

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Dear Residents:

I would like to take this opportunity to formally greet you for the first time as your Mayor. As the transition into the Mayor's office takes place, we have many exciting things happening. One of my first orders of business as Mayor was to appoint citizens to fill vacancies and expiring terms on the various committees and commissions that serve different facets of our community. With unanimous support from the Common Council, I appointed two new residents to serve on our Parks Commission and one new resident to serve on our Planning Commission. The Common Council also designated me as our representative to the Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau. I am delighted to take this appointment and I look forward to serving in this important role as our community's representative. Service by citizens on our committees and commissions is vitally important. I hope that you will consider inquiring about serving in one of these roles. If you are interested I encourage you to contact my office or our City Administrator, Jeff Gates, for further information.

This past month, I was also honored to be invited to say a few words at a ceremony recognizing the extraordinary efforts of so many in constructing new park facilities at the Edgewood Park soccer fields. I encourage all residents to visit Edgewood Park to recognize the hard work and dedication that has gone into making this park a beautiful part of our community. In other news, I am happy to report that within the next year, possibly even in 2015, the City hopes to commence construction of an expansion to our river woods trail along with Wisconsin River. This trail currently runs from Chuck's Boat Landing toward the bridge. Current plans are to extend the trail from Chuck's Boat Landing to Edgewood Park. Initially, the City was anticipating borrowing a sizable amount of money to fund the project. However, we recently submitted a grant application to the State of Wisconsin, which we anticipate will, along with a federal grant, cover the project completely and not require any City funding.

Finally, in other past news, I am happy to report that I recently toured all of our utility operations with our public works director. I also toured part of our fire and EMS operations with our fire chief. In both cases, I had various questions answered regarding current and future needs.

Upcoming agenda items for the Mayor's office include an initial meeting with the Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee and Planning Commission to discuss, among other things, ideas for the future direction of our downtown business district. We also have numerous items that will be addressed at the regular Common Council meeting in May, including plans to move a code enforcement program forward. I encourage all residents to join us at Common Council meetings or simply visit the City website to watch meetings online.

In closing, I am very excited about the next two years and honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. The Mayor's Office is always open to you for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brent Jacobson

City’s Recycling Numbers Continue to Grow

City residents are doing a great job of recycling as indicated in our latest recycling numbers. Since 2011, City residents have recycled more than 82,000lbs additional items of recycling.

We can continue to grow our recycling numbers and save the City money in landfill fees by recycling.

All recycling can be placed in one container (as known as single stream/comingled recycling).

Below is a list of common household items you should be recycling – for a complete listing please visit our website: www.mosinee.wi.us:

- Plastic milk bottles, Plastic water bottles, Plastic liquid laundry detergent bottles
- Plastic bottles and containers from Ketchup, jelly, butter, etc.
- Soda/Beer aluminum containers, glass
- Vegetable/Fruit/Soup steel cans
- Cardboard boxes, newspapers, office paper, boxes from all of your food products (noodles, cereal, other cardboard boxes)
- Magazines – take time to go through your magazines and recycling the magazines you don’t want to keep!
- Junk Mail
- Egg cartons – Paper Only

TABLE 1 - RECYCLING NUMBERS – CITY OF MOSINEE

2014	444,460 lbs of recycling
2013	403,910 lbs of recycling
2012	373,660 lbs of recycling
2011	362,000 lbs of recycling

UTILITY BILL NOW REFLECTS NEW WATER UTILITY RATES

The monthly utility bill that you received with this newsletter now reflects the City’s new water & public fire protection service rate schedule that went into effect on April 1, 2015.

As we reported the past three months, the City of Mosinee is currently undertaking extensive improvements at the Mosinee Avenue Water Utilities Facility that will significantly enhance the quality of our municipal drinking water! The water facility improvements project includes the reconstruction of the three (3) municipal drinking water wells that are approximately 40-years & 50-years in age and also the installation of a new filtration system within the Water Treatment Plant.

Unfortunately, in order to pay the debt service for the Mosinee Avenue Water System Improvements Project it was necessary to increase the City’s water and public fire protection utility service rates as approved by the Public Service Commission on Wisconsin. This is the first increase in the City’s water & fire protection utility rates since 1998.