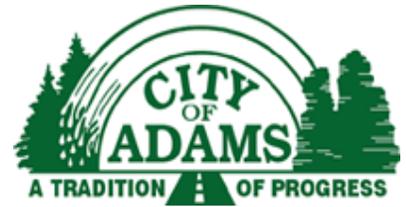


# NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

P.O. BOX 1009, 101 N. MAIN STREET  
ADAMS, WI 53910  
TELEPHONE: MUNICIPAL BUILDING (608) 339-6516  
FAX: (608) 339-8170, PUBLIC WORKS (608) 339-3913  
**SEPTEMBER 2009**  
DONALD H. WILLIAMS, MAYOR



### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Holly Manthey     Wilbur Jensen  
Angie Newberg     Matt Robinson  
Warren LaQueue     Len Suhr

### CITY OFFICIALS

Robert Ellisor, Administrator     Janet Winters, Clerk/Treasurer  
Todd Hanson, Chief of Police     Jeanne Gostomski, Confidential Assistant  
Eric Pollex, Attorney     Michelle Klein, Confidential Assistant  
Dave Mead, Street Superintendent     Robert White, Building Inspector

**Administrators Announcement...CITY RECEIVES WELL WISHES...**As recently as September of this year, the Adams City Council awarded project bids for installation and construction of a new municipal well and well house. The total dollar amount for this project is approximately \$900,000. Bids came in extremely favorable for the City and were well under the preliminary project estimates. The bid amounts were clearly an indicator of economic conditions and the fractional number building projects available compared to prior years. Further advantage to the City is the 50/50 grant and loan funding provided through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Safe Drinking Water loan program. Before Federal stimulus funds were made available, the DNR funding program was strictly loan dollars. The Federal stimulus program added 50% grant dollars for "shovel ready" and eligible projects like the City's Well Project. The City Well Project had become a serious priority when an older City well was taken out of commission because the water produced was not meeting acceptable aesthetic standards. Consequently, the City has been functioning with only one well for approximately two years. Both the bid outcome and the enhanced financing opportunity directly and positively affect every water utility customer. Because of the grant money and bid returns, the City is fortunately positioned to proceed with this vitally needed municipal well without having to adjust water utility rates to cover the added loan amount.

**Communication from the Chief of Police...**Summer is over and this means school is back in session. Please slow down in school zones and remember to buckle up your kids and yourself. Seat belt enforcement is a primary enforcement action now and you can be stopped for not wearing your seat belt.

**Burning Permits:** If you are burning you are required to obtain a permit from City Hall. The permits are free and you can not burn until after 6:00 PM. Other restrictions are listed on the permit.

**Winter Parking:** Winter parking will take effect on November 15 through April 15. Vehicle parking shall be allowed on all streets, other than Main Street, between the hours of 12:00 am (midnight) to 8:00 am according to the following: Vehicles are parked on the odd numbered side of the street on the odd numbered days and on the even number side of the street on the even number days. For the purposes of interpretation, vehicles parked at 12:00 am (midnight) shall park applicable to the date. Be aware that the City may declare a snow emergency and when this is done, there is no parking on any City street. Please listen to WDKM FM, your local TV Stations or contact this department when this advisory may be issued. Vehicles are subject to towing during a snow emergency if they are parked on the street.

**Comments From Your Clerk... Utility Deferred Agreements** – Are available to those who need them. Please contact our office as soon as possible for arrangements, or with any questions.

**2010 Spring Election:** Candidates may circulate nomination papers from December 1, 2009 to January 5, 2010 for the April 6, 2010 election.

**House/Building Numbering...** By City Ordinance 13-1-23, all buildings require identification, with letters of not less than 3" nor more than 6" in height and shall be located in a manner so as to be visible from the address street. **(Please keep in mind: BUILDING NUMBERING is also EXTREMELY important for Emergency Purposes.)**

**The Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be closed...**Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25, and Friday, January 1, 2010.

**Public Works Publication... Brush Removal & Chipping:** All brush should be placed parallel to the street or alley, but not extending into roadway. All branches should be cut into 6' lengths or smaller. Brush chipping days may change depending on the weather.

**Screened Compost:** The City also has a supply of screened compost at a cost of \$12.00 per yard loaded, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The "Drop Off" site has changed locations and hours. The new location is behind the Public Works garage at Juneau and Center Street and can be accessed through the main gate. Please be aware of the new signs that are in place and what is and is not allowed to be dropped off. These sites are for the City of Adams Residents only! Anyone that is not a City of Adams resident caught depositing material or waste will be issued a citation. The new hours are from 7:30AM – 3:00PM, Monday – Friday.

**Garbage & Recycling:** Refuse is not to be set out more than 24 hours prior to pick-up time per ordinance 8-3-6(B)(1). Also refuse must be in covered containers or tied clear garbage bags.

**Oak Wilt:** The City Council has undertaken the task of trying to control and manage the potential hazard of the spreading of Oak Wilt. One step in that direction is not cutting down or trimming of Oaks during the period between April 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 will be removing the trees in the right-of-way and City owned property. This is mandated by the State. The City would appreciate your cooperation.

**Leaf Collection:** Leaf collection will begin approximately October 1st. All residents are asked to have leaves in piles no wider than 4 feet and as close to the curb or street as possible without being in the curb line or street. Also, please do not place so close to mailboxes, signs, poles, or trees that would make pickup unsafe. Leaves are to be free of rocks, sticks, and other foreign material. If your leaves are not picked up please call the Public Works Department at 339-3913.

**Snow & Ice From Sidewalks:** Within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of two inches (2") or more of snow or ice, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the City of Adams to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow from any and all sidewalks and the nearest cross-side-walks adjacent to the premises of such owner(s) or occupant(s), and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk. No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice taken and removed from his premises or elsewhere upon any sidewalk, alley, parkway, public place or street in the City, provided however, that the person, firm or corporation depositing such snow shall, within one (1) hour thereafter, cause the same to be removed from such street. Copies of Ordinances can be obtained at the City Municipal Building. Also a reminder that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep their mailboxes cleared during the winter months for postal delivery. Please contact your Postal Service for more specific requirements and assist your mail carrier for a safe winter season.