

February 2017

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I am happy to write to you with another monthly update from the Mayor's office and the City of Mosinee as 2017 is off and running with a lot of activity. As part of last month's update, I noted that we would be working on completing the roll out of our lead service line replacement grant program. I can now report that we anticipate being able to accept applications beginning March 1st. We will be specifically inviting homeowners in areas of the City that we suspect have lead service lines to consider taking advantage of the grant program. Staff is currently compiling a list of qualified contractors in anticipation of the approaching roll out date. We have also applied for a second round of funding in 2018. While there are many communities throughout the State of Wisconsin seeking funding for their own projects, we are hoping that we will be eligible for a second phase of funding to further support this important initiative in Mosinee.

On a related note, I am happy to report that the City is continuing to work on efforts to clean our wells on the east end of the City. In 2015, we engaged an outside professional to develop a plan to improve the quality of water coming from wells that service the east end of the City. In 2016 we treated one of three wells. In January, the Council approved continuing with the treatment process by moving to Well #2.

The Public Works Department has also been very busy this season in an effort to keep our roads safe during and after severe snow and ice storms. Our crew works hard to get to your street as soon as possible and if you are on a quieter, less traveled street that may not get plowed as soon as other streets, I want to thank you for your patience. If you have fire hydrants on or near your property, I want to encourage you to help us out by keeping your hydrant clear of snow cover. As a member of our Fire District Board, I was reminded of how critical time is in the unfortunate case of an emergency. Saving our responders the time of clearing snow cover from a hydrant could make a big difference.

Although we are in the middle of the long winter months at this time, spring and summer are already on our minds at the City as we look forward to additional infrastructure projects. As I have mentioned in prior updates, the City has been working hard to address much needed street repairs in various parts of the City. I am happy to report that the Council has decided to move forward with the reconstruction of Oconto Road in the 6th Ward this summer. Staff also anticipates that we will have some bond borrowing left to still accomplish additional street projects in 2017 and possibly 2018. However, it will never be enough to address all repairs in the City that I know are needed.

I am hopeful that the State's biennial budget cycle will result in additional State aid for local road improvements. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is anticipating that tax revenue will be \$455 million dollars more than originally anticipated and, when combined with a projected positive balance to close out the fiscal year, the State will have approximately \$714 million in additional revenue than previously expected. This has spurred discussions in Madison of an additional \$300 million in transportation funding. We are closely following this and other legislative initiatives that concern municipalities as the Legislature is hard at work in the current session.

I closed my letter last month by inviting business owners and operators in Mosinee to consider inviting me to learn more about their business, including how they contribute to Mosinee and some of the challenges they may face. Learning more about the businesses in our community is a top priority for me in 2017. Therefore, I will be closing many of my updates this year by extending this invitation. For those of you who have already reached out to me, I want to thank you.

Please also remember that you can get more frequent updates on City business by subscribing to my e-mail update list. Simply e-mail mayor@mosinee.wi.us and type "updates" in the subject line. Please also consider following me on Facebook at [@MayorBrentJacobson](https://www.facebook.com/MayorBrentJacobson).

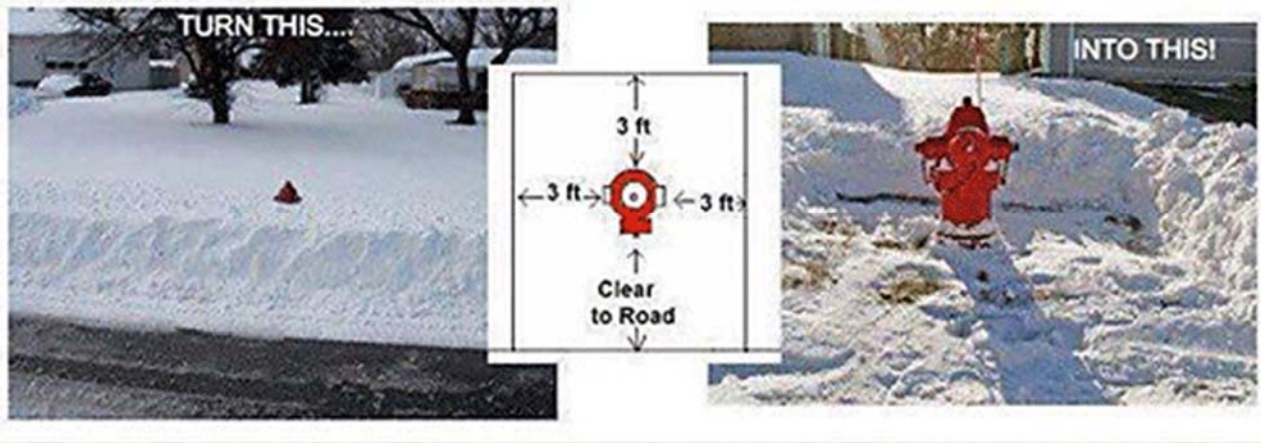
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PLEASE CLEAR SNOW AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS



The City of Mosinee and the Mosinee Fire District would like to remind homeowners to make sure they keep areas surrounding fire hydrants clear so that firefighters can connect their equipment without delays. Many of the hydrants throughout the City are surrounded by snow accumulation. Homeowners must keep in mind that fire hydrant accessibility is a primary factor in fighting fires and protecting lives and property in the event of a fire. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

NOTICE – DOG/CAT OWNER

Dogs and Cats are required to be licensed by March 31st, 2017. The license period runs from January 1st, 2017 to December 31st, 2017. State law requires that all dogs must be licensed yearly AND City ordinances require cats to be licensed yearly. Before a license can be issued, you must furnish a rabies vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies.

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SEE-CLICK-FIX



Do you have a pot hole in your street that needs to be filled, or a street light out?

You can now use our citizen reporting software to notify the City of non-emergency issues in your neighborhood.

Citizens can use the software to report:

- Sidewalks not shoveled
- Animal Complaint • Building without a Permit • Debris in Road
- Garbage cans full at Park • Garbage and Recycling Issues • Graffiti
- High Grass • Hydrant Leaking • Noise Complaint • Parking (Illegally Parked Vehicles) • Pothole
- Request for Speed Board Trailer • Sidewalk repair • Abandoned vehicles • Speeding
- Vehicle Issues • Street Light Out • Unregistered Vehicles • Property Maintenance
- Un-kept Property • Water main break and other requests!

Residents can use either a desktop computer or a mobile device. In the Apple Store search See Click Fix or visit this address for more details: <http://www.mosinee.wi.us/seeclickfix.html>

WATER AND SEWER BILLING & PAYMENT OPTIONS – GO PAPERLESS

The Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility has two new options available to customers:

Paperless Billing is now available. If you choose this option – your water and sewer bill will be emailed to you around the 10th of each month. Contact City Hall 715-693-2275 or email: clerks@mosinee.wi.us to get setup.

ACH Payment is now available. Customers can have their payment withdrawn from a checking or savings account on the due date of each month. Contact City Hall

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!


Many household products are labeled and marketed as **DISPOSABLE** and/or **FLUSHABLE**; many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towelettes are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these types of items have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products **DO NOT** break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, **especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing.** A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a **very costly sewer repair.**

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

What We All Can Do To Help...

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:

Disinfecting/surface wipes	Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Jewelry wipes	Pet care wipes
Cosmetic wipes	First Aid wipes
Disposable diapers or diaper liners	Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)
Cotton swabs	Feminine hygiene products
Toilet cleaning pads	ANY Moist type towelettes
 ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!	



Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.**