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VOTE

Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Spring Election

ALL City of Baraboo Residents vote at Civic Center, 124 2nd Street (For your convenience, please enter at the 1st Street entrance)
Photo ID is required so please bring along your Driver's License or State ID in order to receive a ballot.
Voter Registration:
Voter registration is required in Wisconsin and can be done at the City Clerk's Office until **Friday, April 3rd, 2020** in the Municipal Building located at 101 South Blvd., or on Election Day at the polling place. Bring proof of residency such as a driver's license, utility bill, bank statement, etc. **Must include your name and current address.**
Poll Hours: 7AM to 8PM
Upon entering the polling place, workers will assist voters in identifying their ward and directing them to their ward table where they will be issued a voter number and receive their ballot. Voters will either darken an oval or write in a name to mark the candidates of their choice and then deposit their ballot into a ballot box which reads and stores their ballot. After the polls close, results are tallied and electronically transferred to the County Clerk's Office.

Visit https://myvote.wi.gov to view what's on your ballot.
Also, on https://myvote.wi.gov you can register to vote, update your name and/or address, or request an Absentee Ballot.
Last day to request an Absentee Ballot is **April 2, 2020 by 5PM.**
In Office Absentee Voting will be available **Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8AM through Friday, April 3rd, 2020 at 5PM** at City Hall, 101 South Blvd.
Contact City Clerk's Office 355-2700 with questions.

Conducting City Business

With the onset of the Coronavirus, we are encouraging residents to utilize the City's drive up window and drop box. At the drive-up window you can pay your water bill and parking tickets. If you do not need a receipt, please use the drop box for payments or other documents that need to be dropped off at City Hall. Absentee ballots may also be inserted into the drop box. You may be able to renew your pet license or purchase dog park stickers at the window, if City Hall were to close.

The drop box is located just to the left of the drive up window on the south-east corner of the building, just off of Lynn Street. The box says "Night Deposit", but do not let that discourage you from using it at any time of day or for something other than a payment.

We also encourage you to use our website to make payments online at www.cityofbaraboo.com. Follow the "Make Payments" link under "Government" or click the "Pay" icon from the Home Page.

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Our newsletter contains advertising which offsets the cost of our printing.

Badger Books are here!

The City of Baraboo recently purchased 12 electronic poll books otherwise known as Badger Books. These electronic poll books will assist election workers in searching for registered voters, registering new voters, and updating voter information. What does this mean for you the voter? Voters will no longer be required to check in by last name. For the April Election we will have two lines ~ one line for already registered voters with no changes to address and/or name and one line for voters that need to register or update their information. The Badger Books are replacing the paper poll book; voters will now be required to sign the Badger Books. Once a voter has signed the Badger Book, they will proceed to the ballot table as they have done in the past. Please contact the Clerk's office at 608-355-2700 if you have any questions.

Dear City of Baraboo residents:

The State of Wisconsin has provided $75 million dollars for a one-time Multimodal Local Supplement to provide partial funding for road, bridge, harbor, transit, bicycle and rail projects. The $70 million was split between counties, townships and cities/villages with the latter getting approximately $19 million.

Over 1600 grant requests totaling $1.4 billion dollars were received. 105 were from counties, 1030 from townships and 461 from cities/villages.

I was honored to be appointed, along with 11 others, to be on the grant review committee for the 461 applications for cities/villages. In the end, the committee recommended partial funding for 33 projects. It was a daunting task and it left me exhausted, sad and yes angry to see 428 remaining needed and worthwhile projects from all corners of the state go wanting for lack of funds.

The need for funding of these projects did not happen overnight. It is the result of many years of underfunding state aid and transportation funding. Baraboo submitted one application, Madison Street from Draper to East and I regret to say it was not one of the 33 projects to receive partial funding. What I can say however, is that there are Madison Street projects in every community across the state and the problem is only getting worse as roads continue to deteriorate and funding remains low. The City of Baraboo received less transportation funding in 2019 than we did in 2014.

What can we do? Contact state officials and tell them how great the need is and that we demand good infrastructure. A recent national rating of 49th out of 50 states in overall road quality is not acceptable. Based on my reviews of those 461 grant applications, that embarrassing ranking is deserved!

Mayor Mike Palm

CLIP & SAVE

Important Local Phone Numbers...

Administrator, City 355-2715
Airport 356-2270
Ambulance ..... Emergency 9-1-1
..... Non-Emergency 356-3455
Assessor ..... 800-959-6876 ext. 3
Attorney 355-2715
Brush to be picked up – Public Works 355-2730
CDA (Community Development Authority) 356-4822
Fire Dept. 355-2710
Garbage or Recycling not picked up
Public Works 355-2730
Library 356-6166
Mayor 355-2715
Park & Recreation 355-2760
Police Dept. – ..... Emergency 9-1-1
..... Non-Emergency 355-2720

REAL ESTATE TAXES

City Treasurer
1st Installment paid to City of Baraboo 355-2700
County Treasurer
2nd Installment paid to Sauk County 355-3275
Brush questions – Public Works 355-2730
Voting location – City Clerk's Office 355-2700
or VoterAccess- https://myvote.wi.gov/
Water Bills – Payments – City Clerk's Office 355-2700
Shut offs, Payment arrangements, etc.
Water Utility Office 355-2740

SAUK COUNTY

Aging & Disability 608-355-3289
Child Support 608-355-3238
Clerk of Courts (for court cases, fines, etc.) 608-355-3287
County Clerk 608-355-3286
DA's Office 608-355-3280
Humane Society 608-356-2520
Planning & Zoning 608-355-3285
Register of Deeds 608-355-3288
Sheriff's Dept. ..... Emergency 9-1-1
..... Non-Emergency 608-356-4895

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Private School Vouchers

Important

The Wisconsin Parental Choice (aka voucher) Program allows income-eligible families the ability to attend CCS, **tuition-free.**

Open enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is available now through April 16.
For more information, and to see if you qualify, go to:

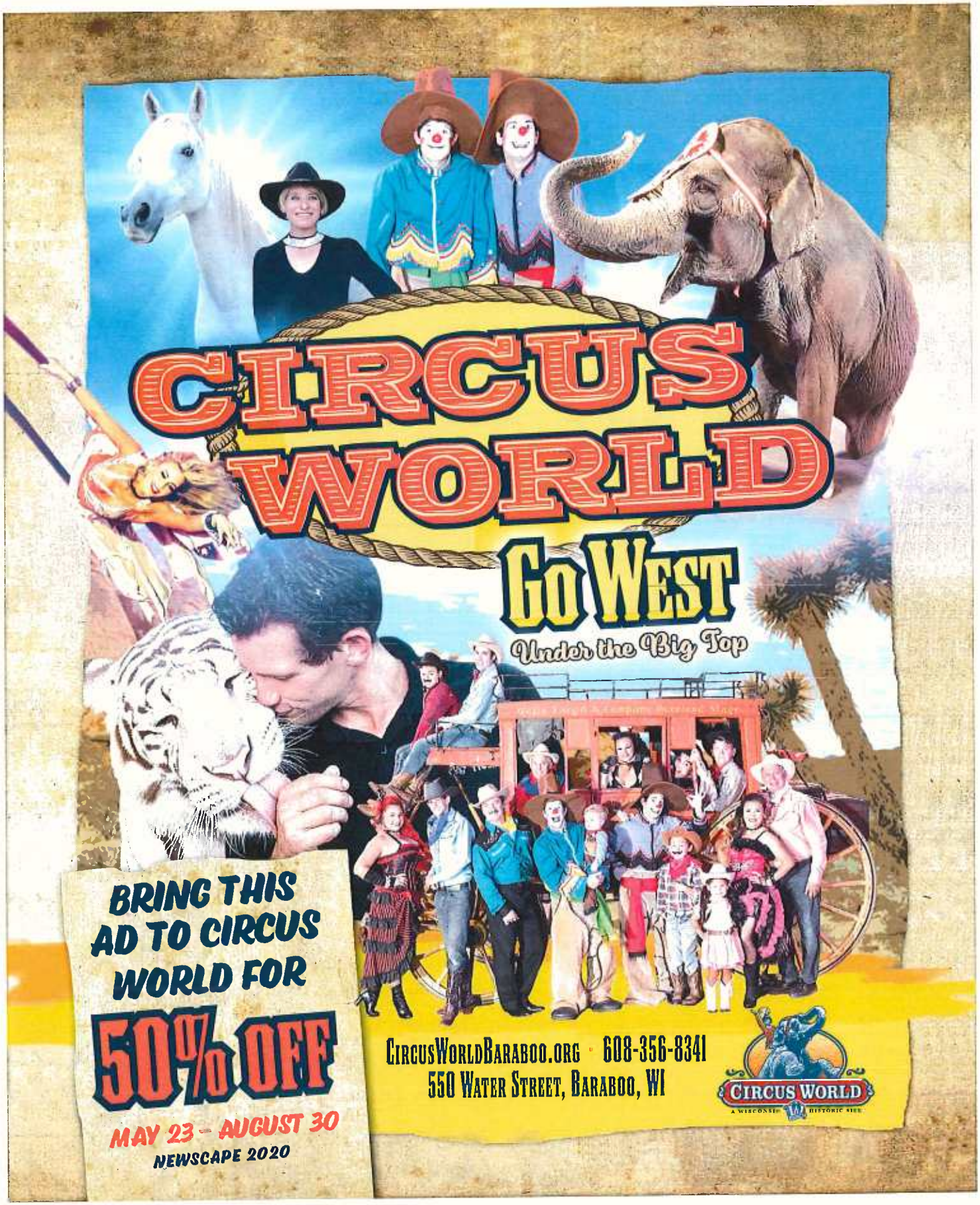
barabooCCS.com/choice

CCS

Community Christian School of Baraboo is a non-denominational Christian school teaching preschool through 12th grade with a classical Christian emphasis. CCS has been providing a safe, challenging, classical, and Christ-centered educational program since 2010. CCS's mission is to support parents in their task of bringing up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 6:4).

Other questions? We are here to help!

email: administrator@barabooccs.com
phone: 608-448-2191
E12654 County Rd T, Baraboo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New City Administrator Kennie Downing

Hello citizens of Baraboo! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kennie Downing, the new City Administrator for the City of Baraboo. I was hired by the Common Council to replace Ed Geick upon his retirement from the City and started the job on December 2, 2019. Ed and I had the opportunity to work together for five weeks until his official retirement in January, 2020. During those weeks I absorbed as much of Ed's knowledge about the City that I could and I'd like to thank him for his guidance. Rest assured, he left the City in good hands. Now a little about me...

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and spent most of my work life as an employee in City and County government. I have a Master's degree in Public Administration and 32 years of experience working for four different government agencies across the United States: City of Brea, California (population 32,000); City of Pomona, California (population 150,000); El Paso County, Texas (population 850,000). My most recent position was County Administrator for Baker County, Florida (population 32,000) where I was administrator for three years.

Since arriving in Baraboo, I've tried to get out and meet as many Baraboo citizens as I can, and I'm asked the same question repeatedly: Why did you pick Baraboo? Well, there are so many things that attracted me to Baraboo, the primary reason being Baraboo is a cute small town with lots of charm! I love the downtown businesses that make this community feel warm and cozy. The citizens are so nice and friendly and have welcomed my husband and I into the community. I can't believe all the festivals and gatherings that the Baraboo community offers and it seems I never want to stay at home because there's always something going on. The proximity to the "big city" of Madison is beneficial in case I need something that isn't available in Baraboo I could drive to Madison to get it. Baraboo is smack-dab in the center of nature and outdoor activities with Devils Lake State Park on one side and the huge tourist attraction of Wisconsin Dells on the other which means tourists come annually to see our lovely city and further spread the word about how charming Baraboo is.

Do I have any family in Wisconsin? The only family I have in the entire State of Wisconsin is my husband John Downing and his mother Helen Downing who live with me. We purchased a house in Baraboo and are ecstatic to be Baraboo citizens.

After living in warm States (California, Texas, and Florida), how are you dealing with the snow? I'm doing just fine. I won't let a little (or a lot) of snow scare me. I purchased a warm coat and other clothing to ward off the cold temperatures, and am learning to drive carefully. So far, so good.

What are my goals for the City? I want to help the Common Council and my individual departments establish and complete their annual and long term goals to improve the City. Some goals are easy to accomplish with a few months of work such as paving a road. Others may take years and a tremendous amount of funding to accomplish, (e.g. Library extension or a new fire station) but I'll strive to keep the goals on track and meet the milestones so we eventually get there.

I'm pretty talkative so if you see me around town, feel free to walk up and say "Hi". I'd love to meet you and learn more about you.

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City of Baraboo has a Facebook page!

Employee Celebrations

Anniversaries:

MAY:

★ Mary Roltgen, Library, 15 years

JUNE:

★ Nick Defiel, Police Dept., 20 years

★ Amanda Sabol, Police Dept., 10 years

JULY:

★ Elissa Kelly, Library, 5 years

★ Wade Peterson, Utility Superintendent, 10 years

★ Nicholas Burch, Police Dept., 5 years

★ Brian Voltz, Police Dept., 5 years

AUGUST:

★ Tom Pinion, City Engineer, 10 years

★ Mark Wichner, Police Dept., 10 years

SEPTEMBER:

★ Tom Clark, Fire Dept., 20 years

★ Carl Ustupski, Police Dept., 5 years

The City of Baraboo has a Fair Housing Code which prohibits housing discrimination in the City. Please see Chapter 20 of the City of Baraboo's Municipal Code of Ordinances available on the City's website: www.cityofbaraboo.com/Government/Ordinances

The 2020 Census is coming soon

Every household and facility in Baraboo will soon receive a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau asking them to complete the 2020 census. What is the Census? It's essentially a count of the number of people in your household, apartment or facility. Not only is the number of people important, the information collected includes sex, age, and race to help the U.S. government distribute more than $675 billion dollars in government funding to communities. For every person counted in Sauk County, $3,200 in federal dollars are awarded to the community that can help pay to maintain local roads, bridges, or public transportation, determine how many U.S. Congressmen are allocated to Wisconsin, housing, health facilities, food assistance and much more. Every ten years, persons living in the United States on April 1st should be counted in the Census, including all adults regardless of immigration status, children, newborn babies, renters, students, temporary workers, and the homeless.

Data from the U.S. Census is safe. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to disclose or publish any identifiable information about an individual or household.

It's easy to respond to the Census. You can respond: 1) online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone with a simple WIFI connection, 2) by telephone, 3) on paper, or 4) at last resort, in person. The City of Baraboo is here to help anyone wishing to respond to the Census by offering public computer access at the Baraboo Public Library, 230 4th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913 and at the City Municipal Building at 101 South Blvd, Baraboo WI 53913.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for your Census letter starting mid-March to early April 2020. Everyone should be counted.

El Censo 2020 llegará pronto

Cada hogar e instalación en Baraboo pronto recibirá una carta de la Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. Pidiéndoles que completen el censo de 2020. ¿Qué es el censo? Es esencialmente un recuento de la cantidad de personas en su hogar, departamento o instalación. No solo es importante el número de personas, la información recopilada incluye sexo, edad y raza para ayudar al gobierno de los EE. UU. A distribuir más de $ 675 mil millones de dólares en fondos gubernamentales a las comunidades. Por cada persona contada en el condado de Sauk, se otorgan $3,200 en dólares federales a la comunidad que pueden ayudar a pagar para mantener carreteras locales, puentes o transporte público, determinar cuántos congresistas estadounidenses se asignan a Wisconsin, vivienda, instalaciones de salud, asistencia alimentaria y mucho más. Cada diez años, las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos el 1 de abril deben contarse en el Censo, incluidos todos los adultos, independientemente de su estado migratorio, niños, recién nacidos, inquilinos, estudiantes, trabajadores temporales y personas sin hogar.

Los datos del censo de EU son seguros. Es ilegal que la Oficina del Censo divulgue o publique cualquier información identificable sobre un individuo o un hogar.

Es fácil responder al censo. Puede responder: 1) en línea usando una computadora, tableta o teléfono inteligente con una conexión WIFI simple, 2) por teléfono, 3) en papel, o 4) en último recurso, en persona. La Ciudad de Baraboo está aquí para ayudar a cualquiera que desee responder al Censo ofreciendo acceso a computadoras públicas en la Biblioteca Pública de Baraboo, 230 4th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913 y en el Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad en 101 South Blvd, Baraboo WI 53913.

Esté atento a su buzón de correo para obtener su carta del censo que comienza a mediados de marzo hasta principios de abril de 2020. Todos deben ser contados.

New for 2020:

STREET LIGHT SPECIAL CHARGE & LOCAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

Last year, the City Council directed staff to look into alternate revenue sources to fund existing expenses. One such alternate revenue source is the Street Light Special Charge.

As part of the 2020 budget, the City Council approved a Street Light Special Charge to cover the annual cost for the operation and maintenance of street lights in the City of Baraboo. These same costs were previously funded through property taxes. The Special Charge will be billed to all improved properties, including all tax-exempt properties, as part of the quarterly utility bills, similar to the way stormwater fees are currently billed.

The annual revenue generated by the Street Light Special Charge is estimated to be $170,000, which corresponds to the amount that was formerly funded through property taxes.

The cost of this new Street Light Special Charge for each Single- and Two-Family Residential Dwelling is $33.52 per year, billed at $8.38 per quarter.

The cost of this new Street Light Special Charge for all other improved properties is $67.04 per year, billed at $16.76 per quarter.

For comparison sake, when the annual operation and maintenance of street lights was funded as part of the property taxes, the cost was roughly $0.21/$1,000 of assessed value. (See the following examples.)

For street light fee questions, please call 355-2730 or email Tom Pinion, City Engineer at tpinion@cityofbaraboo.com

Assessed Value of Property	Tax $$ Used for Street Lights
$100,000	$21.00
$150,000	$31.50
$159,619	**$33.52 Single- & Two-Family Home Rate**
$200,000	$42.00
$250,000	$52.50

Another alternate revenue source is a Local Vehicle Registration Fee.

Wisconsin law allows a municipality to impose a local vehicle registration fee, also known as a "wheel tax," in addition to the regular annual registration fee. The fee applies to vehicles kept in the municipality with an automobile registration or truck registration at 8,000 lbs. or less. Vehicles exempt from the wheel tax are vehicles registered as: Antique, Collector ("Collector Special" plates are not exempt), Ex-Prisoner of War (if issued without registration fee), Historic, Military, Hobbyist, Medal of Honor, and all special plates issued to a farm truck, dual purpose farm truck or motor home. **The municipality must use all revenue from the wheel tax for transportation related purposes.**

According to WisDOT's records, there are a total of 16,034 vehicles registered in the City of Baraboo, 13,139 of which should qualify for a Local Vehicle Registration Fee, for the 2018 Calendar Year (Ending December 31, 2018). Accordingly, the $20 local vehicle registration fee that was approved by the City Council could generate $262,780 annually and the City would net 99.15% of that amount. This new $20 fee will apply to all eligible vehicles registered after April 30, 2020.

For questions, please call 355-2730 or email Tom Pinion, City Engineer at tpinion@cityofbaraboo.com

SAUK COUNTY WISCONSIN ESTD 1844

Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale

Pickup dates: May 6-8, 8am-3pm

Sponsored by the Sauk County Land Resources & Environment Department and the City of Baraboo.

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For more information, contact
Melissa Schlupp, 355-4838
melissa.schlupp@saukcountywi.gov

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- Can be linked to another rain barrel
- Spigot and overflow hose included

Order Deadline: Wednesday, April 15th

# of Rain Barrels ___x $55 = ___

# of Compost Bins___ x $45 = ___

Total = ___

Tax Included

Make checks payable and send to:

Sauk County LRE
505 Broadway
Baraboo, WI 53913

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pickup at: Baraboo City Service Center
450 Roundhouse Court, Baraboo

Open Burning in the City of Baraboo

BURNING REGULATIONS OF DRY VEGETATIVE MATERIAL HAS CHANGED

The following is the excerpt form the revised City of Baraboo Ordinance Chapter 5, Fire Department:

5.13 REGULATION OF BURNING.

(1) OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED.

a. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, no person shall burn or cause to be burned any leaves, grass, wood, rubbish, waste, recyclable paper products, recyclable cardboard, painted wood, pressure treated lumber, and/or any material made of in whole or in part or coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum based materials, and/or products containing flammable materials or other combustible material.

b. An Open Burning Permit may be issued by the Fire Chief or designee for prescribed vegetation management purposes subject to reasonable conditions to mitigate fire hazards. The fee for an Open Burning Permit shall be as set forth in the City's Official Fee Schedule, §1.90, as set by the Common Council.

Applications for a permit must be submitted to the City Clerk at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the burning. Supervision and inspection costs shall be billed to the owner of the property upon which supervision or inspection is required.

Open Burning Permits shall apply to individual parcels or occupancies and are not transferable from person to person, parcel to parcel or occupancy to occupancy; however, Open Burning Permits may encompass multiple parcels under common ownership if part of a common vegetation management project.

So burning of leaves, garden waste or small piles of brush are no longer allowed in the City.

The City of Baraboo maintains a compost pile on Briar Street for leaves, garden waste, etc. In this same area, there is also a separate location for brush to be dropped off.

The City of Baraboo picks up brush the last full week of the month. The brush cut ends shall all be facing the same direction and the brush pile for pick up shall be located on the tree bank. Please call 355-2730.

The regulations regarding recreational fires (campfires) have not changed. A summary of those regulations are as follows:

5.02 Definitions

(11) "Recreational fires" and "cooking fires" both mean open burning for outdoor recreation and/or cooking purposes in an enclosure designed specifically for ember and flame containment, excluding a barrel, such as rocked-in pits, fireplaces, or barbecue grills which use only charcoal, propane gas or dry,untreated and unpainted wood as the burning material, and which satisfy the conditions set forth in Section 5.13, below.

5.13 (2) REGULATION OF RECREATION FIRES AND COOKING FIRES. Recreational fires and cooking fires are permitted so long as they comply with each of the following conditions:

a. Burning, under this subsection, shall not be kindled or maintained in a barrel.

b. No burning shall be kindled or maintained on or within any street, sidewalk, treebank, alley, parking lot, drainage ditch or public right-of-way.

c. No burning shall be maintained such that the flames exceed four feet in height.

d. No burning shall be maintained so as to cause a public nuisance prohibited by Ch. 10 of the Code.

e. Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, any other burning receptacle, enclosure or pit shall be no greater than 30 inches in diameter at its greatest width.

f. All such burning shall be constantly supervised and personally attended by a responsible adult until the fire is completely extinguished. The person in charge of the fire shall have fire extinguishing equipment or materials available at all times and easily accessible for immediate use.

g. Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no burning shall be kindled or maintained during periods when either the Fire Chief or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has issued a burning ban.

h. Whenever a portable fireplace or grill is located on a combustible surface, such as a wooden patio or deck, a non-combustible material shall be placed under and around the fireplace or grill for a distance of at least 24 inches on each side thereof.

i. In relation to one and two family dwellings, except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no such burning shall be undertaken within 15 feet of any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.

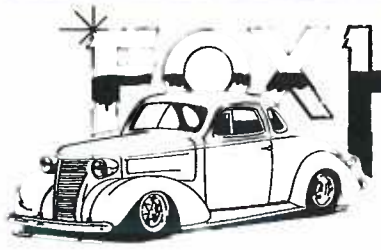
j. In buildings with three or more dwelling units, no burning shall be undertaken within 25 feet of any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief. (2118 05/27/03, 2353 01/25/11)

k. In buildings with three or more dwelling units, regardless of type or size, no barbecue, gas, charcoal or electric grill, or any other burning receptacle shall be stored or used on balconies above the first floor, under any overhangs or within 10 feet of the structure.

If you require further information, please contact the Baraboo Fire Department at 355-2710 or fire@cityofbaraboo.com

Employment Information

Applications for full time, permanent & seasonal positions are accepted electronically only. To apply for an open city position, visit our website, www.cityofbaraboo.com then select the Government Tab/Employment, and follow directions on the Job Opportunities page.



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Sauk County Clean Sweep

Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 8:30 - Noon
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Dispose of household hazardous waste safely

Items accepted for **no charge** include: pesticides, cleaners, paint, batteries, light bulbs, motor oil, and a wide variety of electronics.

For more information call 608-355-3245 or email conservation@saukcountywi.gov

Beginning September 26, 2020, latex paint will no longer be accepted at the Sauk County Clean Sweep events.

Fees for Tires

Car and light truck tires	$5
Car and light truck tires w/rims	$7
Ag and semi tires	$13
Ag and semi tires w/rims	$25
<13" tires	$1
<13" w/ rims	$3

Payment for tires can be made in CASH or CHECK payable to Sauk County Treasurer.

What is *Not Accepted*:

- Pharmaceuticals, IVs, needles
- Explosives, detonators, blasting caps
- Radioactive materials including smoke alarms
- Infectious and biological waste
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Recyclables, yard and household waste
- Asbestos
- Demolition materials
- Mattresses

Small businesses **MUST pre-register for Paint & Chemicals with Veolia at least 1 week prior** please contact Chris Bahlow at (715) 298-2623.

Agricultural producers should contact Sauk County directly at (608) 355-4842.

No late registration will be accepted.

Resource Solutions will accept the following items at Clean Sweep:

No charge: CPUs, Computer Printers, Speakers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Vacuum Cleaners, Phones, Laptops, Record Players, Tape Players, CD Players IPods, VCRs, DVD Players, Beta Tape Players, Electrical Saws, Drills, Calculators, Paper Shredders, Coffee Machines, Heaters, Game Systems, Sewing Machines, Electronic Toys, Most Household Electronics

$10 - Hard Drive Removal and Destruction
$15 – Microwaves & Large Copy Machines
$20 - Small AC Units, mini fridges, dehumidifiers
$25 -Stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, treadmills, lawn mowers (oil/gas drained, tires removed), hot water heaters
$35 - Refrigerators & Large Freezers
$20 - All monitors, CRT & flat screen
$20 - CRT/Flat Screen TVs 29" and under
$40 - CRT/Flat Screen TVs - 30"-49"
$60 - CRT/Flat Screen TVs - 50" and up, projection, wooden console

Payment for electronics can be made in CASH, CREDIT, or by CHECK payable to Resource Solutions at event.

Contact Resource Solutions at (608) 244-5451 regarding electronic items not included on the list above.

CITY OFFICIALS

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mpalm@cityofbaraboo.com

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Phil Wedekind 608-356-8147

Ald. Dist. 2 Ward 3
Thomas Kolb.....608-356-6080

Ald. Dist. 3 Ward 4 & 5
Michael Plautz 608-355-7578

Ald. Dist. 4 Ward 6
Jason Kent.....608-393-9116

Ald. Dist. 5 Ward 7
Joel Petty.....608-356-7214

Ald. Dist. 6 Ward 8 & 9
John Ellington.....608-356-5495

Ald. Dist. 7 Ward 10
Scott Sloan.....608-434-0196

Ald. Dist. 8 Ward 11 & 14
Heather Kierzek.....608-963-5095

Ald. Dist. 9 Ward 1 & 13
Dennis Thurow 608-356-7916

Campbell Park Swimming Pool opens June 5th

Summer is right around the corner and the Campbell Park outdoor swimming pool will be celebrating its 82nd birthday in 2020! That's right – the swimming pool bath house and lap pool were first opened in 1938. The wading pool area was added along with a new filtration room and sand filter in 1994, and several pumps and the boiler have been replaced over the last 10 years, in addition to a new drop slide – but the main structure has not changed in 82 years, making it one of the oldest in the Midwest. While the Parks Commission has begun conversations and feasibility studies of various options to continue to offer a swimming facility in the future, the existing pool will open the 82nd year on Friday, June 5 and remain open until Sunday, August 23. Open swim hours remain 1:30-5pm and 6:30-8:30pm daily with adult lap swim from 11:30am-1:15pm and 5-6:30pm weekdays. Passes can be purchased at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department office before the pool opens. Last year, over 3,800 individual passes and over 725 family passes were sold. The pool often hosts crowds as large as 300 a day and is a great spot to cool down during the warm summer days.

Over 75 swim lesson classes are available to choose from in various levels and over 500 participants are taught to swim by Parks & Recreation Department staff each year. Check our webpage at www.cityofbaraboo.com/parksandrecreation for details on swim lesson times and sign-up online early as classes fill very quickly.

Discussion will continue as to what improvements to make in the future, which may be smaller repairs and renovations of various areas of the pool and bath house or may be more significant reconstruction of the entire facility. As you can image, over the past 80+ years the facility has developed some significant foundation issues and has an outdated infrastructure which has relied on several "band aids" in order to meet code every year. The Parks Commission has held 2 public input sessions in the past year and hired MSA to complete a study of the existing pool. In 2020 staff will be coming to you at the pool to get your opinions on the future of the existing facility and what degree of renovations should be planned for the future. Feel free to share your thoughts with what you feel the future of outdoor swimming in the city should be.

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FACT 2 Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

FACT 3 Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

FACT 4 You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

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- Develop symptoms

AND

- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

FACT 5 There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: **www.cdc.gov/COVID19**

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BARABOO SUNDAY MARKET | MAY – OCTOBER

CONCERTS ON THE SQUARE | THURSDAY EVENINGS | JUNE – AUGUST

SPRING WINE WALK | FRIDAY, MAY 1ST | ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

SPRING FAIR ON THE SQUARE | SATURDAY, MAY 9

SUMMER BREW HA – HA | FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

ART JUNE | SATURDAY, JUNE 20

BIG TOP PARADE | SATURDAY, JULY 18

FALL FAIR ON THE SQUARE | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

WINTER WINE WALK | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED

CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE | SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

FUN & FESTIVE HOLIDAY EVENTS | NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 31

THE VERY MERRY HOLIDAY FAIR | DECEMBER 11 & 12

BARABOO WATER UTILITY

2019 Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water we deliver to you every day. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact Utility Superintendent, Wade D. Peterson, or the staff at the Water Utility office at 608-355-2740.

Our goal at the Baraboo Water Utility is to provide you with the safest, most dependable supply of water possible. To that end we have spent many thousands of dollars on sampling our water, improving our treatment processes, and safeguarding our water resources. As you'll see in the following pages, Baraboo's water is safe and meets all Federal and State drinking water requirements.

Water Utility Information

General Information

The original water facilities were constructed by a private company in 1886 and purchased by the City in 1904. Our facilities currently include 5 wells, 6 storage facilities, and 2 booster stations. The Utility is overseen by the City's Public Safety Committee and their monthly meeting is the last Monday of each month. These meetings are open to the public and customers are encouraged to attend.

Municipal Drinking Water

Substances in Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, radioactive materials, and substances resulting from human activity. All drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain minerals and other constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these materials does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and their respective potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). The State of Wisconsin requires us to regularly test our water for certain contaminants at varying intervals, some of which are less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants is not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Accordingly, some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old. The data in the Test Results tables provides a summary of the sample results over the past five years.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Baraboo's Water

All of our water is supplied from five groundwater wells that draw water from sandstone and gravel formations hundreds of feet below the surface of the ground. Although the water from each well has different characteristics due to the makeup of the aquifer formation it draws water from, the water is blended together as it moves throughout the distribution system. In 2019 these wells pumped just over 625,788,000 gallons of water, an average of around 1,714,488 gallons per day for use by our customers. To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, please contact us at 608-355-2740.

Well #	2	4	6	7	8
Depth (ft)	300	377	351	185	450

Hardness in water at the wells has a range of 135 mg/l to 342 mg/l (average 231 mg/l) and in the system, it ranges from 138 mg/l to 353 mg/l (average 248 mg/l) (17-18 grains/gal.). pH in water at the wells has a range of 7.12 to 7.86 (average 7.37) and in the system, it ranges from 7.22 to 7.52 (average 7.35).

Water Additives

We currently add chlorine as a disinfectant, fluoride to promote healthy development of teeth, and phosphate for lead and copper control.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metal, which can be natural-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

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➢ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Lead and Copper

Contaminant (Units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.8040	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	9/25/2017	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	4.80	1 of 30 results were above the action level.	9/14/2017	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant Health Effects - Lead

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Baraboo Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)
SULFATE (ppm)	17.00	4.6-17.0	8/22/2017

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2019)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	0-1	8/22/2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.038	0.014-0.038	8/22/2017	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)		100	100	2	0-2	8/22/2017	NO	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	1.0	0.6-1.0	8/22/2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		1.40	0.0-1.40	8/22/2017	NO	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	4.83	0.20-5.2		NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	9.30	3.1-9.3	8/22/2017	NO	n/a

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Radioactive Contaminants								
Contaminant (units)	**Site**	**MCL**	**MCLG**	**Level Found**	**Range**	**Sample Date (if prior to 2019)**	**Violation**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
GROSS, ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	4.50	0.0-4.5	8/22/2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226+228) (pCi/l)		5	0	4.8	1.1-4.8	8/22/2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	4.5	0.0-4.5	8/22/2017	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts								
Contaminant (units)	**Site**	**MCL**	**MCLG**	**Level Found**	**Range**	**Sample Date (if prior to 2019)**	**Violation**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
HAA5 (ppb)	D-1	60	60	1	1		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-1	80	0	6.8	6.8		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-9	60	60	1	1		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-9	80	0	11.7	11.7		NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Other Compliance

Violation of the Terms of a Variance, Exemption, or Administrative or Judicial Order. *None*

Noncompliance with recordkeeping and Compliance Data. *None*

Definition of Terms

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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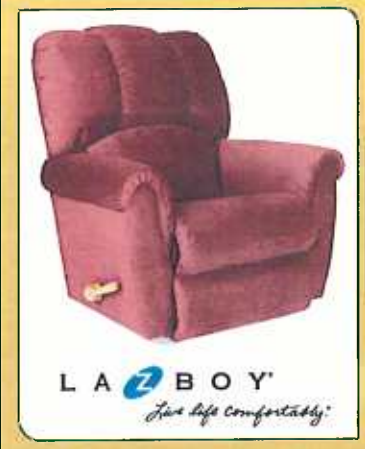

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Baraboo Civic Center & Recreation News

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department manages the 50,000 square foot Civic Center, which includes meeting and special event rooms for rent for up to 100 people; a gymnasium for sports events or celebrations for up to 400 people; a fitness center with cardio equipment, strength training, wireless internet and showers; and houses the Boys and Girls Club, Senior Center and Stage III Theater for Youth. Reasonable rates are available for rental or fitness center membership all year long.

Summer is our biggest season for recreation programming and 2020 is shaping up to be our best yet! We have activities for all ages from T-Ball, Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball to Crafts, Zoo Keeper Camps, One Day-Fun Days and much more! Several Adult and Senior programs are offered as well, including our Senior Fitness classes, which hosts over 100 participants and Tai Chi, Aqua Zumba, Sand Volleyball, Softball and more. Recreation guides will again be sent home with all Baraboo public and private elementary students and be available at the Civic Center and City Hall, as well available on our webpage in early April.

As always we are looking for creative and fun people to join our staff as instructors, coaches and volunteers. We offer good pay and very flexible schedules in whatever area of interest you have! Like to work with kids? Teach seniors a new skill? Work outside? Contact the director with your proposal and we'll find a place for you on our team!

New Developments at Attridge Park Community Gardens

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has made several significant improvements to the Attridge Park Community Gardens over the past 7 years, including expansion, new fencing, irrigation and a new garden shed. After completing soil tests and working with the Sauk County Master Gardeners, another round of improvements is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Parks staff has begun to build raised beds in the gardens, which will allow for new soil to be brought in offering better nutrients and easier weeding of garden plots. Eventually all plots will feature a raised bed. Raised bed plots will be available for $15 for a 4' x 8' plot or 2 for $25. Prices include onsite water and shared use of garden tools.

Also in 2020, the Sauk County Master Gardeners will be offering workshops and discussions at the gardens for community garden members. Learn how to grow tomatoes sure to make your neighbors jealous!

Those members from 2019 will have first choice in garden plots beginning April 1. New members will be offered plot on a first come-first served basis with a limit of 2 plots per household. Planting may begin after May 1st and plots are available through October 15. All plots must be cleaned out by October 31.

More details will be available on the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department website or follow us on Facebook for instant notifications on all our news.

Baraboo Forestry News

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department manages over 7,000 street and park trees, protecting against diseases, planting to maintain a strong urban tree canopy and removing limbs and trees that become hazardous. In 2020 we will be adding a new gravel bed, which will make tree planting much more efficient and successful in the community. The new gravel bed will be installed in Attridge Park at the Community Gardens and is a partnership between the City of Baraboo and the Wisconsin DNR. New trees will be able to be set in the gravel beds and irrigated onsite until ready for permanent planting in the city. This process will reduce the costs of planting and provide for more successful planting of new trees.

Our Emerald Ash Borer plan, developed in 2010, has been popular with many communities across the state and our proactive approach to the disease has been copied by many. We have successfully reached a point in which we have been able to successfully treat ash (approximately 170 trees per year for the past 6 years) while we removed the ash trees in poor condition or located in less desirable sites. This process also allowed us to more efficiently remove those trees, keeping a safer community while saving the taxpayer money and following a more conservation-minded approach to dealing with the pest issue. Our approach has allowed us to reduce the number of trees needing treatments in 2020, which will allow us to considerably expand the amount of new trees we plant-improving and maintaining that tree canopy we enjoy for generations to come. We continue the process of replacing over 100% of every tree we remove in the city.

More details on city forestry is available on the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department website or follow us on Facebook for instant notifications on all our news.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Project Updates

2020 will be yet another very busy year for a department that has seen significant improvements over the last 10 years. The Maxwell-Potter Riverwalk bridge will finally be completed in August and link Maxwell Potter Conservancy over the Baraboo River near Circus World for connection to the Riverwalk. This project is another partnership between the City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, the Wisconsin DNR and the Baraboo Kiwanis Club. Just downstream from the bridge is another new project that will be completed in October – the Maxwell-Potter Kayak Launch. This launch is a partnership between the City of Baraboo Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Wisconsin DNR and will make access to the river much easier for kayakers and canoers. A new parking lot near the launch site will also be completed this summer to make parking for river recreation, picnic shelter events, or visitors to the Dog Park or arboretum much safer.

Construction continues at the Ochsner Park Zoo as renovations that started 10 years ago are wrapping up. With the otter and beaver exhibits only awaiting funding to complete some finish landscape work, and some fencing additions along the newly constructed water treatment systems which feed both exhibits and conserve water, time and taxpayer dollars – attention is turning toward finishing the old deer exhibit. An emu exhibit is being planned for part of the area as well as an improved barnyard area that will house dwarf goats in 2020. A new, improved entrance will be opened and improvements to the concession stand is on its way. The highly anticipated Owl Exhibit and Education Center will begin construction this fall and provide a more educational visit to our expanded owl selection. Additionally, the newly created Zoo Docent program formed in a partnership with the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo will make more volunteers available throughout the day to expand the 10-year-old mission of the zoo in education and conservation.

The feasibility study of a Splashpad continues with Attridge Park as a preferred site. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is designing several options and beginning grant writing to supplement fundraising efforts of the Parks Commission, who hopes to break ground in the near future – possibly as early as next year. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting endeavor.

Speaking of Attridge Park, 2020 will bring expanded parking and connection from the lot to the Riverwalk Bridge. Additionally, Attridge Park will see a new large pollinator garden near the community gardens this summer.

Other parks in line for 2020 improvements include City View Park's new restroom building, which will begin construction soon as well as new playground equipment at Langer Park. Myron Park continues transformation with placement of the final elephant structure and closing of the pod with new prairie grass plantings surrounding the elephants.

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department continues to pursue conservation improvements and efficient practices, all while making major improvements to an aging infrastructure and staying up-to-date with resident and visitor needs following the 3 pillars of "Health and Wellness", "Conservation" and "Social Equity". Your support and donations help us maintain one of the strongest, most respected small-town programs in the state. Thanks for your continued support!

SPOTLIGHT

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department

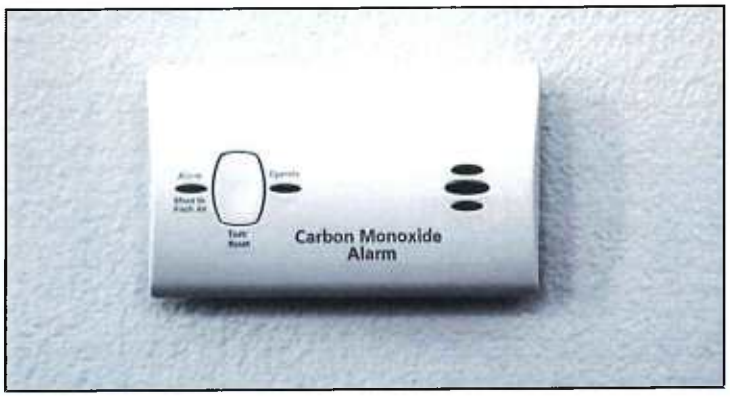
Sitting – Wendy Grant, Jacob McKevitt, Katie Gries, Ellen Gallagher, Tina Bebber. Standing – Randy Seymour, Matt Hess, John VanHoosen, Mike Hardy, Joe Briggs, Sam Kujak, Phil Skwor.

The Baraboo Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department consists of 6 divisions – Civic Center, Parks, Forestry, Zoo, Recreation & Swimming Pool. With the 50,000 square foot Civic Center which also serves as the City's election site and emergency shelter; 18 parks including a dog park and a 3-mile long Riverwalk which is part of the National Ice Age Trail; over 7,000 street and park trees including a 6-acre Arboretum; a 3-acre zoo with over 25 different animal species; dozens of youth and adult recreation programs and special events; and a swimming pool with a double drop slide and separate wading area our staff provides residents and visitors clean, safe facilities and enriching programs.

Make sure you check out current offerings on the Parks and Recreation tab of the City website, or simply follow us on Facebook at BarabooParks and you will get instant notifications when our new program schedules are released. We serve thousands of youth and adults as we teach how to swim, hit a ball, paint a picture, feed an owl and plant a tree – along with hundreds of other programs designed to educate, enrich and improve lives. We are also your source for renting facilities all year-round from our parks to the Civic Center – picnics, meetings, parties & workshops, as well as athletic contests in our fields, ice arena and our gymnasium. Thousands of people rent facilities from us every year for graduations, parties, memorials and meetings. Over 35,000 people visit our free zoo annually, many come back to participate in camps and keeper talks with our conservation-minded staff. Our Arboretum provides a quiet walk in nature, with interpretive signage to test your tree and plant knowledge. Our swimming pool offers a great place to cool off on those hot summer days. Even resident and visiting dogs have a place to call their own at our Dog Park. We even offer a fitness center with low rates to stay in shape all year round, complete with lockers, showers and wireless internet. Trouble getting motivated? We also offer fitness classes for adults as well as senior citizens where you can make friends and have your own fitness trainer guide you through a healthier lifestyle.

Our Department prides itself on the 3 pillars of service – Health & Wellness; Conservation; and Social Equity. We're always looking for reliable seasonal staff to join our team and ambitious participants to enroll in our programs. Continue your journey with us by enrolling in a program or visiting one of our facilities today!

Carbon Monoxide (CO) and CO Alarms



What is Carbon Monoxide

- Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless poison gas that can be fatal when inhaled.
- It is sometimes called the "silent killer."
- CO inhibits the blood's capacity to carry oxygen.
- CO can be produced when burning fuels such as gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil or wood.
- CO is the product of incomplete combustion. If you have fire, you have CO.

What are CO Poisoning Symptoms?

Initial symptoms are similar to the flu without a fever and can include dizziness, severe headaches, nausea, sleepiness, fatigue/weakness and disorientation/confusion.

Do I need a carbon monoxide alarm in my home?

Yes, unless I do not have any fuel burning appliances or an attached garage.

Where do I need a CO Alarm?

It depends on the age of your home. If your home was built before February 1, 2011 a battery, operated alarm is required on every floor level of the home including the basement. If the home is newer than February 1, 2011, the CO Alarms need to be hard-wired, with battery backup, on every floor level and outside each sleeping area.

What do I do if my CO Alarm activates?

If anyone is experiencing symptoms, you need to get everyone into fresh air and call 911 from outside your home.

If no one is experiencing symptoms, check the information on the back of the alarm for specific alarm sequence. You should call the fire department or a qualified technician to have the problem inspected.

If you are unable to leave the home to call for help, open the doors and windows, and turn off all possible sources while you are waiting for assistance to arrive.

Under no circumstance should an alarm be ignored!

If you require further information, please contact the Baraboo Fire Department at 355-2710 or fire@cityofbaraboo.com

GARBAGE/RECYCLING HOLIDAY PICKUP

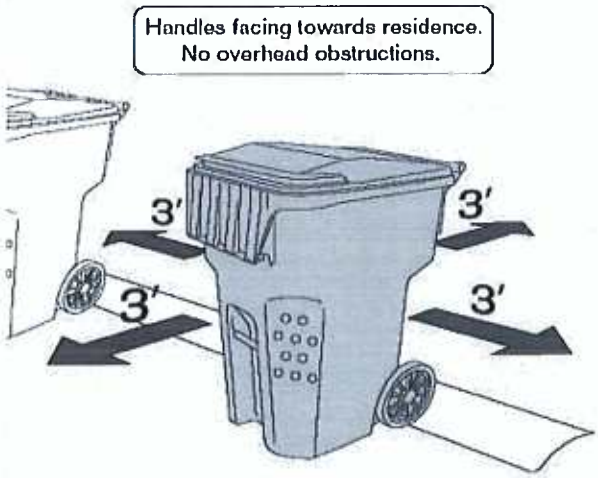
REGULAR PICK-UP DAY	HOLIDAY PICK-UP DAY
Friday, April 10, 2020	Monday, April 13, 2020 ✪
Monday, May 25, 2020 ✪	Tuesday, May 26, 2020 ✪
Friday, July 3, 2020	Monday, July 6, 2020 ✪
Monday, September 7, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Thursday, November 26, 2020 ✪	Monday, November 30, 2020
Friday, November 27, 2020 ✪	Tuesday, December 01, 2020
Thursday, December 24, 2020 ✪	Monday, December 28, 2020
Friday, December 25, 2020 ✪	Tuesday, December 29, 2020

✪ Indicates a Recycling Week

EFFECTIVE MONDAY MAY 4TH, 2020

FOR THE STAFF/PUBLIC SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF OUR OPERATIONS, ALL REFUSE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL MUST BE PLACED IN DESIGNATED CART FOR PICKUP BY CITY OF BARABOO STAFF. ITEMS PLACED OUTSIDE CARTS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

- If you routinely have extra materials, you may upgrade your cart size or purchase additional carts by calling 355-2730 or on-line at www.cityofbaraboo.com.
- The GREEN cart is for recyclable materials. Recyclable materials must be placed loose in cart - no plastic bags allowed. The BLUE cart is for household trash. At no time may recyclable materials be placed in trash cart.
- Carts are to be placed on the tree bank or driveway entrance. Not in the street.
- Please leave at least 3' of space on all four sides of your cart(s).



3-FOOT RULE

Keep carts at least three feet away from other carts, mailboxes, fire hydrants, low hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, and utility poles so trucks can easily access the cart.

Leaves and Yard Waste

Leaf pickup will begin April 13th and continue to May 15th. Leaves must be placed un-bagged on the treebank free of debris such as rocks, stumps, and other yard waste. During leaf clean-up, please be certain that leaves are accessible by keeping vehicles and trailers away from leaf piles designated for pick-up.

Collection will begin in Monday's refuse collection district. After completing collection in Monday's area, crews will move into the Tuesday district, then Wednesday's district, followed by Thursday's and then Friday's refuse collection districts. Upon completion of Friday's refuse district, crews will begin the cycle again in Monday's district. This rotation will continue until May 15th.

This service is intended purely for leaf pick-up. Our leaf vacs are incapable of picking up yard waste such as potted plants and garden materials. Those materials must be dropped off at the City of Baraboo Compost Site located off at 407 Briar Street behind the old Public Works Garage.

Curbside leaf collection only occurs during certain times in the spring and fall. During non-pickup times, residents may dispose of leaves at the City of Baraboo Compost Site.

Leaves and yard waste must be free of trash and other foreign debris. If material is bagged, you must empty the contents on the appropriate pile and take the bags with you.

At No Time May Leaves, Grass Clippings, Brush, Or Other Yard Waste Be Deposited On The Street Or Alley.

Not Only Does It Impact Ground And Surface Water Quality, But It Is Also Prohibited By Ordinance 8.15.

Ochsner Park Zoo News

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department manages the 3-acre zoo in Ochsner Park. Over 25 animal species are available and our staff and volunteers offer many opportunities to learn more about our animals. Spring hours are in effect April 1-Memorial Weekend (9am-5pm) and summer hours will take effect Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day weekend (9am-7pm). The zoo is open 7 days a week and hosts several special events during the year – the largest being Zoo Crew weekend which is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Friends of the Baraboo Zoo and takes place the first Sunday in June. Bounce houses, food vendors, games, live music and more as the park becomes a festival for the day.

Be sure to visit us this summer to see our new emu and dwarf goats, as well as our other cast of characters – including beaver, otters, bear, deer, eagle, owls, prairie dogs, lynx, monkeys, fox, opossum, llama, miniature donkey, wolves, cranes, geese, ducks, pigs, tortoise and more!

The zoo offers free admission every day, but appreciates donations at one of our donation boxes located within the zoo. Join the other 35,000 visitors every year that have rated the Ochsner Park Zoo as one of the top destinations in Baraboo the past 10 years in a row!

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

Recycle ONLY bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. **Recicle SOLO botellas, latas, papel y cartón.**

Plastic Bottles & Containers

Compress Bottles or Containers and Re-Install Lids

Food & Beverage Cans

Remove Labels and Place Labels in Garbage

Paper

Place Soiled or Wet Papers in Garbage

Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Remove Food Residue from Cardboard

Food & Beverage Cartons

Rinse Clean and Compress Prior to Disposal

Glass Bottles & Containers

Rinse Clean and Remove Labels Prior to Disposal

NEVER include the items below in your recycling. **NUNCA incluya los siguientes elementos en su reciclaje.**

NO Food Waste

Compost at Home Whenever Possible

NO Loose Plastic Bags & Film

Return Plastic Bags to Retailers

NO Bagged Recyclables

Recyclables Must be Placed Loose in Cart

NO Foam Cups & Containers

Visit recyclemoreplastics.org for Alternative Disposal options for Polystyrene

NO Needles

Ask Your Doctor or Pharmacist About Safe Disposal Options for Sharps and Needles

For more information, contact Waste Management at (888) 960-0008 Or visit

RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

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Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.

NO RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS
Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.

NO FOOD & LIQUIDS
Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.

NO ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES
Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. **Check RecycleMorePlastics.org** for a local drop off site.

NO TEXTILES, BEDDING, RUGS & CARPET
Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.

NO TANGLERS, HOLIDAY LIGHTS, HANGERS & EXTENSION CORDS
They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.

NO PLASTIC BAGS, FILM/ SHEETING & FLEXIVLE FILM PACKAGING
Take plastic bags back to local grocer to keep bags clean and dry and prevent them from shutting down recycling facilities. Visit **plasticfilmrecycling.org** to find a drop location near you.

NO PAPER NAPKINS, PLATES, CUPS & TISSUES
Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.

NO POLYSTYRENE FOAM
Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at **RecycleMorePlastics.org**

NO TIRES, AUTO PARTS & SCRAP METAL
(Not in recycling or trash) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check **RecycleMorePlastics.org** for a drop off center near you.

NO CONCRETE, WOOD & CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
Can damage equipment & are safety hazards.

NO YARD WASTE & WOOD
Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available.

NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC
Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubes.

For more information on recycling, visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

Dear Baraboo,

The Governor's "Stay At Home" order marks new and uncharted territory for all of us. Let's face it, staying locked in the house to prevent contracting a possibly deadly disease is frightening. Many of us have parents or family members with compromised immune systems that we're worried about, and I find myself constantly watching my own mother-in-law for signs of the first cough. Please know that you're not alone. We're all part of the Baraboo family, we're all frightened and we'll get through this crisis together.

Although we're stuck at home, don't isolate yourself from human contact. Make a goal of speaking to friends and family every day on the phone, video call, or Facebook. Recall a common memory that made you all laugh together. Find something that makes you smile every day such as a hobby you can do in your home, garage or yard.

No one knows when this situation will end, so I'm asking for patience and understanding when you're at the grocery store, picking up food from a restaurant, or on the phone with a medical provider or business. The workers at these establishments have families too that they are worried about, but have a calling to continue providing service to the community that's stronger than their personal fears. These workers should be applauded. Next time, offer a thank you to them for helping you survive the crisis. Thank you to all those out there helping the community.

Please know that everyone in this community is cherished and valued. When we finally come out of this situation (which we will), remember the kindness, generosity and love you've expressed to your family, friends and neighbors and try to keep that light of kindness alive. Citizens of Baraboo, stay "Baraboo Strong" and we'll make it through this.

Sincerely,

Kennie Downing

Kennie Downing
Baraboo City Administrator

No Wipes Down the Pipes

"Out of sight and out of mind," was the thought that many of us grew up with and it continues today. This concept has probably led to many issues, but now a costly problem we never dreamed of. The wipes are chocking our sanitary sewer system, the pumps, screens, manholes, low points or any other area where the flow is restricted. The problem seems to be getting worse.

The disposable wipes can be grouped together from sources like baby wipes, kitchen cleaning wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, bathroom wipes, diaper liners, etc. Additionally, products like diapers, feminine hygiene products, floor cleaning wipes and assorted hand towels all add to the list. These are not meant to be flushed. The only paper product meant to be flushed is old fashion toilet paper, no matter what the manufacturer puts on the label.

Just because a product label reads, flushable, doesn't mean it should be flushed. Currently a product can say flushable, if it's placed in the toilet, the lever is pushed and the wipe goes down out of sight and mind. Flushable doesn't mean that it biodegrades or even that it breaks down into tiny particles that don't cause problems.

To get that message out to the public, the wastewater department has started a campaign labeled, "No Wipes Down the Pipes." The goal is to educate the public of the very real costs that are incurred with the flushing of the wipes. We feel that an educated consumer will make better choices, especially if they know that it's costing everyone more money each day to deal with these. The makers of the wipes are fighting back stating that they are following the laws, which are outdated. The large corporations would change their mind if they were the employees that had to lie on their back and pull rags from plugged raw sewage pumps. It would only take once for them to agree, "No Wipes Down the Pipes."

Baraboo's Diversity

Our newest feature highlights diversity in our City by profiling real people that live, work, or attend school in Baraboo.

Kennie Downing

Hobbies/Interests:

- I love watching BIG10 college football.
- Play fetch with my dogs
- Playing video games
- Keeping up with local, state and federal government news
- Debating politics with my husband
- Watching movies
- Listening to all kinds of music: hard rock, rap, classical, even show tunes

What activity do you wish you could do more?

- Get outside with nature. I want to learn to kayak, go on long hikes, and generally commune with nature.

"I look forward to highlighting our diverse population in future issues of this newsletter."

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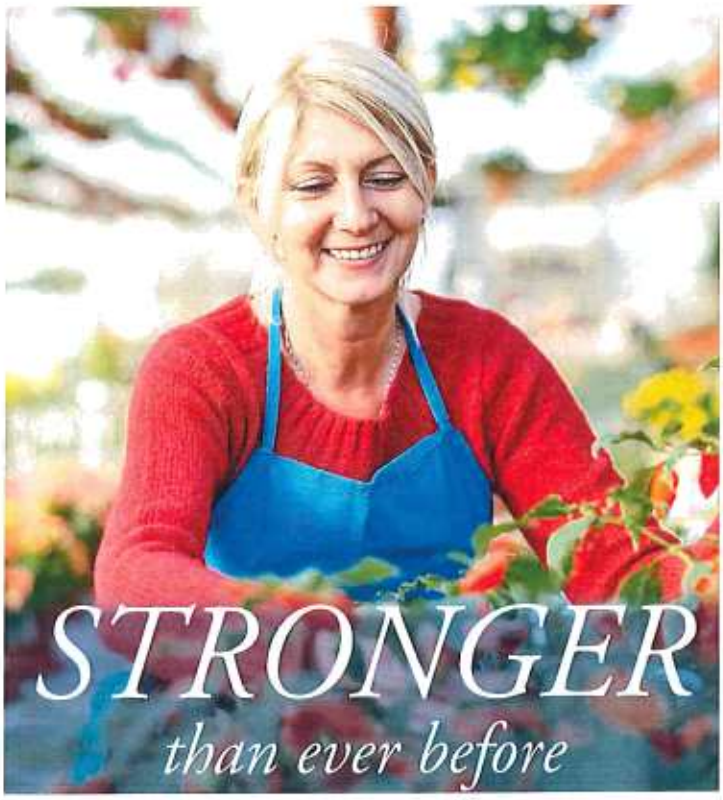

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What is Cross Connection?

A cross connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention devices, assemblies, or the methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

How does contamination occur?

When you turn on a faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the water reservoir. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to enter and contaminate the drinking water in your home, or even the public water supply. Water normally flows in one direction to your faucet. However under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause Backflow: back-siphonage and back pressure.

Back-Siphonage: May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water supply such as from a water main break.

Back Pressure: May occur when a source (such as a boiler) creates a greater pressure than the incoming water pressure.

Do...

- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with the proper "air gap" device.
- Verify hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above the drain.

Don't...

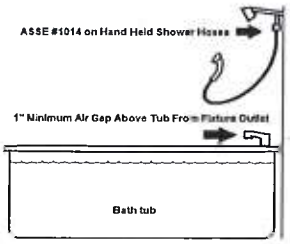
- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, ponds or automobile radiators.
- Use spray attachments without an approved backflow prevention device.
- Connect drain pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer drain. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.

ASSE #1011 Vacuum Breaker

In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

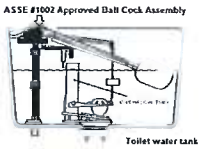
- When the shower hose head is hanging freely, it is at least 1 inch above the top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub).
- Complies with ASSE # 1014..
- Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle.

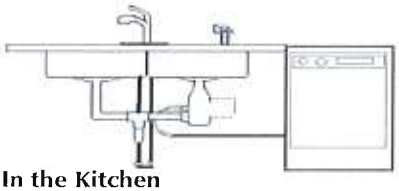


In the Bathroom—Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an ASSE #1002 approved anti siphon ball-cock assembly. Average cost for this do-it-yourself-type device available at home improvement stores is $8 to $22.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on device.





In the Kitchen

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