrown away and end up in landfills across the country. Habitat for Humanities collects all kinds of light strings – old or new, working or not. Worn out extension cords are also collected. Habitat for Humanities recycles the copper and plastic from the strings and uses the proceeds to assist low-income families in our community. A drop box is available at City Hall – 225 Main Street. For more information please call City Hall – 225 Main Street or HFH at 715-848-5042.

# City Signs 5 Year Contract With Waste Management

City residents will notice a new refuse and recycling collection truck starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. At the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Council approved a 5 year contract with Waste Management to provide manual collection of refuse and recycling Waste



Management will be picking up refuse and recycling in 3 days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Residents in some parts of the City will have their collection day changed; those residents will be notified by mail. We will also have an updated collection map on our website later in December.

Residents can rent containers (Refuse and Recycling) from Waste Management for a cost of \$5/month per container. Waste Management offers three sizes – 35 gallon, 65 gallon and 96 gallon toters. To rent carts from Waste Management please call 1-888-960-0008.

## Water and Sewer Customers Can Go Paperless

Water and Sewer customers can now go paperless. You now have the option to have your monthly water and sewer bill emailed to you. You should expect to receive your bill around the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact City Hall for more information – 715-693-2275 or by email at: <a href="mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us">clerks@mosinee.wi.us</a> and enter "Paperless" in the subject area. If you go paperless and would like to receive Mayor Jacobson's monthly letter updates, which are currently included with your water and sewer bill, please email <a href="mayor@mosinee.wi.us">mayor@mosinee.wi.us</a> and simply type "Monthly Update" in the subject line. Mayor Jacobson will also be offering periodic email updates to interested residents. See Mayor Jacobson's enclosed letter for further information.



## Sign Up for City Text Alerts

The City of Mosinee has setup a text alert program to notify residents of various issues/activities going on in the City.

To receive City Text Alerts for various issues follow the instructions below:

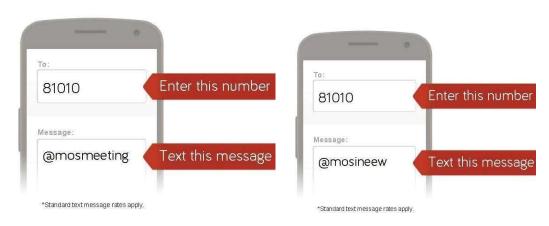
- To Sign Up for CITY MEETING NOTIFICATIONS: Text "@mosmeeting" to 81010
- To Sign Up for WATER & SEWER ALERTS/NOTICES: Text "@mosineew" to 81010
- To Sign Up for POLICE DEPARTMENT ALERTS: Text "@mosineepd" to 81010
- To Sign Up for MOSINEE EVENT NOTICES: Text "@cityevents" to 81010

Don't want to receive a text – Not a problem...you can sign-up via email. Contact City Hall via the contact info below and we will sign you up with your email address.

For additional information, please visit our City website: <a href="www.mosinee.wi.us">www.mosinee.wi.us</a> or contact Mosinee City Clerk/Treasurer Bruce Jamroz at 715-693-2275 or by email at bjamroz@mosinee.wi.us

### CITY MEETING NOTIFICATIONS

### **WATER & SEWER ALERTS**



#### POLICE DEPARTMENT ALERTS

#### **MOSINEE EVENT NOTICES**

