

### Highway 153 Roundabout Intersection Project to Begin This Summer

The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be improving the intersection of State Hwy 153 (Main Street) and Old Hwy 51 in Mosinee. The intersection improvement project will include the construction of a Modern Roundabout which will eliminate the four-way stop sign traffic controls that are presently located at this major intersection.

The multi-lane roundabout design includes a “by-pass” right-turn lane for eastbound traffic on Highway 153 and also a “by-pass” right-turn lane for southbound traffic on Old Highway 51. Therefore, traffic heading from the downtown area to the Central Wisconsin Airport area and traffic coming from the Wausau area on Old Highway 51 into the downtown area, will be able to utilize the “by-pass” turning lanes and will not need to enter the roundabout to make their desired turns.

The WisDOT is currently scheduling the roundabout construction work to begin in late July and the project is scheduled to be completed in November. Staged construction will be used to keep State Highway 153 open to traffic throughout the construction of the roundabout. However, Old Highway 51 will be closed between Highway 153 and Edison Street during the majority of the intersection reconstruction project.

The City has established a “Roundabout Information Area” within the front lobby of City Hall. The information area includes a scaled model (including vehicles) of the proposed roundabout design; an aerial photograph of the current intersection which depicts the roundabout area; WisDOT’s “How to Use a Roundabout” computerized animation that teaches the proper driving movements within a roundabout and also other roundabout-related information. Please feel welcome to stop in City Hall if you would like to learn more about the roundabout project. The City has also established a Roundabout Project information page on the City’s website ([www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us)).

The City staff is available to attend local community group meetings to provide more detailed information pertaining to the roundabout project. Contact City Hall if you would like to schedule a presentation to your group pertaining to the Roundabout Project.

If you have any questions or need additional information pertaining to the roundabout intersection project, please contact City Administrator Jeff Gates at City Hall (693-2275) or by e-mail ([cityadm@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:cityadm@mosinee.wi.us)).

Mayor Alan Erickson 801 16 <sup>th</sup> Street 693-6812	Aldersperson: Marge Rein - Ward 1 201 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street 693-1199	Aldersperson: Tom Kipp - Ward 2 802 7 <sup>th</sup> Street 693-6793	Aldersperson: Bill Bemis - Ward 3 607 Oak Park 693-2340	Aldersperson: Tom Helbach - Ward 4 911 9 <sup>th</sup> Street 693-3072	Aldersperson: Keith Biedermann - Ward 5 209 Willow Street 693-6916	Aldersperson: Doug Mielke - Ward 6 1026 Old Hwy 51 693-2609	City Hall 225 Main Street 693-2275 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday
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### Please Complete and Send in your 2010 Census Form

Did you know that for every person who is not counted in the 2010 Census, the City of Mosinee loses approximately \$1,200 per year for 10 years in funding?

Did you know that grant funds for local Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance, and Police Protection) are based on 2010 Census data? Did you know that a large portion of Federal funding of road reconstruction, bridge reconstruction and public improvements is based upon the data that will be obtained in the 2010 Census?

Did you know that various Marathon County programs benefit from the information you provide the census to fund their programs:

- Marathon County Head Start
- Women, Infants, and Children(WIC)
- Elderly Housing and Senior Centers
- Emergency Food and Shelters

Soon you will be receiving a 2010 US Census Questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, return it promptly and help everyone in your community benefit from accurate Census data.

## City Website Gets Extreme Makeover

The City of Mosinee is pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed City website – [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us).

Throughout the past 3 months, the City has strived to create a site that had a primary focus on municipal services and resources, but also felt that it was important to have a site that included navigation for Residents, Visitors, and persons considering Economic Development in our Community.

The newly designed site is the result of an internship program with Northcentral Technical College's Information Technology program. Student Joseph Bauer volunteered over 100 hours towards the development of our new site.

With easily accessible online services, timely information updates and a fresh, vibrant design, the newly designed City website is yet another effort by the City to being responsive to the needs of our community.

The website will be maintained by City Staff and is updated on a daily basis.

**POLLING PLACE HOURS**  
Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.



### Spring Election – April 6<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the City will hold a Spring Election. Among the many items on the ballot, City residents will for vote for the Alderpersons in Wards 2,4 and 6.

**Ward 2**–Thomas Kipp-  
incumbent – no opposition

**Ward 4**–Thomas Helbach-  
incumbent – no opposition.

**Ward 6**–Doug Mielke-  
incumbent – no opposition.

Alderperson terms are two year terms.

A copy of the ballot for each ward is available on our website at: [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us).

## OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULED

Homeowners who would like their property assessment reviewed by our City assessor are encouraged to attend the Open Book session which will be held on **Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** You will need to **schedule an appointment to discuss your assessment with our assessor.** To schedule an appointment please follow the steps listed below:

**1. Online appointment scheduling is available.** If you wish to meet with one of our appraisers, please log on to [www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com) and click on the online scheduling link. Next, choose the open book appointment link. Please follow the directions, as the entire process should only take a few minutes. You will be prompted to enter a password for your municipality. **Your password is CM10.**

**2. By Phone:** If you do not have Internet access, please call Accurate Appraisal at 1-800-770-3927 to schedule an appointment.

If, after the Open Book session, you wish to object to the assessment, please contact the **City Clerk's Office at 715-693-2275**, to file a "Form of Objection" and to schedule an appointment before the local Board of Review. You will need to file a written or oral intent to object with the Municipal Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review. The Board of Review will be meeting at the Mosinee City Hall on **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

Appearances at the Board of Review are by prior appointment only. The Board of Review functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on facts. You must provide factual information showing your property is incorrectly assessed.

## ACH Payments of Water & Sewer Bills

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.

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](http://www.mosinee.wi.us) or at City Hall.

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



## SPRINKLER CREDIT

If you water your lawn with City water you may be able to save some money! When you sign up for the sprinkler credit, the City will compare your water and sewer usage during the summer and winter quarters. If your summer usage is higher, you will pay the average amount of your sewer usage from your winter quarters and

the full amount of any water used. For every 1,000 gallons of water used above your winter average, you save \$3.70 in sewer charges. The Water and Sewer Utility can provide you with a savings worksheet if you are interested in this option. The sprinkler credit has a one-time lifetime setup charge of \$50. For more information, please call or email City Hall – 693-2275 or [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us)

## EMERGENCY WATER/SEWER SERVICES

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. This process is even more exasperating when the resident discovers that the City is not liable (nor will the insurance company pay) for damages to a resident's property due to a broken City water main, unless the City knew there was a problem with the main before the accident occurred and was negligent in correcting the known problem before the damage occurred.

**Therefore, we strongly encourage homeowners to check with your insurance company and confirm that your homeowner's insurance policy includes coverage for damages resulting from all water and/or sewage related flooding.**

Please follow the steps below if you experience a water or sewer emergency at your home.

**If you have a Water or Sewer Emergency during the daytime, please call 693-2275 or 693-3840.**

**For after hours Water or Sewer emergencies please call 573-1758.**

**If you are unable to reach anyone or do not receive a response, call 693-2000 and have the Mosinee Police Department dispatch someone from the Utility to assist you.**

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 there is property damage from water or sewer, please take pictures of the damages if you intend to file a claim with City. **Under City policy, Utility workers are not authorized to discuss whether the City will pay for damages, as the City's insurance carrier makes these decisions. You should also contact your Homeowner's Insurance carrier.**

## **New Wisconsin Riverwoods Trail Ready For Enjoyment!**

Late last fall, the City completed the construction of a beautiful 10'-wide multi-use (pedestrians & bicycles) asphalt trail along the west side of the Wisconsin River. The new multi-use trail is located within an approximate 18-acre parcel of land that was graciously donated by the *Wausau (Mosinee) Paper Corporation* to the City in 2007.

The new approximate 2,200' long trail extends from Chuck's Boat Landing north to Main Street. There is also access to the trail from the east side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (between High & Jackson Streets). The new trail includes a 12'-wide elevated timber boardwalk across an existing wetland area and also two beautiful river overlook areas.

The City was very fortunate able to obtain Community Sensitive Design Funds from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (as part of the Wisconsin River Bridge Reconstruction Project) and also a generous \$10,000 contribution from the Mosinee Flowage Trust Fund (established by the *Wausau {Mosinee} Paper Corporation*), which is administered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, to finance the construction of the trail. We are very pleased to report that no City general property tax dollars were used to pay for the construction of the new multi-use trail!

## **River Road Canoe Portage & Boat Landing Enhancement Project Update**

The City has completed improvements to the existing canoe portage and small boat landing that is located off of River Road on the east side of the Wisconsin River. In 2007, the *Wausau (Mosinee) Paper Corporation* generously granted the City an easement to the canoe portage area for the purpose of allowing the City to complete improvements to the landing area. The canoe portage/boat landing area now includes a new concrete boat ramp, a new floating dock and a gravel parking area which can accommodate approximately four vehicles with trailers. The City is planning to install a picnic table, bench and other amenities at the landing in the spring of 2010.

The City was also very fortunate to obtain Community Sensitive Design Funds from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, which provided 90% of the financing for the new improvements at the canoe portage and boat landing. As is certainly common within the Mosinee Flowage area, there are numerous stumps and rocks located within the river area near the landing and therefore boaters are advised to proceed with caution when using the landing.

## **Wisconsin River Bridge Construction Update**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's contractor is currently preparing the north side of the two bridge structures for the installation of new concrete decks. As was the case in 2009, the Wisconsin River bridge crossing will need to be closed to traffic during and after the deck pouring work in order to allow the new concrete to properly cure.

It is important to note that the future closure of the WIS Hwy 153 Wisconsin River bridges is dependent on favorable weather conditions, construction status, and the lifting of seasonal roadway weight limits.

**The community will be notified of the confirmed bridge closure dates and times at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance. Digital message boards (located along WIS 153) will provide up-to-date information pertaining to the anticipated bridge closure. Current updates pertaining to the status of the bridge reconstruction project (including anticipated bridge closure periods); will also be provided on the City of Mosinee's Web site at [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us).**



## Little Bull Falls LogJam

*A Festival Designed With the Whole Family in Mind*

Mosinee's Annual Summer Celebration-August 13 - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

A festival offering family entertainment, temporary public art, art fair, historic events, logging activities, river races, 10K walk/run, horseshoe tournament, museum tours, a variety of hands-on art making activities, demonstrations, bluegrass music, contests, children's activities, and vendors selling food and beverages.

Visit [www.logjamfestival.org](http://www.logjamfestival.org) for more information



**CONTACT DIGGERS  
HOTLINE AT LEAST 3  
DAYS BEFORE YOU  
START YOUR PROJECTS**

1(800)242-8511 or go online  
@ [www.DiggersHotline.com](http://www.DiggersHotline.com).

### Traditional Values, Progressive Thinking

The 2009 Little Bull Falls LogJam Festival hosted by the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Mosinee offered a weekend packed with activities and fun for all ages, with the focus on historic and nature education. Over the course of the weekend, thousands of residents and guests took advantage of the opportunity to come together in celebration of our great heritage and to partake in the festivities. Visitors found many fun and engaging activities to enjoy while they learned about the diversity and creativity of the people who settled along the northern Wisconsin River. The celebration was a tremendous success, thanks to our many volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors. It is our belief that visitors and demonstrators alike came away from the festival with a better understanding of themselves, their neighbors, and their communities.

My sincere thanks go to the LogJam Festival Committee for all their hard work and dedication over the past 4 years. The committee is made up of 12 residents and representatives from local businesses and organizations, and their task is to plan, coordinate and implement the celebration activities. They did an outstanding job and the success of the celebration is proof of their hard work.

I also want to thank the numerous other volunteers who donated their time and skills over the weekend of the event. These people manned booths, served as event workers, entertainers and many other positions too numerous to mention. The assistance that these individuals provided was critical to the success of the event.

Another group of people I sincerely want to thank are our sponsors. Community organizations, businesses and individuals donated over \$8,000 to underwrite this event, and thanks to their generosity, most of the activities throughout the weekend were free. Our Major Sponsors included the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin, Marshfield Clinic, Central Beer Distributors, NRG Media and The Mosinee Times. Without the sponsor contributions and their commitment to our community, we would not have been able to provide all the activities that were available for our residents and guests to enjoy.

We are blessed to live in a great community with caring people, good schools and a wonderful quality of life. I am sure that the area residents and guests of Little Bull Falls LogJam 2009 enjoyed the celebration and that many area families were able to attend at least some of the activities. The success of this annual celebration is yet another reason why North Central Wisconsin is such a great region in which to live.

*Alan Erickson*

Little Bull Falls LogJam Chair

## 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 City of Mosinee Yard Waste site is open. 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.

## SPRING WATERMAIN FLUSHING SCHEDULE

The City of Mosinee Water Utility will be flushing water mains beginning the week of April 5th, 2010 per the following schedule:

The areas listed below will be flushed during the hours of **7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

- **Monday, April 5th:** All areas east of I39.
- **Tuesday, April 6th:** South of STH 153 between I39 and the Wisconsin River.
- **Wednesday, April 7th:** North of STH 153 between I39 and the Wisconsin River.
- **Thursday, April 8th:** 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Rangeline Road and north of Western Avenue.
- **Monday, April 12th:** All areas south of Western Avenue between Rangeline Road and Fremont Street.
- **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 23rd:** 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Water Street.

Some temporary discoloration of water may be expected. To help avoid problems, draw a supply of drinking water before flushing and use as little water as possible during the hours of flushing, especially for laundry purposes. Some homeowners may also experience low water pressure during the flushing process.

In the area of 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Water Street, a more aggressive flushing procedure is planned which will increase the amount of time necessary to complete the flushing process. This schedule is a guide only – weather and unforeseen problems may cause changes to this schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Mosinee Public Works Dept. at 693-3840.

## How Can I Prevent Problems With My Sewer Line?

Follow these Do's and Don'ts to prevent problems with your sewer line:

**Do's:** Place paper towels, feminine products, disposable diapers, dental floss, hypodermic needles, plastics, and other personal hygiene products in a wastebasket. Dispose as garbage. Use sink and shower drain strainers. Collect grease and fats in a heat resistant container, cool, and dispose of it in your garbage with solid waste. Choose the most appropriate method of disposal for food scraps: composting; in the garbage for solid waste disposal; or down the sink by grinding with a garbage disposal unit.

**Don'ts:** Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage, medications, or chemicals! Don't plant tree's or large shrubs near sewer lines where roots can penetrate and create a dense mat of "root balls." Don't pour grease, fats, or oils from cooking down the drain. Grease in drains collects and hardens into a plug. Don't connect French drains, roof gutters, sump pumps and other flood control systems to your sanitary sewer. These types of connections are illegal.

# City of Mosinee



## Mosinee Police News



*Police Chief Ken Muelling*



### Bike Rodeo Scheduled for Friday, June 11th

The Mosinee Police Department, in conjunction with Security Health, Mosinee Fire and Ambulance Departments and the Mosinee Area Optimist Club, will again hold a Bike Rodeo from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on June 11th. The Bike Rodeo is held at the Mosinee Recreation Center, 701 11<sup>TH</sup> ST in Mosinee. All Children in grades K through 6<sup>th</sup> are welcomed to attend.

Participants will learn about bicycle safety, then put their skills and knowledge to the test on our competency course. Lunch will be provided at no cost. The first 125 participants will receive a free bicycle helmet, along with other gifts, from Security Health. All participants will be eligible to win some great prizes, including a new bike. Participants will also have the opportunity to compete in a bike decorating contest.

Bike registrations, are required by City Ordinance, will be available at a cost of \$2.00 per bike. If you are unable to attend this event, you may register your bike at the Mosinee Police Department inside City Hall located at 225 Main Street.

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## SPRING CLEANUP SCHEDULED

The annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> thru April 24<sup>th</sup>. **All items must be dropped off at the City Garage, 1101 Main St.**

- **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.**
- **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

This collection program is for **City Residents only! No commercial/industrial items will be accepted.**

**Items that will be accepted include:** Couches, chairs, beds, windows, boards, carpeting, building materials, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, bicycles and rimless tires. Call the number below if you are unsure about an item.

**The following items will also be accepted on Saturday – (These items will also be accepted Wednesday thru Friday if paid in advance at City Hall)**

**For each item dropped off, you will be charged \$10:** Refrigerators, welders, fluorescent lights, humidifiers, and dehumidifiers, freezers, air conditioners, television sets, water coolers, ice machines, computer printers, computer processing units(keyboards-CPU's-monitors), L.P. tanks.

**Items that will not be accepted include:** Leaves, brush, yard waste, newspapers, plastics, hazardous materials, paint, household garbage and recyclables.

If you have any questions regarding Spring Cleanup, please contact Kevin Breit at 693-3840 or by email at [publicworks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:publicworks@mosinee.wi.us)

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

It was with deep sadness that we recently paid our final respects to Bob Feit. He served his community well as a former mayor of our city and as a Marathon County Commissioner from District 26. He was well respected as a community leader and for his positive impact on numerous county commissions.

As the current Mayor, it is my charge to ensure our residents participate in the 2010 Census. We must do everything in our power to spread the word about the importance of the Census and how it will affect our community. It is critically important for the City of Mosinee and Marathon County to have a complete and accurate count. This makes it possible for us to secure our share of the federal funding in order to provide the vital public services that our residents so greatly deserve. Please take the time to read the additional information provided in this newsletter.

We started this year with a full plate. You have probably already noticed that the City of Mosinee has taken great strides in our efforts to maintain and develop our infrastructure. We continue to do our part to stimulate the local and regional economy by finding private sector partners for our business park, and we continue efforts in the rejuvenation of our downtown, riverfront, and city. We do this with three questions in mind. What are the financial and economic impacts of our decisions? How will those decisions affect us both short- and long-term? Most importantly, how can we best maximize on our investments? Mosinee city employees care and they also share my high expectations for performance. Mosinee residents are fortunate to have such a high caliber of people working for the City. We have an excellent city council, all members of which take their responsibilities seriously. They are a positive group who care about the community and deliberate carefully. They value your input.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to view this newsletter. I hope you find it informative and insightful and that you will share it with others in your family and community. I also want to encourage residents, business owners and visitors to view our newly developed web site. I am sure you will find it very informational and easy to navigate.

*Alan Erickson - Mayor*



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