

CONNECTIONS

CITY OF MARSHFIELD COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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Don't forget to vote this Tuesday!

The 2020 elections are scheduled to be held in the city on the following days:

February 18: Spring Primary

April 7: Spring Election

May 12: Special Election 7th Congressional District

August 11: Partisan Primary

November 3: General Election

Visit [MyVote](#) today to register to vote, request absentee ballots, and much more.

Andy Ott earns Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year Award

[Click here: Video of Andy working in the lab](#)

Making sure our wastewater is treated properly is vital to our environment. Millions of gallons of wastewater flows into the City of Marshfield's Wastewater Treatment plant on a daily basis via the City's sewer system, along with waste brought into the plant from area haulers.



Each employee has an important job at the plant and it takes teamwork to keep the plant running smoothly and efficiently on a daily basis. "It's like family here and everyone is passionate about the work they do," said Wastewater Superintendent Sam Warp. It's important to recognize employees for their dedication to their craft, said Warp, who nominated Wastewater Treatment Plant employee Andy Ott for the Wastewater Operator Year Award.

The award was presented by the 2019 North Central Region Wastewater Operator Association at a recent Common Council meeting. Ott said, "We're a good group and they all deserve this award too, so thank you and I am honored," while receiving his award in front of the Council.

Ott, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in Soil and Waste Management makes sure the wastewater is tested daily.

Part of Ott's job is to record temperatures of the wastewater samples and test four main parts. Those tests are:

BOD's Test (Biological Oxygen Demand) - This is a test for oxygen as the biological organisms are broken down through the process.

Total Suspended Solids Test – This is a test for solids as it is discharged from the plant after going through a filtration process.

Phosphorus Test - This test checks for phosphorus compounds. Phosphates come from a variety of sources including agricultural fertilizers, domestic wastewater, detergents, industrial process wastes and geological formations.

Ammonia Test – This test is monitored for ammonia in wastewater plants, which is crucial before the effluent is released to prevent the damage to the local aquatic life.

There is science to this and we have to make sure the plant is operating at peak performance 24/7. A lot happens behind the scenes in order to meet the limits and rules set by the Department of Natural Resources, said Ott.

The process is not about adding chemicals to the process, it's about making sure the process is working biologically. "We have to make those bugs are happy to do their jobs", according to Ott.

City Meeting Notices



Upcoming Events

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Mon, Feb 10th, 2020
Marshfield Utilities Commission

Tue, Feb 11th, 2020
Common Council

Wed, Feb 12th, 2020
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee

Monday, Feb. 17 - Public Works Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30PM

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Judiciary and Licensing Committee Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers at 5PM

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30PM

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers at 7PM

City's Communications Department providing a Meet & Greet for local independent video producers

This is your chance to become engaged in your community with the City of Marshfield by providing video programming of local interest to the community via Marshfield Media Access cable and online platforms.

Marshfield Media Access is a cable television and online media platform managed by the City of Marshfield's Communications Department. The platform is available to non-profits and independent producers free of charge.



Do you want to learn TV Production?

Come to the Marshfield Media Access Meet & Greet

Meet current Community Producers
Learn how to be involved with Community TV

March 15, 1-4 pm
Scotty's Pizza

RSVP by March 1
715/207-0379

The mission of the cable channels 989 and 990 and its online platforms is to protect and increase freedom of expression, diversity of ideas, and community-wide communication. The intention is for the public to learn and become engaged in their community through "Access".

The Communications Department is here to help you through the process and make it a fun and learning experience. The staff provides access to the medium of television and related technologies, production facilities, cable/webcasting time.

Please call us at 715-207-0379 for more information and how you can become involved in your community.

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