

August 2016



CLEAN STREETS

When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes, are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly to the river. When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for our rivers.

This is an important issue for us with both the St. Croix and the Mississippi Rivers. Penalties can be issues for grass clippings in the street. So let's all work together to help keep our rivers clean.

COMPOST SITE

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation with the new hours, acceptable items and attendant for the compost site. The planned last day of operation for the site for 2016 will be November 16th unless early snow makes it sooner. For extended fall hours check the city website at <http://www.prescottwi.org/>

CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY COMPLIANCE

Most of the properties in Prescott are now compliant with EPA, DNR and City requirements. If you are not compliant yet, please complete your compliance measures as soon as possible. Call Hydro Corp as soon as you can after your work is done to schedule a final review.

WATER METERS

The water meter replacement program was hectic and harried because of the ninety day contract time we had available to us instead of the planned nine months. Thank you all for helping this process go as smoothly as possible.

NO PARKING

Parking will no longer be allowed on Dexter Street from the south water tower to US Hwy 10. Keep an eye on the signage please.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

Join Joe Cool and Sally Brown, who know that a library card is the coolest card to have.

Getting a library card is fast and easy. Bring Fall **Preschool**



Storytime starts on Tuesday, September 13. Join Miss Becky on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 and Friday mornings at 10:30 for stories, songs and activities that encourage a love of books and reading and promote brain development in young children. New this fall is **Family Storytime Plus** on the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. A mini-Storytime will be followed by hands-on activities on a theme, *A is for Art* on September 17, *Full STEAM Ahead* on October 15, and *Make It @ the Library* on November 19. Activities are designed to engage children, ages 3-10, and parents in playing, exploring and learning together. The latest addition to our children's play area is a red bin full of **Reading Buddies**, stuffed animals children can read with at the library.

Teens' Top Ten lets teens vote online from August 15 to October 15 for their favorite teen book of 2015. Books are nominated by librarians and teen readers nationwide. Find out which books are nominated and how to vote at the library, or go to www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten to learn more.

As your kids head back to school, the Prescott Public Library has resources to help them be successful in school, including books for all age levels that engage their imaginations and provide information for school projects and reports. For kids who are learning to read, our Early Reader books feature limited vocabulary and

large print. Our series section contains books especially written for kids transitioning from early readers to chapter books. The children's non-fiction section offers books on a wide variety of topics and at multiple reading levels. Our teen book area includes an extensive graphic novel/manga collection, and all the latest, popular teen fiction.

The library presents programs and events for adults, too. **Coloring Craze (for Adults)** offers time to unwind and be creative on the 4th Thursday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The library provides coloring sheets, pens and pencils and a relaxing atmosphere to color your stress away. **Tech Time** offers one-on-one help for your computer and technology questions, including accessing e-books and other digital materials. To set up a 1-hour Tech Time appointment call the library at 715-262-5555. The Prescott Public Library's website, www.prescottpubliclibrary.org, is the best resource for information on our programs and services and a complete calendar of events. Find us on Facebook, too, at www.facebook.com/PrescottLibraryWisconsin/.

NOVEMBER ELECTION

Just a reminder there is an Election on November 8, 2016. This Election includes the race for President so the lines can get long. If you need to register, have a change of name or change of address it would be best if you can get this completed before the Election. Please either stop in at city hall to complete the form or give us a call and we can set you out the form.

If you wish to vote by absentee you can get an application off of the city website at <http://www.prescottwi.org/> Complete the form and either email or send to city hall. You will need to send along a copy of your driver's license or other acceptable form of identification. In office absentee voting is from Monday October 24, 2016 to Friday November 4, 2016. Please note there is no absentee voting the Monday before the election.

Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016.

POINT & PAY CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

The City of Prescott is now accepting credit card payments for all transactions including utilities, tax payments, citations, dog licenses, boat ramp permits, building inspections and other miscellaneous payments.

Unlike the old credit card company the City worked with, Point & Pay allows us to accept Visa, Master Card, American Express & Discover online and now in person at the City and Court Clerk windows. To access online, go to www.prescottcity.org, select "How Do I", then select "Submit Online Payments" and follow payment form. There is a 2.5% or \$2 minimum convenience fee added to all payments except Property Tax which is 2.39% with a \$1.50 minimum. If you have questions about credit card payments, please call us at 715-262-5544.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Fall is moving in fast and it is a great time for bonfires.. Here is a reminder of the regulations one must follow when having a recreation fire.

- The fire pit cannot be more than three (3) feet in diameter.
- The fire must be contained in a pit, ring or a commercial pit.
- The flame cannot be more than three (3) feet high.
- Must be at least 15 feet from any structure.
- No rubbish, yard waste, or treated wood allowed in fire pit.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fire Chief Tom Lytle at 262-5733, and have a fun and safe fall.

SNOW PARKING

Parking during snow removal. From November 1 to April 1, no vehicle shall be parked on any City street which may interfere with the operation of any snow removal with the exception of Broad Street from Cherry Street to Kinnickinnic Street and Orange Street from Front Street to Dakota Street whereby snow removal on these streets will be from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.