



City of Mosinee

November 2017

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I am happy to bring you another monthly update from City Hall and the Mayor's Office. I hope your fall season is going well. It has been an exciting month at the City.

First, our staff and your elected officials have been hard at work on the City's 2018 Budget. On October 30th, the City Council approved a preliminary budget which will be published in the Mosinee Times. A public hearing for approval of the 2018 Budget is scheduled for November 21st at 6:00 p.m. I plan to devote my December newsletter to budget highlights. I am happy to report, however, that at this time the City anticipates qualifying for over \$40,000 in expenditure restraint aid from the State. This aid is awarded to a limited number of municipalities throughout Wisconsin that keep general fund expenses below an established limit. At this time, I am also happy to report that we are projecting a zero tax levy increase for the City portion of your taxes.

In other news, I am happy to report that the City took steps this past month to address future development and infrastructure on the East side of our City. Specifically, with the approval of the School District, NTC, and the County, the City will be amending the project boundaries and plan of Tax Incremental District 2. This amendment will allow the City to use tax increment financing to reconstruct Orbiting Drive with cash instead of borrowing and make several additional lots eligible for development incentives in hopes of enticing new commercial development.

In development news on the West side of our community, the City finalized its development incentive package with the Mosinee Brewing Company, which anticipates opening a brewery and tap house in downtown Mosinee in 2018. This development was a tremendous example of a partnership between local, regional and state government as well as private investment. In addition to local development incentives, the group secured a regional economic development loan and a \$250,000 state economic development grant.

In other community news, it was a pleasure to get out and about this past month for several different events. First, I would like to thank the Community Center of Hope for another wonderful Evening of Hope dinner and fundraiser this past month. My wife and I had a great evening and I want to thank them for all they do for our community and Central Wisconsin. I also took the opportunity to join in cheering on our team at Arow Global earlier this month at the second annual Excellence in Manufacturing Awards Ceremony. For the second year in a row Arow was a finalist for the small to medium manufacturers award. Arow runs a tremendous operation in our business park and we are very fortunate to have them. In other business park news, it was a pleasure to join the Wausau Area Chamber for an afterhours event at Crystal Finishing's Mosinee facility. In addition to filling one of our business park facilities with top notch manufacturing operations, the Crystal Finishing building is welcoming new health services facilities and medical manufacturing. Finally, I want to thank the Mosinee Area Chamber for sponsoring another successful Healthy Haunting event at the Creske Center. My wife and I sure enjoyed all the Halloween costumes we saw as our community's youngsters came through.

I would like to finish this update by announcing a new winter initiative to help those in need in our community. As of November 1st, we are inviting residents who may have an extra winter coat to consider dropping it off at City Hall. Donated coats that have been dropped off will be available on the entry way coat rack for anyone in need of a winter coat. Those in need of a coat for themselves, a child or other family member may visit City Hall Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and feel free to take one. If you have an extra coat you no longer need, please consider stopping at City Hall to donate it. Thank you.

Mayor Jacobson

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Winter Snowplowing Information

Snow season is here and along with snow comes slippery streets and icy sidewalks. The Public Works Department plows approximately 40 miles of streets, 10 miles of alleys, parking lots and sidewalks. It takes about 15 hours to clear the City of snow, although the time may vary due to the depth and type of snow. Due to the fact that the State of Wisconsin has significantly cut the amount of annual aid payments to the City and forced staff

reductions, the City will again be snowplowing with one less driver. **Similar to last year, it will take us approximately 4 hours longer to clear the City streets and alleys of snow.**

In order to make the job of snowplowing and snow removal easier for the Public Works Department, residents should keep the following in mind: City ordinances prohibit blowing or shoveling snow onto or pushing snow across any City street. Parking is also prohibited if a snow emergency is declared.

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Failure to do so may result in fines to the property owner. Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks safe and clear.

The City is divided into five areas for plowing purposes. Each area has streets that are designated as Priority 1. Priority 1 routes are the City's major collector and arterial streets and have been laid out in such a manner that most residences are no more than four city blocks from a Priority 1 street. These streets are plowed first and are kept passable at all times, if possible. The City does have a Snow and Ice Removal Policy which addresses snow plowing issues. A copy of this policy, along with a map of plowing routes, can be viewed at City Hall.

Every snowfall or snowstorm is different but in general we begin to plow, salt and sand when snow accumulations are about 1 inch on hills and busy intersections and 2 inches elsewhere. During heavy snows, plows concentrate on the Priority 1 streets during the day. A night plowing operation is then scheduled to clean all City streets. If you have any questions or concerns relating to snow plowing operations, please call the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840.

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

SIDEWALKS – SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the city fronting or abutting any street shall clean or cause to be cleaned the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such home, building or unoccupied lot, as the case may be of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall and shall cause the sidewalk to be kept clear from ice and snow, provided that when the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the persons referred to in this section shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with salt, sawdust or sand.



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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 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.

Christmas Craft Show, Festival and Parade

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Admission: Free

Location: Mosinee High School and Downtown Mosinee

9:00 am-3:00 pm: At the Mosinee High School you will find a Family festival with an Artisan, Craft and Small Business Show (annually over 130 vendors within two gyms and the hallways). The Chamber's Candy Cane Raffle to benefit our Mosinee High School Chamber Scholarship. Mrs. Klaus's Cafe with food and refreshments. And don't forget to bring the kids to visit Santa. The Mosinee High School Choir will also host their Annual Bake Sale with lots of great Christmas treats. **[Register your booth online at the Mosinee Chamber of Commerce website \(www.mosineechamber.org\).](http://www.mosineechamber.org)**

9:00 am-11 am: Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Live musician in the Mosinee High School Cafeteria. The Children's area has craft activities for children while they wait to visit Santa.

9:00 am-12 pm Photos with Santa in the Mosinee High School Cafeteria. Have your picture taken with Santa for a minimal fee or bring your own camera.

5:45 pm: Make sure to head to Downtown Mosinee for the Annual Christmas Parade and Downtown Tree Lighting with the Mayor.

5:30 pm: Line-up for Parade

6:00 pm: Parade starts. The parade is sponsored by Advantage Community Bank **[Register your float online at the Mosinee Chamber of Commerce website \(www.mosineechamber.org\).](http://www.mosineechamber.org)** Registration Deadline is Nov 25. Line-up is at 5:30.

For more information on the Christmas Craft Show, Festival and Parade contact the Mosinee Chamber of Commerce at 715-693-4330.



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Coats for the Community

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AUTO-PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

Customers of the Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility have the option to have their water and sewer bills directly deducted from their checking or savings accounts on the due date of each billing. We currently have over 325 customers using this option.

Customers will still receive a bill from the Utility, but it will be marked for Direct Payment. The ACH – Payment Authorization form is available on our website at www.mosinee.wi.us or at City Hall.

Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to: City Hall – attn: Water and Sewer Utility – 225 Main Street, Mosinee, WI 54455.

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 715-693-2275 or email: clerks@mosinee.wi.us to get setup.

Chasin' the Chill from City Park!

The Kept In Stitches group, from Good News Church, is bringing the warmth of the season to those in need of warm handcrafted scarves to chase away those winter chills. The scarves will be adorning the wrought iron fencing of City Park during the all day Christmas event on Saturday, December 2nd. If you or your children are in need of a scarf, crafted with love, please feel free to take one.