

CITY OF WASHBURN

QUARTERLY

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2023

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings!

There has been lots of action at the City Council and at some of the committee meetings lately that has drawn the attention and engagement of some of our citizens. It is great to see people in attendance at city meetings – I love it when people pay attention to the process of government and engage with it. I have the honor of serving with a very active and engaged group on Council as well as on our committees and commissions. You can rest assured that each alderperson is doing their best to represent the people in their district.

Speaking of doing a great job, we are losing some really great people from City Council at the end of this term, and I would like to draw your attention to them:

Laura Tulowitzky (elected 2019) – Laura has brought a valuable perspective to discussions and has always asked thoughtful questions during the decision-making process. Laura served on the Plan Commission in 2019, Personnel & Finance Committee since 2020, and the Library Board since 2019.

Carl Broberg (elected 2019) – Carl has an eye for detail and is very good with data and numbers. As a long-time volunteer on the ambulance service, he has been able to provide insight into situations that may have otherwise been overlooked. Carl has served on the Harbor Commission since 2012 and as President of that since 2013.

Karen Spears-Novacheck (appointed 2018; elected 2019) – Karen has deep roots in the community and has brought a wealth of knowledge and insight to the council. She has served as Council President since 2019, Personnel & Finance Committee Chair since 2018 and has served on the Housing Authority since 2018, where she continues to serve.

I cannot thank them enough for their time and commitment serving in these positions.

It is easy to sit in the comfort of your own home and complain about things on social media. It is hard to put in the effort to serve your community as an elected official. It is easy to judge based on labels and assumptions. It is hard to learn the details and make good, fair, balanced decisions. I challenge you to get involved in some way in our community on a board, committee, or even an elected office. If you can't do that, I would encourage you to watch some meetings online or attend them in person – I guarantee that you'll develop a new perspective.

Remember to vote on April 4th!

Happy Spring
-Mayor Mary Motiff

City of Washburn Spring Clean Up 2023

Saturday, May 13, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dumpsters are available for **CITY OF WASHBURN RESIDENTS ONLY**. Citizens will be able to get rid of all types of waste. **EXCEPT:** food waste & hazardous materials will not be accepted.



Fee schedule is subjectively set up as:

Large Car Load...	10.00
Pickup Truck Load...	20.00
Larger Trailers...	30.00
SMALL APPLIANCES Such As:	
Microwave Oven, Toaster Oven...	20.00
LARGE APPLIANCES Such As:	
Refrigerators, Freezers,	
Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers...	20.00
Stove, Water Heater,	
Washer, Dryer...	10.00
VCR/DVD Player...	5.00

TELEVISIONS

Large (27" diagonal or greater)...	40.00
Small (less than 27" diagonal)...	25.00
Wood Console TV/Projection TV...	50.00

COMPUTERS

Laptop, Hard Drive, Monitors, Scanners, Printers...	15.00
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TIRES

Car and Light Truck...	5.00 ea.
Semi...	15.00 ea.
Large Tractor or Grader...	30.00 ea.

CAR BATTERIES...

NO CHARGE

SCRAP METAL...

NO CHARGE

City Yard Waste Site, 1488 County Highway C



Spring Election

Tuesday, April 4th
Polls Open: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Referendums:

Three statewide non-binding questions

Races Include:

Justice for WI Supreme Court
City Alderperson At Large
City Alderperson Districts 1, 2, & 3
Washburn School Board Member At Large



WISCONSIN
Help for
Homeowners

WHH is a statewide program that can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, and utilities. The program is available to homeowners with overdue housing-related bills, both with and without a mortgage, who meet income and other eligibility requirements, and have experienced economic hardship.

visit HomeownerHelp.WI.Gov or call 1-855-246-6394

Yard Waste Site

The City's yard waste disposal site will be open on the following days and times in 2023.

Beginning May 6 - November 4, 2023

Wednesdays	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Acceptable yard waste materials to be disposed:

- Lawn and garden clippings
- Leaves, brush and small branches
- Tree limbs 6" in diameter or less must be in 10 foot lengths or shorter
- Tree limbs 6" to 12" in diameter must be in 6 foot lengths or shorter.



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(715) 373-6160 - cityofwashburn.org

Notice of Rate Increase
Water Customers of the Washburn Municipal Water And Sewer Utility

This is to give you notice that the Washburn Municipal Water And Sewer Utility will file an application on April 1, 2023, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 8.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 8.0 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate
Average Residential	5/8	12,000	\$95.22	\$102.85
Commercial	1	58,000	\$296.39	\$320.17
Industrial	4	860,000	\$2,821.92	\$3,045.01
Public Authority	1 1/2	155,000	\$708.36	\$765.21
Multifamily	2	91,500	\$540.93	\$584.31

Water rates for the City of Washburn were last increased in June of 2016.

Washburn Municipal Water And Sewer Utility anticipates that this rate increase will go into effect on June 16, 2023. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Washburn Municipal Water And Sewer Utility at (715) 373-6160 Ext 4.