

December 2019

From the Mayor's desk

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season. Snow and cold came early this year, so it was nice to have a December warm up.

Some of the things the council has been working on are; The possibility of redeveloping the downtown area, which may include apartment buildings and senior apartments along with additional downtown parking. The city is somewhat land locked with the river to the west and valuable farmland to the north and northeast. One way to increase housing is to build up instead of spread out. Using existing roads and infrastructure helps keep costs down and does not increase service or maintenance costs. The city is just looking at possibilities at this time.

There is also a developer planning to develop the vacant land behind Joy Lutheran Church, also known as the Filkins Harris addition. The preliminary plan is for single family homes and possibly twin homes for the area. The developer still needs to present a Master Plan to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and possible approval.

The Parks Committee and Council are looking at riverfront improvements and one of the first steps was to do an assessor's plat of the downtown and riverfront area to clean up and correct property lines. The city is looking into grants to help pay for the majority of the riverfront improvements, which may include a new sidewalk ramp off the Highway 10 bridge (instead of the existing stairs), new courtesy dock and an accessible ramp to the dock, multi-purpose trail along the riverfront, improvements to the emergency access under the train bridge, fencing along the train tracks and additional parking. For more information stop up to city hall.

On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to thank you, the citizens of Prescott, for your support and welcome your input and thoughts on any issue. I can be reached by email at dhovel@prescottcity.org or my phone at 715-262-3615.

Have a Great and Happy New Year.

David Hovel, Mayor

SNOW PARKING

Winter is almost here! It's that time of the year to remind all residents of the City about snow removal ordinances. November 1st to April 1st parking restrictions will be enforced. This is important because snow removal is a challenge for the Department of Public Works to begin with and it's an even bigger challenge when we leave our cars parked on streets making it virtually impossible for the whole snow removal process to effectively take place. Please be aware when it snows the city plow trucks will be working. Vehicles left on the street will be subject to a municipal citation and removal of the vehicle at the owner's expense.

Also, please note as the snow is plowed from the streets the snow is divided between both sides of the street. It would not be fair to place all of the snow on one side of the street.

SNOW REMOVAL

When removing snow by shoveling, blowing or plowing the snow needs to remain on your property. Do not place the snow in the city street. You should not place snow on your neighbor's property especially when plowing snow across the street from your driveway unless you can work something out with your neighbor. Citations can be issued for snow removal.

Every owner shall keep mailboxes located on a terrace area free and clear of snow. Help is also needed for keeping your fire hydrant clear.

All garbage containers shall be placed in your yard or driveway **ADJACENT** to the street or alley. (Not on the street or curb)

It is the goal of the Public Works Department to keep streets as snow free as possible in a timely fashion, thank you for your cooperation!

LICENSE RENEWALS

Reminder dog and golf cart licenses need to be renewed on an annual basis each January. Dog license require a copy of their rabies certificate.



WHERE CAN I GET MY PET VACINATED

Tractor Supply offers Animal Care and vaccines. Call 715-262-4500 or visit <https://petvet.vippetcare.com/> to see the services and dates/times this clinic care is available. Since this clinic is available the City will not be offering its annual rabies clinic.

DOING WORK ON YOUR HOME

Performing work yourself or hiring work done on your property? Please contract All Croix Inspection to get needed information first. There are some types of work performed that require Wisconsin State Certified persons to perform along with the appropriate permits. The website for All Croix Inspection is <https://www.allcroix.com/>

NEWS FROM PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In Wisconsin, owners thinking of renting out a room, home, second home, investment property, cabin or basically any structure for overnight stays to the general public for a fee are required to obtain a permit and meet certain requirements. If you have questions or are in need of a permit, call the Pierce County Public Health Department at (715) 273-6755

2020 CENSUS

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census. As a partner, we will be working to make sure our community is accurately represented in the upcoming decennial count.

The census counts everyone in the United States. Census results are the basis for congressional representation and help determine how more than \$675 billion in federal

funds is distributed each year to support vital programs in states and communities across the country. These funds shape local health care, housing, education, transportation, employment, and public policy.

As the 2020 Census approaches, we will continue to share information about how you can make sure our community is fully represented.

Prescott Public Library

Winter is here! Don't want to go out into the cold or snow? Download e-books, e-audiobooks, movies and magazines without leaving the house! Get the **Libby app** and browse the **Wisconsin Digital Library** or check out **Flipster** and find your favorite magazines for free.



Don't have internet at home? You can take the internet to go! Come check out a **Wi-Fi hotspot** from the library today.

We are happy to announce the Prescott Public Library (PPL) is Fines Free! Starting January 2020, there will be no overdue fines on items checked out at the PPL. All existing overdue fines will be cleared from accounts.

Give us a call at 715-262-5555 for help or more information. Check out our website or Facebook page for more resources and events happening at the library!

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