

NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

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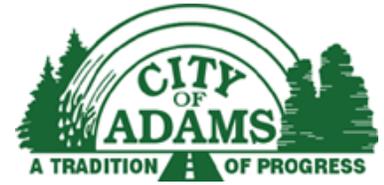
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Communication from the City Polic Department...

In April the police department will begin inspecting properties for property maintenance violations. It is the responsibility of the occupant and or property owner to maintain their property in a manner consistent with the municipal ordinance. This inspection will include vehicles that are considered abandoned by ordinance. Vehicles that are not roadworthy, properly licensed and insured should be removed from the property or properly stored.

The 4th of July parade will start at 10:00am on Saturday, July 4th. During the parade Main Street will be closed to traffic and all traffic will be detoured onto Ann Street (CTH M) to 11th Ave to East Lake Street.

Some fireworks cannot be used in the City of Adams, i.e. bottle rockets, mortar type fireworks, fire crackers and such. Use of these types of fireworks in the City of Adams is prohibited and you are subject to fines between \$200.50 and \$389.00. If you have questions, please contact the department.

Parents should be aware of the curfew in the City of Adams. Curfew hours are between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am every day of the week. Parents should make their children aware of the rules of the City Parks. The hours in the parks are from sunrise to sunset each day. No one is allowed in the parks after sunset.

Public Works Publication...

ADDITIONAL METER RENTAL: Meters for watering lawns are available. The rates are \$12.36 per quarter for 5/8" or 3/4" meter and \$40.00 initial meter installation charge. **GRASS MOWING:** Pursuant to Section 8-1-6 of the Municipal Code of the Ordinance for the City of Adams. Lawns, grasses, and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels, which exceed 8" in length, shall be considered a nuisance. The Weed Commissioner shall give written notice to the owner that such nuisances shall be cut within 5 (five) days. At the end of this period the Weed Commissioner shall destroy or cause to destroy such weeds and the costs therein shall be applied to the tax roll. **SCREENED COMPOST:** The City also has a supply of screened compost at a cost of \$12.00 per yard loaded, between the hours of 11:00AM - 3:00PM, Monday – Thursday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

OAK WILT: Managing the potential hazard of the spreading of Oak Wilt is an ongoing challenge. One step in that direction is not cutting down or trimming of Oaks during the period between April 1st and August 31st. Per City ordinance, you are to cut down diseased trees on your property after August 31st and **before April 1st**. The City will continue to identify and mark all diseased trees in the City with an orange "X". **The owner is responsible for removing trees on private property.** The City would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you need assistance, please contact us at the **Department of Public Works at 339-3913.**

BRUSH PICK-UP: Brush pick-up days will be the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month starting in April and may change depending on the weather. All brush should be placed parallel to the street or alley and away from any mailboxes, poles or signs, but not extending into the roadway. All branches should be cut in 4' to 8' lengths. **LEAF PICK-UP AND GRASS CLIPPINGS:** The Leaf Vacuum will be going around picking up leaves from April 6th – April 17th. Leaves and grass clippings are to be placed along the curb line (not in the cutter) at least 3 feet from mailboxes. Any clippings containing pet waste will not be picked up. Leaves and grass clippings in brown paper recycle bags set by the curb or alley will be picked up periodically. **NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Every person is required by state law and municipal code to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the City which the person owns, occupies or controls.

Comments From Your Clerk...

ELECTION –The 2014 Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7th. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Utility Deferred Agreements – Are available to those who need them.

The Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Adams Municipal Water and Sewer Utility filed an application on November 6, 2014, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. This increase will go into effect on the 2nd Quarter Billing 2015. Rates for general water service will increase 3 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates will also increase 3 percent and sewer service will increase 8 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate
Average Residential	5/8"	12,000	\$57.96	\$59.69
Large Residential	3/4"	18,000	\$74.04	\$76.25
Commercial	1"	150,000	\$374.00	\$385.79
Public Authority	1 1/2"	225,000	\$539.00	\$556.03
Industrial	2"	450,000	\$924.50	\$953.68