

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
DECEMBER 2019**

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 2020 fiscal (calendar) year. We are happy to report that the City's current property tax mill levy rate of \$7.68 (per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) will remain exactly the same for the payable 2020 fiscal year.

We are also very pleased to inform you that the overall (City, School District, County & Technical College) payable 2020 property taxes within the City will be lower than the overall payable 2019 property taxes. For example, a property with a \$100,000 assessed valuation will have an overall property tax decrease of approximately - \$43.18 for the 2020 payable property tax year!

The City is planning to repave Willow Street (from Western Ave. to Pasha Ave.) in 2020. If the City is awarded a Multimodal Local Supplement Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the City will also reconstruct Rangeline Road (from Western Ave. to Main Street) in 2020.

We are also excited to report that the City's two Tax Increment Districts are succeeding very well due to the significant commercial developments that have occurred within the two districts! The equalized value of Tax Increment District No. 2 (generally located in the Business Park area) increased by 17% from 2018 to 2019; and the equalized value of Tax Increment District No. 2 has increased by +\$14,758,900 (+114%) from \$12,930,700 when the District was created in 2006 to an equalized value of \$27,689,600 as of January 1, 2019! The equalized value of the Downtown Tax Increment District No. 3 increased by 21% from 2018 to 2019; and the equalized value of Tax Increment District No. 3 has increased by +\$4,443,400 (+59%) from \$7,531,100 when the District was created in 2013 to an equalized value of \$11,974,500 as of January 1, 2019!

A copy of the approved 2020 City Budget is available for review at City Hall and the 2020 Budget is also available on the City's website (www.mosinee.wi.us).

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/cut 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

The City will soon be opening our Outdoor Ice Rink at Dessert Park (weather permitting). During these times, we generally have the Dessert Park Lodge open unless the rink is closed due to weather conditions : **Mon/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. There is no charge to use the ice during our open skate hours.

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

701 11th Street – Visit www.mosineehockey.com and select Open Skate Hours. Hours are dependent upon rink availability and vary monthly. There is no charge to use the ice during open skate hours.

Sled Hill Open

Did you know.....The City has a sled hill for younger children which is located next to the City Garage in River Park. When parking your car in the area, please do not park in front of any of the doors of the City Garage/Outbuildings. There is no charge to use the sled hill.