



February 2018

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope your 2018 is off to a great start. Here at City Hall we are preparing for what I suspect will be a very exciting year. We continue to wait to hear on the finalization of two brand new business prospects for our downtown and east side business districts – one at 4th and Pine in downtown Mosinee and one at the location of the former Ron & Lloyds property. We are also anxiously anticipating the construction and opening of the Mosinee Brewery at 4th and Main in the downtown business district. Expansions at Greenheck are underway in the Central Wisconsin Business Park and we are finalizing plans with Wisconsin Mechanical Solutions, our soon-to-be newest addition to the business park. Finally, we rang in 2018 with the official grand opening of Ascension Health in the Crystal Finishing building in the Central Wisconsin Business Park. Needless to say, 2018 looks to be a good year for business growth and development in the City of Mosinee.

In other news, I would like to take this opportunity to echo the good news from a recent water quality report issued by our Public Works Department. Last year, a local news station ran a story casting a rather negative light on our utility and the quality of our water in terms of copper levels. We went to great lengths to provide ALL the facts to the community, some of which were left out of the report despite our insistence on them during the interview. I am happy to report that in subsequent testing, 10 of 10 samples passed EPA action levels for lead and 9 of 10 samples passed copper levels. Shortly thereafter, we did a subsequent round of testing with 40 samples, 38 of which were below the EPA action level for lead and all of which were below the EPA action level for copper.

In short, I want to assure all residents that our Public Works Department works constantly to ensure that the highest quality of water possible is delivered to our residents. At almost every City Council meeting we are briefed on a variety of efforts that the Department is undertaking to fine tune our process and to ensure that tests are accurate and complete.

While we are on the topic of water quality and while I have stressed this several times, I want to remind all residents living in older sections of our community and in older homes that our community has been fortunate enough to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal grant money to assist residents with the cost of replacing lead service lines. To learn more about the program and how to determine if your home is serviced by lead lines, please contact City Hall.

In community news, I would like to thank the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful member appreciation evening at the Central Wisconsin Airport in January. The turnout was fabulous, and I had a great time catching up with so many members in and around our community.

In closing, I would like to use this update as an opportunity to remind residents that our annual city organizational meeting is fast approaching in mid-April. At that meeting, I take the opportunity to appoint citizens to a variety of committees that serve important functions in our community from parks and recreation to planning and zoning and many others in-between. Serving on a committee is a great way to serve your community and meet others. If you are interested in learning more about our committees and spots that may be available this April, please contact my office or our City Administrator, Jeff Gates.

I wish a great rest of February, and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Brent Jacobson

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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
<i>+ ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!</i>	

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.***