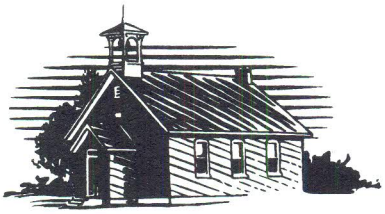

Farmington Town Hall Newsletter

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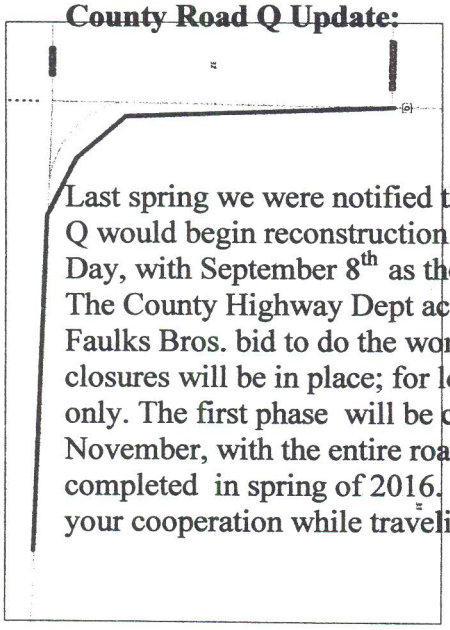
Farmington Town News:

County Road Q Update:



Last spring we were notified that Cty Road Q would begin reconstruction after Labor Day, with September 8th as the starting date. The County Highway Dept accepted the Faulks Bros. bid to do the work. Road closures will be in place; for local traffic only. The first phase will be completed by November, with the entire road to Hwy 54 completed in spring of 2016. Thank you for your cooperation while traveling.

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Summer road work: The Town seal coated the following seven roads: Bartel, Grenlie, Townline, Butts, Garfield, Rieben, and Smokey Valley

Seal coating was used to extend the life of a road at an economical cost. By making a timely application of a new sealcoat surface before the old one deteriorates completely, we can extend service life 7 to 10 years and maintain a good riding surface. We crack sealed fifteen roads. Thank you for your patience with the road maintenance workers.

Because of that lengthy rain downpour we had, Faulks Bros. and Town maintenance crew worked on repairing several washed out right-of-ways.

Tom Simpson has been busy trimming back trees in the road right-of-ways for your driving safety.

We appreciate our resident phone calls to notify us of any brush, tree or limbs that have fallen down that could affect safe driving conditions.

Winter snow removal:

The Town contract continues with Faulks Bros. Contact either Kevin Will (715-513-0013)(24/7), Caroline Murphy (715-498-9820) or Town Hall (715-253-2779) with any concerns. **Reminder:** Please do not snow blow or shovel snow into the roads. Once it becomes ice and solid, it makes it harder for the plows to clear. **THANK YOU!**

- ✓ **Town Board meetings** are held every **third Monday @ 7:00pm** at the Town Hall located at the corner of State Road 54 and County Road Q.
- ✓ **Public Hearing** on the 2016 Budget will be held at Farmington Town Hall on **November 16, 2015 @ 7:00pm** followed by the special meeting of electors and monthly Board meeting.
- ✓ **Taxes** will be mailed out **mid December** with 1st installment due **January 31, 2016.**
- ✓ **Dog licenses** also due January 1, 2016. Please bring along proof of rabies vaccination (M/F - $10 N/S - $5)

Waupaca County Recycling & Solid Waste Program Update

Provided by Debbie Krogwold, Recycling Coordinator

Whether you have roadside pickup or you take your garbage to the Waupaca Regional Recycling Center 601 Lakeside Parkway in Waupaca, remember that recycling of certain items is required by State Law and County ordinance to reduce what is thrown away and ends up in the landfill. Recycling not only saves valuable landfill space, but also preserves natural resources, saves you money, and provides thousands of jobs in the State of Wisconsin! We need you to do your part and recycle all you can! Please refer to the enclosed flyer for the Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center for recycling specifics and information on their cost-effective pay-per-bag garbage program. Please note that you can now recycle a wide variety of plastics, much more than you could before! So please take a moment to look at the enclosed flyer. Questions? Please contact the Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Department at 715-258-6140 or visit www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

Other informational tid-bits:

Unwanted Medications. Permanent medication collection boxes for the disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, including pet medications, are available year-round at the Clintonville, New London, Weyauwega Police Departments, and the Waupaca County Sheriff Department. You can now dump your pills into a ziploc bag for disposal. The empty bottles can recycled. Please place liquid medication bottles in a sealed clear plastic bag.

- **Sharps/Needles/Lancets.** Riverside Medical Center accepts used sharps and provides collection containers at no cost. Call 715-258-1000 for additional information.
- **TVs, Computers, Printers, Copiers, Cellphones, VCRs, DVRs, DVD players, and other similar electronics** are banned from landfills and can be recycled at the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa. Cost: $0.25 per pound for residential electronics and $0.30 per pound for commercial-generated electronics. Electronics must remain intact. Disassembled electronics will cost $0.50 per pound.
- **Green Tips for the Holiday Season!** Avoid the gift-wrap trap! Reduce waste and save money with these gift-wrap alternatives:
  - Scarves, handkerchiefs, or bandanas
  - Old posters, maps, or sheet music
  - Newspapers, Sunday comic pages
  - Wallpaper scraps; fabric scraps
  - Home-sewn cloth bags
  - Fabric scraps (especially for the quilters on the list)
  - A present in a present (a hat in a matching scarf; cookies in a reusable tin or jar; kitchen gifts in towels; barbecue utensils in a tablecloth)
  - Reusable decorative bags
  - Cake pan, basket, wooden box
- **Green Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season!**
  - Season tickets to a sporting event
  - Membership to a museum or non-profit organization
  - Theater tickets
  - Refillable pens
  - Stainless steel coffee mug or water bottle
  - Compost bin
  - Cloth napkins, along with a gourmet dinner
  - Reusable razor

For more ideas, log onto the Internet and google 'Green Holiday Giving'.

The Town of Farmington is also a party of 5 municipalities that support the Recycling Center in Waupaca. It was voted at their Recycling Compost Commission to use reserves to cover expenses for next year. **REMINDER:** We are a **'point of sale'** location for the **orange trash tags**. Cost for tags: $3.00 for one; $15.00 for a sheet of five.

WAUPACA REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER

Pay-By-The-Bag Garbage Program

(Available to all Waupaca County Residents)

What is Pay-By-The-Bag? **Pay-By-The-Bag** garbage programs enable you to pay only for the garbage you produce instead of paying a flat rate no matter how much you have. The beauty of this system is that the more you recycle, the less garbage you have, and the less you have to pay for that garbage. **Pay-By-The-Bag saves you money!**

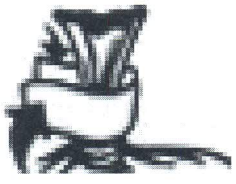
Recycle More! **Pay Less!**

How much can I save?

- The average cost for curbside pickup of garbage and recyclables in your area is $90 per quarter, or $30 per month.
- At the **Waupaca Regional Recycling Center**, you pay ***only $3.00*** to dispose of a 35-gallon size **CLEAR bag** of garbage. Recycling is FREE!
- If you have four 35-gallon size bags of garbage each month, the cost would be $12. This amounts to a **savings of $18 per month or $216 per year.** If you have **less than** four 35-gallon size bags of garbage each month, your **savings would be more**!
- **The More You Recycle! The More You Save!**

I want to recycle more and save money! Tell me how!

- **FIRST:** Separate all recyclables from your garbage. **See reverse side of this flyer for recycling guidelines.** There is no charge for recycling at the Center.
- **SECOND:** Place your garbage (after all recyclables are removed) into a **CLEAR bag** (**maximum size 35 gallon; maximum weight 30 lbs**). CLEAR bags are available for purchase at most grocery and hardware stores.
- **THIRD:** Wrap an **orange** *Waupaca Regional Recycling Center* **garbage tag** around the neck of each **CLEAR garbage bag**. All garbage bags, no matter the size, must be tagged. Tags are available in sheets of 5 at $15.00 per sheet from:



  - **Pick'n Save,** 955 W. Fulton St., Waupaca
  - **Piggly Wiggly,** 810 W. Fulton St., Waupaca
  - **JR's Waupaca True Value Hardware**, 202 S. Main St., Waupaca
  - **Waupaca Parks & Recreation,** 407 School St., Waupaca
  - **Waupaca City Hall,** 111 S. Main St., Waupaca
  - **Farmington Town Hall,** N3095 Cnty Rd Q & Hwy 54, Mon-Fri 8am – 1pm

- **FOURTH:** Bring your tagged bags of garbage along with your recyclables to:

Waupaca Regional Recycling Center
601 Lakeside Parkway, Waupaca (across from the Waupaca Ambulance)

- Monday 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Waupaca Department of Public Works, 715-258-4411
Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling, 715-258-6240

WAUPACA REGIONAL RECYCLING CENTER

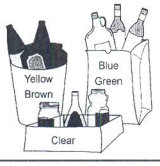
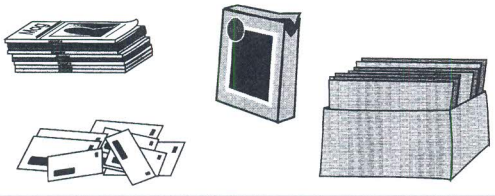
601 Lakeside Parkway, Waupaca, WI 715-258-9838

Hours:

Monday	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Separation of recyclables from garbage is mandatory in Waupaca County and the State of Wisconsin. **The items residents and businesses are required to recycle are listed below.** How these items are prepared is specific to the use of the Waupaca Regional Recycling Center. **Following these guidelines will insure a marketable product and benefit your recycling program.** Thank you for recycling!

TIN CANS **ALUMINUM CANS**	✓ Separate tin cans from aluminum cans. Rinse. ✓ Flatten if possible. ✓ **NO** hangers, oil filters, or other metal.
NEW **PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS** (rinse, discard caps)	✓ Soda, water, milk, juice bottles ✓ Produce, bakery, deli containers (berry, donut, dips, potato salad, etc.) ✓ Dairy containers & lids (yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc.) ✓ **NO** motor oil bottles, plastic bags, toys, laundry baskets, plastic utensils, plastic cups, or Tupperware.
GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (Food and beverage ONLY) 	✓ Sort by color: CLEAR, BROWN, GREEN/BLUE ✓ Rinse. Labels are OK! Discard caps and lids. ✓ **NO** mugs, glassware, ceramics, windows, vases, cookware, light bulbs, or candle jars.
NEWSPAPER	✓ Bundle or bag in a paper sack. Newspaper is used for animal bedding, so please, **NO** plastic bags.
MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD 	✓ Magazines, junk mail, office paper, egg cartons, catalogs, paperback books, shredded paper. ✓ Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, other boxboard, corrugated cardboard ✓ **Flatten cardboard to 3 ft. x 3 ft. size.** ✓ **NO** paper contaminated with food, paper napkins, cups, plates, milk or juice cartons.
OTHER ITEMS: No Charge ✓ Waste Oil, Vehicle Batteries ✓ Leaves, Grass	**OTHER ITEMS: Fee** (cash or check ONLY) ✓ Tires, Oil Filters ✓ Brush (NO Stumps) ✓ Paint Hardener (powder to solidify **latex paint**)

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT: Waupaca County PTF 4981 Swan Rd., Manawa WI 920-596-5370 ***Fees may apply***	**All of the above, plus:** ✓ Appliances, Computers, TVs, other Electronics ✓ Fluorescent Bulbs, Ballasts, Tractor Tires ✓ Hazardous Waste, Antifreeze, Oil Filters ✓ Scrap Metal, Furniture and other Bulky Items ✓ Construction/Demolition Waste, Tree Stumps
GENERAL INFORMATION Recycling & Composting Solid Waste & Hazardous Waste Medication Disposal Electronics Recycling	**Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Dept.** 811 Harding Street, Waupaca WI 715-258-6240 www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

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Avoid Carbon Monoxide Problems with Winter ...by Eric Halverson, Deputy Director Waupaca County Emergency Management.

The fall and winter heating season is just around the corner. With that brings the potential to encounter carbon monoxide (CO) in our homes. A few simple precautions can prevent a very serious and deadly accident from occurring.
Carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless. CO is also only slightly lighter than air, so it may be found anywhere in your house.
Take a few minutes to review these preventive measures:

- Make sure appliances are installed and operated properly. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals.
- Have the heating system professionally inspected and serviced annually to ensure proper operation. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues.
- Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house, or other building.
- Install a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed for use in an enclosed space.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage even with the garage door open.
- Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.

If you think that you have a carbon monoxide problem, LEAVE YOUR HOME IMMEDIATELY. If you need immediate medical assistance, call 911. Make sure everyone is out of the house. Contact your heating or appliance service person to make sure that your fuel-burning equipment is repaired and functioning properly.
Many CO detectors have batteries that need to be replaced every year. Change them when you check and change batteries in your smoke alarms. Also keep in mind that CO detectors have a life of usually only 5 to 7 years. If you don't know how old it is, get a new one.
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WWW FM 96.3 Waupaca Radio **by Josh Werner, IT-Communications Specialist , City of Waupaca**

A new radio station is on the air serving Waupaca and surrounding areas including Farmington. Waupaca Radio FM 96.3 is a low power FM radio station operated by the City of Waupaca and co-located with our cable access TV station Win-TV. Waupaca radio FM 96.3 was put on the air as an effort to expand our community media programming and to reach a larger population. Waupaca Radio is free to access and unlike Win-TV does not require cable TV or an internet subscription to access. Waupaca Radio's mission is to "connect the citizens of the Waupaca area with the activities of their government and community."

Programming you will hear on Waupaca Radio FM 96.3 includes audio of various government meetings; community speakers; non-profit/community groups; student programming and a wide variety of music. Waupaca Radio is here as a resource for any community group; non-profit organizations; school and government agency to utilize to promote upcoming events, produce short education/informational segments, airing of government meetings and more.

Learn more about Waupaca Radio, see our program schedule and find out how you can utilize the station at our website www.waupaca.tv. If you have additional questions contact Joshua Werner, 715.258.4405 or jwerner@cityofwaupaca.org .

Scandinavia Vikings Snowmobile Club (Tim Dwyer 715-467-3166) **and the County Line Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club** (John Anderson 715-513-0162) were approved to run trails in the road right-of-way at our September and October Board meetings. **Please** be vigilant and courteous while driving at night for the snowmobilers. **Safe** driving for everyone is our concern.

Waupaca County is divided into eight zones. To find out which are open or closed, please call **Waupaca County Parks & Recreation Dept. at 715-258-6243 OR visit www.waupacacountyparks.com/Snowinfo.aspx.**

ATV notice: ATV's are permitted on the trail when the temperature is 28'F or colder. Snowmobile trails must be opened for a period of one week before ATV's are allowed on the trail in order to allow sufficient time to establish a base.

The Chain O'Lakes becomes busy during the winter with ice fishermen, walkers and cross country skiers. Snowmobilers and other vehicular drivers, **PLEASE** observe safety conditions and keep your distance.

Farmington township is home to the Waupaca segment of the **Ice Age Trail** which starts within Hartman Creek State Park, running north of the park to Indian Valley Road and south to the park through the Emmons Creek Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Area. The segment is part of the 1,000 mile National Scenic Ice Age Hiking and Skiing Trail. The trail is for **hiking, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing – no biking.**
The Ice Age Trail is closed during deer gun season. Maps are available at the Waupaca County Parks & Recreation Dept in the courthouse. You can also visit the website www.iceagetrail.org or call 715-258-6243 or 800-227-0046 for local contact information.

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Help Others Stay Warm.....from Wisconsin Public Service

Having to choose between food, medicine and heat isn't an easy choice to make – but it's one some Wisconsin families may have to make this winter. That's where your donation to the **Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund** can help.

It is a nonprofit program that helps the elderly, disabled and others with limited incomes pay their heating bills. With heating costs accounting for as much as 50 to 60% of their monthly income this winter, some people will need the assistance the Fund provides more than ever.

Your donation to the fund provides:

- Immediate financial assistance
- Budget counseling
- Weatherization assistance
- Connections to other community resources

For more information, call 800-891-WARM (9276) or visit www.keepwisconsinwarm.org

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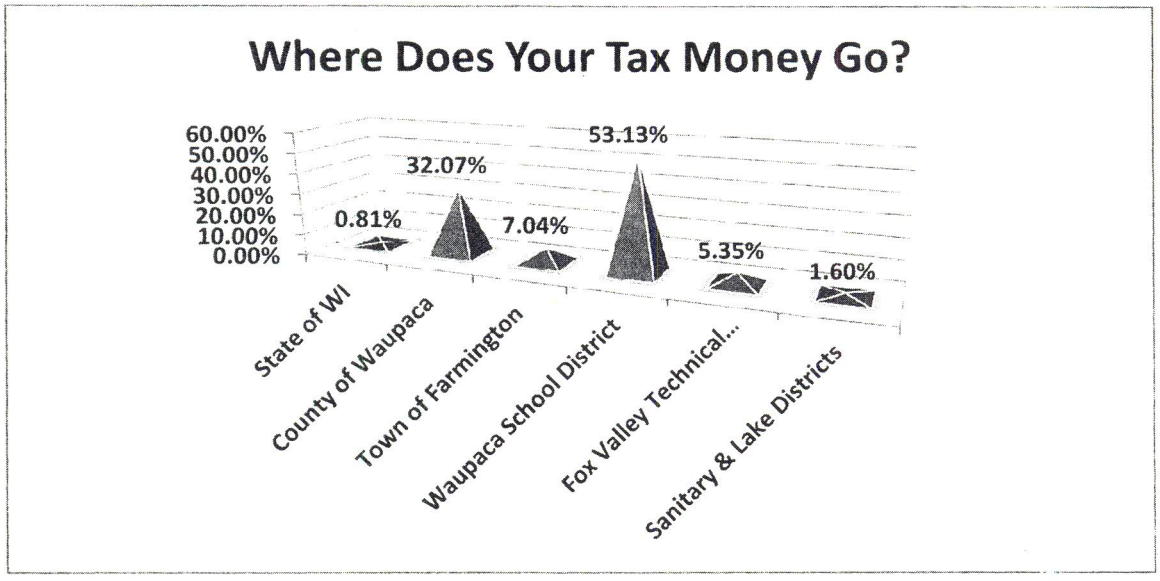
Fall and Winter.....poem by Walterrean Salley

Summer's passed already,
October's nearing the end.
Trees are gently balding –
Leaves riding the wind.

On the great "fall" canvas,
Colors begin to change -
From plush green to red,
Yellow, brown and orange.

The sun will soon hide
As the chill settles in.
Then the cold will roar -
Nipping at the chin.

Unpack the boots and scarves,
The sweaters and the tights.
Prepare to "settle in"
For some long wintry nights.



FROM 2014 STATEMENT OF TAXES

State of Wisconsin	$74,737.47	00.81%
County of Waupaca	$2,967,102.10	32.07%
Town of Farmington	$651,317.00	07.04%
Waupaca School District	$4,916,158.74	53.13%
Fox Valley Technical College	$494,988.82	05.35%
Sanitary & Lake District	$148,290.69	01.60%
Total Levy	$9,252,594.82	100.00%

2015 EXPENDITURES

Road Projects	$203,995.13
Road Maintenance	$25,076.65
Sweeping Roads	$9,976.25
Shouldering Roads	$7,184.00
Flex Crack Filling/sealing	$33,781.00
Snowplowing (2014 - 2015)	$70,699.95
Roadside cutting	$9,920.00
Tree Trimming r/w	$10,120.00
Waupaca Fire Dist	$88,350.00
Gold Cross Ambulance	$50,113.00
Park 'n Rec	$57,091.00
County PTF	$9,582.00
Landfill Monitoring	$40,000.00

Transportation Aids are $2,202 per mile of town road - $170,391
Shared Revenue for 2015 payment $57,628 (2016) $57,210

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Farmington, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET of the Town of Farmington in Waupaca County will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2016 budget.

General Fund	Year 2015 Adopted Budget	Year 2016 Proposed Budget	% Change
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	$ 651,317	$ 651,317	0.00%
Intergovernmental Revenues	267,333	264,545	-1.04%
Licenses and Permits	54,350	61,775	13.66%
Fines & Forfeits	100	100	0.00%
Public Charges For Services	5,146	4,836	-6.02%
Commercial Revenues	50,500	50,500	0.00%
Other Financing Sources:			
Fund Balance Applied			
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 1,028,746	$ 1,033,073	0.42%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	$ 170,392	$ 183,736	7.83%
Public Safety	175,254	174,892	-0.21%
Public Works and Transportation	502,550	502,550	0.00%
Sanitation	49,582	49,662	0.16%
Health and Human Services	11,257	14,254	26.62%
Culture and Recreation	59,266	59,266	0.00%
Capital Outlay	46,600	18,000	-61.37%
Other Financial Uses	13,845	30,713	121.83%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 1,028,746	$ 1,033,073	0.42%

All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined	FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1	TOTAL REVENUES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION
	$890,993	$1,033,073	$1,033,073	$890,993	$651,317

Given under my hand and official seal at the Town Hall of Farmington in Wisconsin this 16th day of October, 2015

s / Sandy Grenlie CMC,WCMC Clerk-Treasurer

Following this Public Meeting on the 2016 Proposed Budget we will hold Special Meeting of the Electors Followed by Monthly Board Meeting

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, WISCONSIN

YEAR 2016

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Estimated	**2015** Budget	**2016** Budget
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
General Property Taxes	$ 651,214	$ 651,058	$ 651,440	$ 651,317	$ 651,317
Other Taxes	2,868	3,624	3,636	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	278,583	263,089	274,426	267,333	264,545
Licenses and Permits	58,802	62,099	62,500	54,350	61,775
Fines and Forfeits	116	849	76	100	100
Public Charges For Services	8,516	4,047	5,571	5,146	4,836
Commercial Revenues	53,151	51,189	111,193	50,500	50,500
Total Revenues	1,053,250	1,035,955	1,108,842	1,028,746	1,033,073
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	155,118	167,737	153,548	**170,392**	**183,736**
Public Safety	179,690	178,481	177,748	175,254	174,892
Public Works and Transportation	554,348	416,440	474,513	502,550	502,550
Sanitation	57,553	42,304	50,000	49,582	49,662
Health and Human Services	9,573	8,981	11,945	11,257	14,254
Culture and Recreation	59,176	59,126	58,766	59,266	59,266
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	2,181	785,665	123,065	46,600	18,000
Other Financial Uses				13,845	30,713
Total Expenditures	1,017,639	1,658,734	1,049,585	1,028,746	1,033,073
Net Change in Fund Balances	35,611	(622,779)	59,257	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,418,904	1,454,515	831,736	831,736	890,993
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 1,454,515	$ 831,736	$ 890,993	$ 831,736	$ 890,993

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