



**City of Mosinee**  
December 2018

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT  
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*Jeff Gates, City Administrator*

The Mayor, City Council and City Staff have been working diligently for the past three months to develop the City's annual budget for the 2019 fiscal (calendar) year. We are happy to report that the City's 2019 General Fund Budget will result in a slight decrease (-0.66%) of the City's property tax levy rate. Therefore, the current 2018 City Property Tax Rate of \$7.73 (per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) will slightly decrease to \$7.68 for property taxes payable in 2019. As a result, the City of Mosinee's property taxes for a \$100,000 assessed valued property will decrease -\$5.06 for the 2019 property tax year.

We are also very pleased to inform you that the overall (City, School District, County & Technical College) payable 2019 property taxes within the City will be lower than the overall payable 2018 property taxes. For example, a property with a \$100,000 assessed valuation will have an overall property tax decrease of approximately -\$17.38 for the 2019 payable property tax year!

The City is not planning to undertake any major street reconstruction or resurfacing projects next year, but the budget still includes \$60,000 for routine street maintenance work (i.e.: crack-sealing & seal-coating) to be completed during the year. It is important to note that the City has either reconstructed or resurfaced twenty-four (24) streets in the last four years. The 2019 budget also includes funding for the purchase of a new police squad to replace a 2002 squad that will be sold. A copy of the approved 2019 City Budget is available for review at City Hall and the budget is also available on the City's website ([www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us)).

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Jacobson and members of the City Council attended a Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the opening of the Mosinee Brewing Company in our downtown area. We would like to congratulate owner Jaquelyn Forbes Kearns on the opening of this much anticipated business; and we would like to thank Ms. Kearns for investing and believing in our great community!

I would also like to encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself. Don't forget to visit your local government web site and also our City of Mosinee Facebook Page, for additional information and updates.

## 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.

## SECURE YOUR MAILBOX

Reminder to Check Your Mailbox Before Snowplowing Season *Please inspect your mailbox and post to insure that it is installed properly.* Just a reminder to make sure mail boxes are sturdy and able to withstand the force of plowed snow. Make sure the posts are solid in the ground, and boxes will not pop off if a pile of snow is pushed against it. Rotted wood posts and rusted steel posts will not withstand the weight of snow being pushed against them. Plow Operators are instructed to be cautious near mail boxes. In most cases a properly installed mail box will permit a snow plow to clear snow around it. Most cases of damaged mail boxes are caused by heavy snow hitting the box. The mail boxes are not usually hit by the plow. A mailbox with alleged damage from a direct hit by a City snow plow must be reported immediately and will be visually inspected by City staff. It is the policy of the City to only reimburse the owner for mail boxes broken from coming in direct contact with the plow.

## Open Ice Skate Hours

### Dessert Park (Mosinee) – Outdoor Ice Rink – Open Skate Hours

800 West 4th St

Monday/Wed./Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hockey & Free Skating 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free Skating Only  
 Tuesday/Thursday: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Free Skating Only 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hockey & Free Skating  
 Saturday/Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free Skating Only 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hockey & Free Skating  
 Warming House will be open during these hours unless rink is closed due to weather.

### Mosinee Rec Center (Mosinee) – Indoor Ice Rink – Open Skate Hours

701 11th Street

Scheduled December Dates/Times:

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| 12/1  | 4pm to 10pm    |
| 12/15 | 5pm to 10pm    |
| 12/26 | 12pm to 4:30pm |
| 12/27 | 12pm to 4:30pm |
| 12/28 | 12pm to 4:30pm |
| 12/29 | 6:30pm to 10pm |
| 12/31 | 12pm to 4:30pm |

