



Fourth Quarter 2014

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Citizens of Lancaster,

Who would believe "Snow" early morning October 4th, 2014? What a welcome to Harvest Festival Day! With that cold weather happening on the first part of the month, it could be an interesting rest of the year.

The City of Lancaster has had a very positive year for new and improved development. With several new retail businesses starting up in the downtown area, plus other owners adding improvements to their buildings around town; it looks like more people will be shopping in Lancaster.

I would like to mention that several new business projects have been started in Arrow Ridge Business Park on the East side of the city. Additional development has also been begun on the North side of Lancaster.

With the great start on the Library project, street and sidewalk improvements, major up-grades in the waste-treatment plant, resurfacing of the Golf Course parking lot and clearing up the city after a major wind storm, city employees have been very busy. As you can see, Lancaster has had a very busy year.

Finally, I would also like to thank all the people who volunteered their time to support others who are less fortunate. It is a great feeling to live in a community with people that care about each other.

Once again, have a Great and Safe Fall and early Holiday season.

Thank you,
Mayor Jerry Wehrle

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

This year sure has gone by very quickly. The summer was very busy for the City and there are many individuals we would like to recognize.

First, the City wants to extend a special thank you to the citizens who were affected by the Hickory Street project. Your patience during this lengthy construction was greatly appreciated.

The City also wants to thank Payton Lolwing and the boy scouts troop for the outstanding work on the Lancaster sign rebuild on Beetown Road.

Finally, many thanks to all the new businesses of Lancaster and to those who updated their current businesses. Growth in business is essential for a city to thrive. The Business Walk was a great success. We appreciate all of the volunteers who helped us complete the surveys. We as a city are very proud of you!

Please WELCOME the following Businesses to the City of Lancaster!

- Over Coffee
- Dewey's Café
- The Copper Dome Sports Bar
- Allied Ready Mix
- Bennett Plumbing
- Hurst Logistics

SUPPORT LANCASTER BUSINESSES!

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW POLICE CHIEF AND SERGEANT

The City of Lancaster is proud to recognize Chief Steve Zabel's service to the Lancaster police Department. The police Department provides a high quality of service to the residents of Lancaster. The City would like to thank Chief Zabel for his efforts to maintain a safe community. We wish him the best.

"I was asked to comment on my 27 years with the City of Lancaster Police Department. I've always enjoyed many aspects of police work, such as helping people, teaching kids, solving crimes, dealing with emergencies, and being a go-to person for just about any problem. I've met and worked with a lot of great officers and community members that I took inspiration from.

I've also had to experience dealing with some very stressful situations such as the parent who can't control their child who is doing self-destructive behavior, taking licenses from the elderly when they are to unsafe to drive, depression that makes a person want to end it all, the challenge of running a good police department, dealing with angry people, scared people and abused people. It's all enough to drive a person crazy, so why did I do it?

I was able to prevent a suicide, save a life, lockup bad and receive praise from the good. I was able to have a positive impact on a few kids and made a difference working with one family at a time. I've trained officers to later see them make me proud, I've learned that doing a little extra in life sometimes has big dividends.

I'm very grateful to the City of Lancaster for providing me employment and allowing me to care for its residents."



-Chief of Police Steve Zabel

LANCASTER EMS

Lancaster EMS has had a busy fall. We were present at all activities at the Grant County Fair, as well as, all home varsity football games. We had the pleasure of being part of the Harvest Festival parade and the Grant Regional Glo Run/Walk. We continue to train every month to keep our skills up.

We are always looking for interested volunteers to join our group. Anyone wanting more information on joining us please feel free to come to our monthly meetings. We meet on the 2nd Sunday night of every month at the Fire and Rescue station on North Washington Street at 6:30 in the evening. Members of Lancaster EMS and their families would like to wish everyone a safe harvest as well as a blessed, relaxed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.



The City is pleased to announce that Sergeant Debra Reukauf has accepted the role of Police Chief beginning January 1, 2015. She received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UW-Platteville and currently serves as Sergeant. With a total of 14 years of service, Reukauf is excited about the new role she is taking on. Justin McLimans will be the new Sergeant and he is looking forward to taking on his new role.



FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

You can connect to the City's Social Media. Our hope is to continue our effort toward connecting our city with our community.



facebook.com/pages/City-of-Lancaster/111841748870568



Twitter.com/LancasterWis1

PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW PLOWING

The Public Works Department makes every effort to have city streets clear of snow as soon as possible following a storm. The department deploys a total of 5 units to clear streets, parking lots and alleys. Each route takes 4 to 5 hours to complete. This winter the Public Works Department will be using a salt brine solution in conjunction with regular road salt on one of its salt units. The brine solution will be sprayed onto the road salt as it is applied to the streets. By wetting the salt it will not bounce off the road as easily and will work better at lower temperatures which will cut down on the amount of road salt used.

RESIDENTIAL SNOW REMOVAL

It is the responsibility of the property owner to shovel their sidewalk and keep it clean of snow and ice. The property owner has up to 24 hours to remove snow and ice from their sidewalk. Failure to do so could result in the city assessing the property owner for the cost to have the snow and/or ice removed from their sidewalk. It is also unlawful for anyone to throw, push or place any ice or snow from a private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the street. Let's keep our public sidewalks safe for everyone to use.

When the snow starts to accumulate, the water utility asks that residents with a fire hydrant on their property help us keep it clear for firefighters. After a snowfall it would be very helpful if residents could make the hydrant visible to aid firefighters should there be a fire.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH PICKUP

Christmas trees and wreaths will be picked up starting January 12th. Residents should place trees and wreaths to be collected at the street curbside. Do not bag trees and have all decorations and stands removed.

SNOW BUSTERS

From the first snowfall, many Lancaster residents find it a challenge to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice - particularly seniors or neighbors with a disability. Being a Snow Buster is truly the "neighborly" thing to do; it involves lending a helping hand by clearing snow from a neighbor's driveway or sidewalk.

The City of Lancaster's Snow Buster program is about acknowledging those individuals that help our community by clearing snow without being asked or expecting thanks. Most residents live within steps of a senior or a neighbor with a disability, and in many cases someone is already providing a helping hand.

Please nominate a neighbor or friend who regularly clears snow for someone in need by sending a letter or email to City Administrator Steve Winger, stevew@lancasterwisconsin.com, 206 S Madison St. Winners receive a Snow Buster t-shirt and recognition from the City Council as a Snow Buster.



WINTER DRIVING

With winter weather right around the corner, please remember to drive conservatively when that first snow arrives. It takes a little while to re-learn all the skills necessary to drive safely under these slippery conditions.

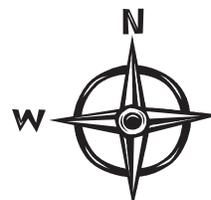
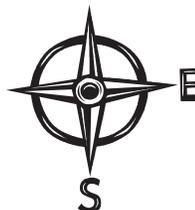
It's also important to remember to check the condition of your tires. Tires with very little tread offer little traction or stopping power in snow.



WINTER PARKING

The City's alternate side parking takes effect November 15th and runs through March 15th. On even numbered days, park on the south or east side of the street and on odd numbered days, park on the north or west side. The alternate side parking hours are in effect between midnight and 7:00 am.

EVEN DAYS



ODD DAYS

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER UTILITY NEWS

Crews will be changing water meters throughout the winter. Utility personnel will call residents to schedule appointments to perform the change out which usually takes about 4-5 minutes. A cross connect survey will be conducted at the same time; this survey looks for plumbing code violations that could allow contamination to enter the water system. Water utility personnel will have identification and will be driving marked city trucks. There is no charge for this service.



With winter fast approaching residents should make sure water meters and pipes are protected from freezing. Check basement windows and other areas where cold air can leak into your home and cause pipes to freeze. Frozen meters are the responsibility of the customer.

WASTEWATER UTILITY

Upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant have been completed. A new screening process has been installed along with automatic valves, fine bubble aeration and new blowers with variable frequency drives. A new control center allows the operators to program run times on this new equipment which allows for energy efficiency and labor savings.

WATER UTILITY BILLING AND SERVICE

Utility Deferred Agreements are available to those who need them. Please call Jenny Oyen, Municipal Billing Specialist, to setup a plan at 723-6225.

Moving? The City of Lancaster requests that if you wish to start/ stop water utility service, you must notify the Water utility Department 1 week in advance. There are Start/ Stop Request forms in the City Hall Office and on the City's website. For more information please call 723-6225.

UPGRADED WATER UTILITY BILL DROP BOX



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

TAX COLLECTIONS

Real property tax bills and personal property tax bills will be mailed in mid- December.

Real property taxes, whether paid in full or the first installment, are due in the City Clerk's office on or before January 31st. Any payments after that date are due to the Grant County Treasurer located at 111 S Jefferson Street with the second installment payable on or before July 31st.

If you have any questions in regards to your bill or amount of tax due, please feel free to contact the City Clerk's office at 723-4246.



DOG LICENSES

All dogs 5 month of age or older, in the City of Lancaster, must be licensed annually. The license year begins on January 1 and ends December 31st. The fee is \$3 for a neutered male or spayed female dog and \$8 for an unneutered or un-spayed dog.

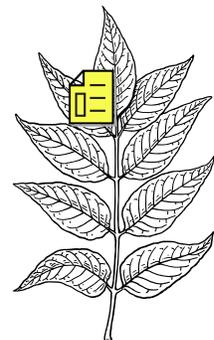
Dog licenses are available at the Lancaster City Clerk's office until January 31st, after that, at the Grant County Clerk's office at 111 S Jefferson Street.



EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first identified in Grant County in July. The City has enlisted the help of forester Patrick Dayton, Southwest Badger to track the progression of EAB in the City of Lancaster.

Please Note: The City would like to encourage residents to inspect the Ash trees on your property or have them inspected and removed if infested. If these trees remain standing, they will become brittle and more dangerous, as they will snap and fall. This is not only a safety concern, but also makes removal more time consuming and costly. For more information on Emerald Ash Borer, please visit www.emeraldashborer.info. The city will be holding an informational meeting in the future for residents to learn more.



WATER BILL EXPLANATION



City of Lancaster
 206 S Madison St
 Lancaster, WI 53813
 Billing 723-6225 Maintenance 723-2338
 www.lancastervisconsin.com
 cityhall@lancasterwisconsin.com
 Customer Number: 1-0000-00

Billing Date: 09/30/2014
 Due Date: 10/20/2014

AMOUNT DUE
\$70.85

After Due Date Pay: \$72.09

Service Address: STREET

NELSON DEWEY
 STREET
 LANCASTER WI 53813

Meter Readings:
 Actual meter reading for your address. Each month an employee of the Utility reads your meter. Meters are read in thousand gallons.

Retain This Portion

Usage Total: This customer used 3,000 gallons of water during the month. Customers are charged for water based on gallons used. Sewer charges are based on water use.

Return Top Portion With Payment

Your "water" bill includes charges for water, sewer and garbage.

Customer Number: 1-0000-00
 Customer Name: NELSON, DEWEY

Billing Date: 9/30/2014
 Service Address: STREET

Reading Dates		Readings		Usage	Service Amount	Service Description
Previous	Current	Previous	Current			
8/18/14	9/15/14	90	93	3	9.27	WATER
					7.44	WATER BASE FEE
				3	24.54	SEWER
					7.25	SEWER BASE FEE
					10.10	HYDRANT MTN FEE
					2.00	STORMWATER FEE
					10.25	REFUSE/RECYCLING

	\$70.85 \$82.12 \$82.12 CR	Total Current Charges Prior Period Balance Payments/Adjustments
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	After Due Date, 10/20/2014, Pay	\$72.09
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Penalty if paid after the 20th </div>

LANCASTER CITY EMPLOYEES AND CITY COUNCIL

SERVICE RECOGNITION

The City takes pride in the exceptional services it provides to Lancaster residents. The City also acknowledges such services are only possible through the commitment of dedicated employees. Our community is fortunate to have outstanding employees and several who have dedicated 20+ years to serving the City of Lancaster.

A sincere thanks to the following employees for their length of service and their contribution to making Lancaster a great place to live:

38 Years: Dennis Fishnick- Maintenance Worker

30 Years: Mark Muldoon
- Parks/Cemetery Lead Maintenance Worker

27 Years: Steve Zabel- Police Chief

22 Years: John Hauth- Public Works Director

20 Years: Randy Wallin- Mechanic/Maintenance Worker

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Lancaster seeks applicants for the following positions: Recreation Director, Pool Manager and Assistant Librarian.

To find out how to apply and learn about these positions, visit the City's website.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approve Resolution 2014-10-Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,560,000 General Obligation Library Bonds, 2014.
- Approve Resolution 2014-11-Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$3,105,000 Water System Revenue Bonds, 2014.
- Accept offer to purchase from Hurst Logistics, Inc. Energies for Lot 6 in the Arrow Ridge Business Park.

LANCASTER CITY RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESIGNATIONS

Jeff and Sarah Pross informed the City that they are not planning on returning to manage the Summer Recreation Program and Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2015 season. They have done a great job in the operation of the programs in the past few years and will be missed. Sarah will remain on until May to assist with the training of the new Pool Manager. We thank you both for your service and wish you well in your future endeavors.

The City has begun recruitment for a Recreation Director and applications are due by November 19th to Steve Winger, City Administrator. Please visit the City's website for more information on this position opening.

TRICK OR TREAT?

Trick or Treating is on Halloween Night, Friday, October 31 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM.



ICE SKATING RINK

The ice skating rink will be back again this year. It is located at the bottom of East Cherry Street, across from the softball diamond, with off street parking available. Let's hope the weather cooperates!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The City of Lancaster Offices will be closed the following days:

Veterans' Day –
November 11th

Thanksgiving Day –
November 27th

Christmas Holiday –
December 24th & 25th

New Year's Holiday –
December 31st & January 1st

NOVEMBER ELECTION

The 2014 General Election is on Tuesday November 4th. The election will be for the following offices: Governor/ Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Representative in Congress District 3, State Senator District 17, Representative to the Assembly District 49, County Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk of Circuit Court, along with a State Referendum question on the Creation of a Transportation Fund.

Eligible residents must be registered to vote. City residents can register in advance in person at the City Clerk's office from 8-noon and 12:30-4:30PM Monday through Friday until October 31st or at the polls on Election Day. Residents will need to provide an acceptable identifying document that constitutes proof of residence such as a WI driver's license.

Visit myvote.wi.gov to find out if you are actively registered at your current address and who's on your ballot!

The polling place for city residents is located in the Senior Citizen Center at City Hall. Polling hours will be from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact City Clerk/Treasurer David Kurihara.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>November 1st LHS Art Club Holiday Craft Show-</p>	<p>November 17th City Budget Hearing</p>	<p>November 22nd Opening Weekend Retail Sales</p>
<p>December 4th-8th GRHC Festival of Trees</p>	<p>December 5th-7th Hometown Heartfelt Holiday Weekend</p>	<p>December 6th & 13th Santa at the Courthouse</p>
<p>5:30 PM/ 1st Monday Park/Recreation Committee</p>	<p>6:30 PM/ 2nd Monday Plan Commission</p>	<p>6:30 PM/ 3rd Monday City Council</p>

October

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● = Community Event

■ = City Meeting

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CITY OF LANCASTER STAFF & ALDERPERSONS

Mayor
Jerry Wehrle

City Administrator
Steve Winger

Clerk/Treasurer
David Kurihara

City Attorney
David Helmke

Library Director
Jennifer Bernetzke

Public Works Director
John Hauth

Building Inspector
Zoning Administrator
Dennis Hampton

Police Chief
Steve Zabel

Fire Chief
Steve Braun

Aldersperson, Wards 1 & 5
Chad Olmstead

Aldersperson, Wards 2 & 3
Bob Schmidt

Aldersperson, Ward 4
LeRoy Ihm

Aldersperson, Ward 6
David Varnam

Aldersperson At-large
Dennis Morgan

Aldersperson At-large
Pete Hoffman

Aldersperson At-large
Shayne LaBudda

Aldersperson At-large
Kate Reuter

CITY OF LANCASTER CONTACTS

Assessment Questions
Accurate Appraisals, LLC
1-800-770-3927

Building Zoning
Dennis Hampton
778-7162

Office: Tues. 9 AM to Noon

Garbage and Recycling
Town & Country Sanitation
1-800-626-1915

Taxes-Delinquent
2nd Installment Payments
Grant County Treasurer
723-2604

General Inquiries/Licences
City Clerk's Office
723-4246

Water and Sewer Billing
Water Billing Department
723-6225