

The logo for the City of Mosinee features the words "City of Mosinee" in a stylized, multi-colored font. Above the word "Mosinee", the word "MOSINEE" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, centered within a circular arrangement of small, multi-colored dots.

**City of Mosinee**  
**December 2021**

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well. I am happy to report that the City has successfully passed its 2022 Budget. The 2022 Budget was the result of hard work by staff and tough decisions by the City Council. While we would like to accomplish many things, we always have to balance our needs and goals against taxes. We also have to consider what other taxing entities are anticipating for the upcoming year. Our goal is always to deliver a reasonable tax bill.

At the end of the process, the City tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will increase by less than 5 cents. When balanced with the Budgets of our tax entity partners and the State lottery credit we are happy to report that overall tax bills are expected to decrease by approximately \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

In this Budget, the City was able to account for several priorities, including new radios for our police officers, more robust coverage at the fire department, local road improvements, sidewalk expansion on Western Avenue, and parking lot maintenance at the Recreation Center. We have more work to do in future budgets, including a longterm street maintenance and repair program that can be achieved and sustained, an equipment repair schedule for our fire department, and equipment and infrastructure needs at the Public Works Department. In the end, we passed a modest Budget while accomplishing several targets on our list of many.

The budget process also serves as a good time to reflect on the City's progress and present financial integrity. Overall, our Community continues strong as we near the end of another year. Over the past 15 years we have now increased the equalized value of the tax district that primarily includes our Business Park by over \$20 million. In the past 7 years we have also increased the equalized value of the tax district that primarily includes our downtown by nearly \$6 million. Over the last decade our percentage population growth has outpaced both Marathon County and the State of Wisconsin. We have steadily attracted investment by new businesses and expansions by existing businesses. Our partners in the Mosinee School District have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and financial integrity through turbulent times. The State of Wisconsin has delivered on overdue road improvements and will be delivering on additional improvements next year.

Most importantly, you have continued to believe in and support our small yet proud and growing community. Calling Mosinee your home makes us what we are - the best of the best! I want to wish you and your family a happy close to 2021. I look forward to updating you again in the New Year.

Mayor Jacobson



## 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](http://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 – River Park

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.