

NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

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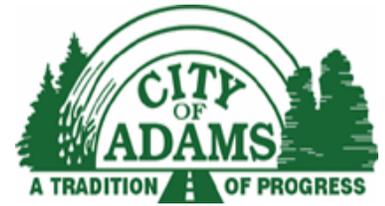
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Message from the Mayor ... This will be my last communication to you, as I am not running for re-election as Mayor. It has been a very eventful 10 years and I feel a great satisfaction for all we have accomplished in that time. We, includes the Council persons and our staff. I believe none of this could have happened without their support. I wish to thank each and everyone for helping to make Adams a better city and a place to be proud of. We are ahead of the wave, having replaced and repaired most of our infrastructure. We have also created an industrial park at very little cost due to the use of TIF dollars. This places us in position to take advantage of an industrial placement that would create jobs.

One of the Mayoral candidates claims that our Council meetings are not open or friendly, and that there is a lengthy approval process. This only consists of a written request to address the Council. This occurred after a citizen had verbally abused the Council in a very base and vile language. So base, that the shocked reporter asked what I was going to do about it. This person was sent a letter stating they could not address the Council until an apology was made.

Once again I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and make Adams a better city. Ken Romell

Administrators Announcement – The Federal economic recovery initiative seeks to defibrillate a flat line economy with massive lump-sum advances to new and existing State and federal programs. Two months ago many existing State or federal agencies did not have sufficient funding to support applications already on file. Now these same agencies are in a frantic, circus-like pace to prepare for the distribution and administration of these new stimulus dollars. The State has issued a form of a “call-out” to communities like Adams for projects that may be eligible and ready to go. For the City’s part, a vigilant watch of the stimulus dollar radar screen is being kept. At this stage, the City looks to match-up local projects with stimulus supported dollars in the following categories:

- Completion of the South Business Park inclusive of commercial grade street improvements.
- Added funding support for the new municipal well.
- Development of a municipally operated alternative energy generation site.
- Addition to Police Department staffing and patrol with federal COPS program funding.

It’s anticipated that this surge of funding support will prove beneficial to the City in terms of sustainable economic development, green infrastructure improvements and quality municipal services for many years ahead.

Communication from the Chief of Police... The Governor of the State has declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Each year thousands are affected by sexual assault and violence in Wisconsin. It is imperative that greater public awareness of sexual assault and violence be addressed. To assist in awareness, Hope House of South Central Wisconsin is offering a free presentation on Friday, April 17th at the Adams County Community Center. 11:30am-12:00pm Potluck Lunch & Networking and 12:00pm – 1:00pm Interactive PowerPoint Presentation. If you are a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence and need someone local to talk to, you can contact Hope House at 1-800-584-6790.

As spring is upon us, yard maintenance will be started. If you have debris, garbage and such it needs to be cleaned up. The Department will be making contact with property owners in violation of our ordinances. Furniture and other large items will not be picked up curbside; you must take those items to the Adams County Landfill to be disposed of. If you have questions concerning property maintenance issues, contact the Department. Please

remember that you are required to obtain a burning permit from City Hall if you plan on burning. Some restrictions are; no burning until after 6:00pm and no burning on Sunday.

Winter parking ends on April 15. There will be no more restrictions on parking after that date and you may park on either side of the street.

Kids Day is at A-F High School on April 4th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Department will be there handing out gunlocks, coloring books, stickers, informational magnets and will have door prizes for the kids. The Department wishes to thank the following businesses for their donation towards the purchase of DNA kits to be handed out. Kwik Trip, Wisconsin River Co-Op, Grand Marsh State Bank, Ace of Adams, Pamida of Adams, A-F School District Safe Kids Healthy Students Program and Print It, LLC.

Comments From Your Clerk...

Utility Deferred Agreements – Are available to those who need them. Contact the Clerk’s office with any questions.

Licensing of dogs and cats – To avoid a \$186.00 citation, please license your dog(s) and cat(s). After April 1st there is a \$5.00 penalty charge in addition to the license fee.

Charges are: \$8.00 for spayed/neutered or \$13.00 for non - spayed/neutered, plus the \$5.00 penalty charge.

Remember to bring/send the current proof of rabies certificate from your veterinarian. No License can be issued without proof of rabies vaccination.

Licenses can be obtained at the Clerk’s office.

The 2009 Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7th. Polls opens at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.



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

Public Works Publication... SCREENED COMPOST: The City has a supply of screened compost at a cost of \$12.00 per yard loaded, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please be aware of the posted signs.

The City of Adams Compost “Drop Off” site will only be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is located behind the Public Works Department and is for City of Adams Residents only. Any dumping outside the gates will be handled as a littering fine.

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 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 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 in this matter. If you need assistance, please contact us at the **Department of Public Works at 339-3913.**

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.

ADDITIONAL METER RENTAL: Meters for watering lawns are available. A fee is charged for the use of this meter and the following rates shall apply: a \$12.00 charge per quarter for 5/8” or 3/4” meter and \$40.00 initial meter installation charge.

WHITE GOODS: Pickup will only be on April 30 and May 1st (White goods include: stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, freezers, and dehumidifiers.) Per ordinance, appliances are not to be set out more than 48 hours prior to pickup. **Any white goods set out after this date will be the owners' responsibility to dispose of. THE CITY WILL NO LONGER BE PICKING UP TIRES.**

HYDRANT FLUSHING: Flushing of hydrants will be April 23rd at midnight. Please have adequate water stored for household purposes prior to that time. Regular service will be restored by 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 24th.

BRUSH REMOVAL & CHIPPING: **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. Brush pick-up days may change depending on the weather.

GRASS MOWING: Pursuant to Section 8-1-6 of the Municipal Code of 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.

LEAF COLLECTION: Leaf collection will begin approximately early to mid-April. 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 curblin or street.** Also, leaves placed close to mailboxes, signs, poles, or trees cannot be collected with City leaf collection equipment. Please leave some distance between these obstacles. **Leaves are to be free of rocks, sticks, animal waste and other foreign material.** Leaves with such foreign materials will not be collected and the property owner will be required to remove the leaves from the area. If your leaves are not picked up, please call the Public Works Department at 339-3913. Leaves will not be picked up in alleys or on Main Street unless they are in the paper recycle bags.

PRIVATE WELLS: If you have a private well on your property, whether or not it is being used, per state statutes it must either be proven safe with a sample, or abandoned. **Property owners failing to comply with this requirement will be fined,** in addition to having to abandon the well. For assistance or questions, please contact City Hall or the Public Works Department.

2008 Consumer Confidence Report for 70101075 ADAMS WATERWORKS

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water sources are wells: Well # 2 draws from a sandstone aquifer. Well #4 draws from a sand and gravel aquifer.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

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 systems 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source id	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
2	Groundwater	240	Active
4	Groundwater		Active

A summary of the source water assessment for ADAMS WATERWORKS is available at:

http://prodoasext.dnr.wi.gov/inter1/pk_swap_web.p_swap_summary?i_ro_seq_no=146941

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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 metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water 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 storm water 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.
- 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.

Number of Contaminants Required to be Tested

This table displays the number of contaminants that were required to be tested in the last five years. The CCR may contain up to five years worth of water quality results. If a water system tests annually, or more frequently, the results from the most recent year are shown on the CCR. If testing is done less frequently, the results shown on the CCR are from the past five years.

Contaminant Group	# of Contaminants
<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Microbiological Contaminants</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Radioactive Contaminants</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Volatile Organic Contaminants</u>	<u>20</u>

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2005)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Coliform (TCR)	presence of coliform bacteria in >=5% of monthly samples	0	1			NO	Naturally present in the environment

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2005)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	.023 (average)	.019- .028		NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)	100	100	1 (average)	nd- 2		NO	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	.71 (average)	.2100-.8400		NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	.9 (average)	.2- 1.1		NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.5 (average)	1.60- 3.50		NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
NICKEL (ppb)	100		1.1000	1.1000		NO	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)	10	10	.50 (average)	nd- 1.00		NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.15 (average)	1.83- 6.47		NO	n/a

Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2005)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BENZENE (ppb)	5	0	.3 (average)	nd-.5		NO	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
TRICHLOROETHYLENE (ppb)	5	0	.1 (average)	nd-.3		NO	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories

Corrective Action Taken

on 10-22-08 an unsafe sample came back. The resulting repeat and check samples were all safe

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.
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
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.