

# City of Mosinee

## Fall Newsletter 2010



### FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City of Mosinee Fall leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 25th, 2010. Residents who would like their leaves picked up must rake the leaves into the gutter or onto the street the weekend before their scheduled collection date. Leaves can also be deposited at the Yard Waste site on Fremont Street at any time. For City equipment to do the best job of leaf collection rake leaves away from the curb approximately 1 foot. Leaf pickup will be according to the following schedule.

**Monday, October 25:** Water St. to 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
from Fremont St. to Buchanan St.

**Tuesday, October 26:** 4th St. to 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Western Ave.  
to Main St. 5th St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Main St. to Washington St.

**Wednesday, October 27:** 8<sup>th</sup> St. to 11<sup>th</sup>  
St. from Western Ave. to Main St.

**Thursday, October 28:** Dessert Park to Novak St. from  
Western Ave. to Pasha Ave., including all of West 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**Friday, October 29:** 11<sup>th</sup> St. to 13<sup>th</sup>  
St. from Western Ave. to Main St.

**Monday, November 1:** All areas east of the Wisconsin River;  
including the Stoneridge subdivision.

**Residents in areas with ditches must rake the leaves onto the street for pickup. City crews will not rake leaves out of the ditches for pickup.**

**Tuesday, November 2:** 13<sup>th</sup> St. to 16<sup>th</sup> St. from  
Western Ave. to Main St.

**Wednesday, November 3** 16<sup>th</sup> St. to Rangeline Rd.  
from Western Ave to Main St.

**Thursday, November 4:** Novak St. to Rangeline Rd.  
from Western Ave. to Pasha Ave.

**Friday, November 5:** Novak St. to Rangeline Rd. from  
Pasha Ave to the south City limits.

If leaf collection progresses faster than anticipated, the area indicated in the schedule will be checked again on the scheduled date. **After the scheduled collection date all leaves must be taken to the yard waste site on Fremont Street.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT STICKS, STONES, LIMBS OR OTHER DEBRIS IN THE LEAF PILES AS THESE ITEMS WILL DAMAGE THE LEAF COLLECTION EQUIPMENT!**

Leaves and other yard waste may also be disposed of at the Yard Waste site on Fremont Street. Residents are reminded that brush is NOT ALLOWED at the yard waste site. If you deposit brush, stumps, trees or other unacceptable garbage at the yard waste site you will be subject to fines. Brush is picked up the week of the third Monday of each month. Brush will not be picked up for persons clearing lots. If you have brush for disposal call the Public Works Dept. at 693-3840 and leave your name and address.

Mayor Alan Erickson 801 16 <sup>th</sup> Street 715-693-6812	Alderson: Marge Rein Ward 1 201 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street 715-693-1199	Alderson: Tom Kipp Ward 2 802 7 <sup>th</sup> Street 715-693-6793	Alderson: Robert Stephens Ward 3 615 Oak Park Circle 715-297-0053	Alderson: Tom Helbach Ward 4 911 9 <sup>th</sup> Street 715-693-3072	Alderson: Keith Biedermann Ward 5 209 Willow Street 715-693-6916	Alderson: Doug Mielke Ward 6 1026 Old Hwy 51 715-693-2609	City Hall 225 Main Street 715-693-2275 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday
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## Downtown Redevelopment Plan Study Currently Underway

As part of the Wisconsin River Bridge Reconstruction project, the City requested that the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation conduct a Traffic Study for the downtown area. The purpose of the traffic study was to *“determine geometric, traffic control, parking and/or routing modifications to increase the capacity on State Highway 153, from Old Highway 51 through the downtown area of the City of Mosinee”*. At this time, the City is expecting that the Traffic Study results will likely recommend that the State Highway 153 traffic flow patterns through the downtown area be modified at some point in the future to increase traffic capacity in the downtown area.

The anticipated future Highway 153 traffic pattern changes within the downtown area provides a unique opportunity for the City to properly plan for and also promote potential future redevelopment opportunities, that will likely occur within the downtown area as a result of the future traffic flow transformation.

Therefore, at the request of the City, the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is currently working with the Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee to undertake the process of creating a formal future Redevelopment Plan for our downtown area. The Downtown Redevelopment Plan will be utilized as a formal land use planning and economic development tool to ensure the future viability of our downtown which is an essential asset of our community.

The Downtown Redevelopment Plan study will include the following key elements:

- *Infrastructure Analysis*
- *Building Assessment (including potential historic buildings)*
- *Downtown Market Assessment*
- *Identification of Public/Private Redevelopment Opportunities*
- *Land Use Assessment*
- *Transportation Network Assessment (including non-motorized transportation)*
- *Potential Redevelopment Site Identification*
- *Identification of Redevelopment Financing Sources*

The Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee, (which consists of representatives from the City of Mosinee and the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce), is directly involved with providing input throughout the process of creating the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. It is anticipated that the Downtown Redevelopment Plan will be completed in early 2011.

If you have any questions or would like additional information pertaining to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan study, please contact City Administrator Jeff Gates at City Hall (715.693.2275) or by e-mail ([cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us)).

## Highway 153 Roundabout Intersection Project Update

The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning to complete the construction of the new roundabout intersection located at State Hwy 153 (Main Street) and Old Hwy 51 in early November.

The next phase of the intersection reconstruction project will include permanently closing the main entrance driveway to the Mosinee Mill and the construction of a new “by-pass” right-turn lane for eastbound traffic on Highway 153. Therefore, traffic heading from the downtown area to the Central Wisconsin Airport area will be able to utilize the “by-pass” turning lane and will not need to enter the roundabout to make their desired turn.

There are three simple rules to remember when traveling within the roundabout intersection:

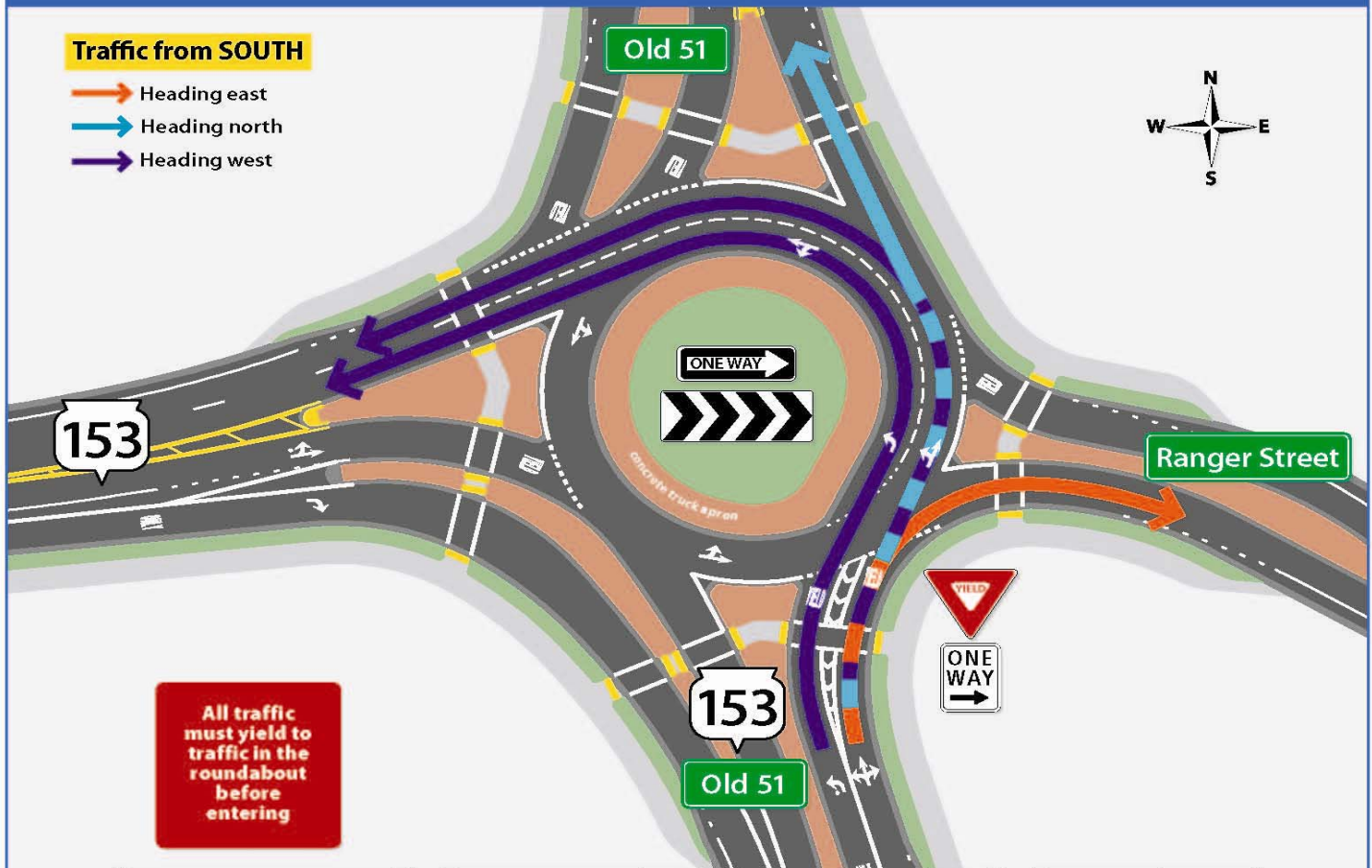
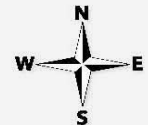
1. Traffic located within the roundabout always has the right-of-way.
2. Prior to entering the roundabout, yield to traffic located in the roundabout from your left.
3. When in the roundabout stay in your designated lane (do not switch lanes!)



## Driving the WIS 153 Mosinee Roundabout from the SOUTH

### Traffic from SOUTH

- Heading east
- Heading north
- Heading west



### Driving a roundabout

1. Slow down and obey traffic signs.
2. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Yield to traffic on your left already in the roundabout.
4. Enter the roundabout when there is a safe gap in traffic.
5. Keep your speed low within the roundabout and stay in your lane.
6. As you approach your exit, turn on your right turn signal.
7. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists as you exit.

### Large vehicles

Large vehicles should select an appropriate lane at entry. The pavement marking between lanes at entry is for off-tracking.

Trucks in the outside lanes may have to straddle lanes in the circulatory roadway.

Trucks in the inside lane should stay in-lane and off-track on the truck apron.

Avoid driving next to or passing large trucks while approaching and maneuvering through a roundabout.

### Emergency vehicles

Always yield to emergency vehicles.

If you haven't entered the roundabout, pull over to the right and allow emergency vehicles to pass.

If you have entered the roundabout, continue to your exit, then pull over and allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Avoid stopping in the roundabout.

### Bicycles

The same rules for vehicles apply to bicycles in the roundabout.

Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent cars from passing and cutting you off.

Bicycles may exit the roadway and use the crosswalk.



Halloween Hours - October 31<sup>st</sup> - 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

## Fall General Election - November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

On Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, the Fall General Election will be held. Polling locations in the City are as follows:

- Wards 1, 2, 6 – City Hall – 225 Main Street
- Wards 3, 4, 5 - Creske Center – 1000 High St

A sample ballot for each ward is available on our website at: [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us) If you do not have internet access, please call the City Clerk's office and we will mail a sample ballot to you.

If you are unable to make it to the polls on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and would like to vote by absentee ballot, please contact the City Clerk's office to request an absentee ballot.

**Just a reminder to voters in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wards. Your polling location will be the Creske Center lobby - 1000 High Street for the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Election. We anticipate moving the polling location back to the National Guard Armory for the Spring 2011 Election.**

## Household Hazardous Materials Collection

The Marathon County Solid Waste Department accepts Household Hazardous Waste Materials at their collection site located at R18500 East Highway 29 in Ringle, WI. This site is located 1.5 miles East of County Highway Q, on Highway 29. Hazardous Waste Collection is by appointment only - Monday through Friday - 9am - 3pm. Please call 715.446.3101 Ext.100 to set up an appointment.

**Materials Accepted:** Degreasers, Fuel, Ether, Cleaning Solvents, Creosote, Drain Cleaners, Dry Cleaning Fluid, Fungicides, Floor/Furniture Polish, Gun Cleaners, Herbicides, Hobby Materials, Insecticides, Metal Cleaners, Mildew Cleaners, Nail Polish Removers, Oil-based Paints, Oven Cleaners, Photography Chemicals, Solvents, Strippers, Thinners, Turpentine and Varnish.

The Solid Waste Department also offers the following services: Landfill disposal, appliance recycling, tire recycling, lead-acid battery recycling, waste oil recycling, oil filter recycling, electronics recycling, light bulb recycling, lithium and rechargeable battery recycling, scrap metal recycling, container and paper recycling and compost bin sales.

For more information on Household Hazardous Waste Materials or the Marathon County Solid Waste Department Services, please contact them at: 715-446-3101.

## YARD WASTE- DISPOSAL SITE

The Yard Waste site is located @ 202 Fremont Street next to our Waste Water Treatment Plant. Please only use this site for dropping off: Leaves, Grass Clippings, Hedge Trimmings, Garden Refuse, etc.

Please do not drop off: :

Brush, Tree limbs, Christmas trees, Stumps, or any other garbage at this site.

## Did you know...

City Water and Sewer customers may make monthly payments on their water and sewer bills? Call or stop by City Hall and have us calculate a monthly average for you so you can pre-pay your water and sewer bill. Many customers find this a great way to make their quarterly bills more manageable.

## E-Cycle Wisconsin - Electronics Recycling

A new statewide electronics recycling law, passed in October 2009, is creating new recycling opportunities for Wisconsin households and schools. The law also bans many electronics from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators starting Sept. 1, 2010.

Recycling your electronics is important because they contain valuable materials that can be recycled and reused. These materials include plastics, steel, glass and precious metals like gold and copper.

Many devices also contain dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium and chemical flame retardants. If disposed of improperly, these materials can leach into the environment where they may affect human and environmental health.

**“After September 1, no one in Wisconsin may put items such as TVs, computers, printers and cell phones in the trash,”** said Ann Coakley, director of the DNR’s Waste and Materials Management Program. **“Electronics are resources that are too valuable to waste, and we can help both our economy and the environment by recycling them.”**

The local E-Cycle Wisconsin registered collection site in Marathon County is: Veolia Solid Waste – 5509 Fuller Street in Schofield, WI. For more information please contact Veolia at 715-359-6637

## ENERGY SERVICES FOR MARATHON COUNTY

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Operating with federal and state funding, the program provides assistance to approximately 150,000 Wisconsin households annually.

WHEAP assistance is a one-time payment during the heating season (October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>). The funding pays a portion of the heating costs, but the payment is not intended to cover the entire cost of heating a residence. The amount of the heating assistance benefit varies depending on a variety of factors, including the household’s size, income, and heating costs. In most cases the heating assistance benefit is paid directly to the household energy supplier.

Energy Services for Marathon County is concerned that potential eligible households in the City of Mosinee are not applying for the program because they are unaware of the program. Brochures detailing the program are available at City Hall.

For more information, please contact Energy Services for Marathon County at: 715-845-3111.

## *2011 Budget Schedule*

- **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00p.m. Budget Workshop #1
- **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30p.m. Budget Workshop # 2 (Public Input Session)
- **Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** - 6:00p.m. Budget Workshop #3
- **Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00p.m. (Public Hearing for Approval of 2011 Budget)

## CITY BUDGET MEETINGS SCHEDULED

It’s that time of the year again! The City of Mosinee began the annual budget process by holding a budget workshop on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00p.m.

The Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> workshop will feature a public input session for Citizen comments regarding the 2011 City Budget. Additional budget meetings will also be held (see schedule box).

The City budget can be viewed as the annual work plan for the City as it encompasses all facets of our municipal operations and services that are proposed for the upcoming year.

Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings. Residents may obtain a copy of the proposed budget from the City Clerk’s office.

## Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival 2010

A festival designed with the whole family in mind.

The Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival in Mosinee featured several new additions this year that bolstered its already impressive list of annual events.

Along with new displays and activities, Saturday night offered a huge fireworks display and laser light presentation called 'Fire on the Wisconsin' - which the Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival had never had before. Saturday also introduced a new musical group to the roster with the addition of the Eau Claire based EverGreen Grass Band. The festival wrapped up Sunday with a patriotic parade down Main Street in front of River Park.

The festival began at 5 p.m. Friday evening in Mosinee River Park with a fish boil dinner, a large selection of other food and beverages, entertainment by Sloppy Joe and the first of six All-American Lumberjack Shows that were scheduled throughout the weekend. In addition to the log rolling and sawmanship, lumberjacks gave live demonstrations of chain saw carvings.

The children's activity center, a popular event in years past, made its return on Saturday and Sunday with additional events to include mini tractor pull competitions and the Kids Lumberjack Camp. The kids cane pole fishing contest was again a great success on Sunday.

This festival wouldn't be complete without historical demonstrations and displays, and the Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival in Mosinee had no shortage of these. The Mosinee Heritage Tent displayed a wide range of historical items as visitors were able to witness, first hand, how our forefathers survived the challenging times of yester year. Demonstrations, including this year's addition of a working blacksmith, were part of the rendezvous encampment carved into the woods along the shores of the Wisconsin River.

It's the family atmosphere, top-notch entertainment and events that keep people coming back year after year. Visitors enjoy many exciting and engaging activities while they learn about the diversity and creativity of the people who settled along the northern Wisconsin River.

If you've enjoyed the festival in the past, we think you'll love it even more in 2011.

While attending a great family event, you're supporting community organizations, which in turn, contribute to and support important activities throughout the year.

Community organizations, businesses and individuals donate to underwrite this event and thanks to their generosity, most of the activities throughout the weekend are free. Without the sponsor contributions and their commitment to our community, we would not be able to provide all the activities that are available for our residents and guests to enjoy.

A complete schedule, descriptions of activities and events, along with a detailed destination map are available at the event's Web site: [www.logjamfestival.org](http://www.logjamfestival.org). Check for updates as we continue to plan our calendar of events for August 12-14, 2011.

Brought to you by the City of Mosinee and the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Winter Snowplowing Information



Snow season will soon be upon us and along with snow comes snow plowing and snow covered sidewalks. The Public Works Department plows approximately 40 miles of streets, 10 miles of alleys, parking lots and sidewalks. It takes about 11 hours to clear the City of snow, although time may vary due to the depth and type of snow. In order to make the job of snow plowing 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. **Vehicle parking on city streets is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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 an assigned truck and operator. Each area also 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.

The City does not plow for every snowfall. We begin to 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 693-3840.

Your cooperation during the snow plowing season is greatly appreciated!

### Emergency Services—Water & Sewer

The flooding or back up of water or sanitary sewage into a home due to a broken water or sanitary sewer pipe is one of the most frustrating experiences that a homeowner will endure.

Utility personnel will assess your situation and determine if the problem is in the City's main or the property owner's service lateral.

If a water or sewer problem is determined to be in the City's main, Utility personnel will do whatever is necessary to rectify the situation as quickly as possible.

If you have a Water or Sewer Emergency during the daytime, please call 693-2275 or 693-3840. For after hours Water or Sewer emergency's please call 573-1758. If you are unable to reach anyone or do not receive a response, please call the Mosinee Police Department (693-2000) and they will dispatch someone from the Utility to assist you.

## ***From the Desk of the Mayor***

As we approach the long-awaited opening of the Wisconsin River Bridge in Mosinee, I am pleased that the city can also anticipate the opening of our new round-a-bout intersection and appreciate the Highway 153 improvements. These projects will relieve traffic congestion and also improve safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Over the course of the past two years we have made tremendous progress despite serious economic challenges. With the support and guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and our community partners, we forged ahead with the construction of these necessary improvements. We look forward to inviting our neighbors and visitors to Mosinee to see the beautiful new entrance to our downtown. We remain dedicated to fulfilling our commitment to the revitalization of Mosinee's downtown, and to giving our residents and visitors the community they deserve.

As these projects enter their final stages, city officials hope the effort will prompt an increase in commercial and residential development. We've already seen some of this happening. It makes people want to be downtown and want to be part of Mosinee.

The Highway 153 improvement project is the last of five projects that essentially rebuilt the Mosinee corridor. Other projects completed over the last two years include: the new Mosinee Bridge; the new round-a-bout intersection; rehabilitation of Depot Road to the Mosinee Paper Mill and the completion of the new Riverwalk project.

Thanks to Bruce Jamroz (City Clerk/Treasurer), the city continues to utilize its web site as an informational and economic development tool. The web site currently includes information pertaining to everything that our excellent community has to offer. For more information visit our web site at ([www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us)).

*Alan Erickson* - Mayor

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