

# City of Mosinee

## Fall Newsletter 2011



### FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**The City of Mosinee Fall Leaf Collection process has been revised. Please read carefully.**

Leaf collection this year will be accomplished by baling of the leaves/pine needles that are placed in the street. The City will be contracting with a custom baler to collect leaves/pine needles. Baled leaves will then be hauled away by the Public Works Dept.

Leaf collection will begin on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Residents who want their leaves picked up must have them raked into the gutter or onto the street by the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup>. **City crews will not rake leaves out of ditches or off the curb for pickup.** For the equipment to do the best job of leaf collection rake leaves away from the curb approximately 1-2 feet. Leaves that are on the street will be baled. The City's street sweeper will follow the baler to clean up any remaining leaves.

**Leaf collection will only be done once.** Any leaves remaining after the collection equipment has passed can be disposed of at the yard waste site on Fremont St.

**DO NOT deposit rocks, sticks, brush or garden waste in the leaf piles as these items will damage the leaf collection equipment. Any leaf piles found that contain these materials will not be picked up.**

Leaf collection will begin on Water St. and progress towards Rangeline Road (north of Western Ave.). Then move to the east side of the River and finally the streets south of Western Ave. from Fremont St. to Rangeline Rd.

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. Brush will not be picked up for persons clearing lots. Brush is picked up the week of the third Monday of each month. If you deposit brush, stumps, trees or other unacceptable garbage at the yard waste site you will be subject to fines. If you have brush for disposal call the Public Works Dept. at 693-3840 and leave your name and address.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## STREET PARKING RESTRICTED

No all night parking is allowed on any street or highway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day from November 1 to April 1.

## 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.

## 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: 715-842-3111 or 800-922-2393

## Winter Snowplowing Information



Snow season will soon be upon us and along with snow comes snowplowing 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 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, the City will now be snowplowing with one less driver this winter season. **Therefore, due to budgetary constraints, it will unfortunately take us approximately 4 hours longer to clear the City of snow than in past years.**

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. **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 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!

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

While we will miss the summer days, the city is looking forward to the approaching fall season and the new energy and challenges that changes in seasons bring to our community.

As tight budgets continue to shrink, small communities explore more creative options as they try to meet the needs of current residents and prepare for the future. Even as Mosinee wrestles with the current fiscal challenges, we must still keep an eye on the future and take steps today to lay the foundation for a better tomorrow. Good planning provides multiple benefits:

- enhanced capacity to attract private investment and economic development;
- improved access to grants, some of which explicitly require a planning component;
- broader community involvement in civic goal-setting;
- rational and proactive allocation of scarce resources, especially for infrastructure; and
- better decision-making by the City Council and Administration.

By focusing on these priorities now, we can position ourselves to leap forward when the national economy recovers.

There has been a lot of effort to revamp Mosinee, while identifying with the need to take care of the services that we provide, without maxing out the City budget. Through the hard work of our city staff we were able to garner community support for several projects and obtain state and or federal funding.

The City Council recognized that updating infrastructure was a necessary first step to achieving the vision of Future Mosinee, and a newly completed downtown business development plan will guide us through our restructuring efforts for Downtown Mosinee. We take pride in the City's progress and the teamwork that allowed it to happen. We owe a lot of thanks to the people of Mosinee who took initiative and to the Council members and City employees who aggressively pursued change.

*Alan Erickson* - Mayor

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