



# Memorandum

TO: Common Council  
FROM: Mayor Merkes  
SUBJECT: Public Works Week  
DATE: 12 May 2011

The President of the United States and the Congress and the State of Wisconsin, working with the American Public Works Association (APWA), have traditionally designated the third full week of May as National Public Works Week. The designation of Public Works Week is recognition of the importance of the service provided by Public Works and Engineering personnel. Their services are basic to the quality of life for residents and sustainability of Menasha's businesses.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the APWA in 1960, National Public Works Week calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week seeks to enhance the prestige of the public works and engineering employees who serve the public every day with quiet dedication.

In the past 35 years through innovation, automation, and efficiency the Menasha Public Works department has decreased staffing levels in the department while the community increased lane miles of streets by 77%, added over 1500 refuse collection stops, and a recycling program.

Collectively the individuals employed within the department provide services to the community including but not limited to:

Refuse & recycling collection	Snow and ice removal & hauling & anti-icing operations
Maintain turf areas in medians, islands, etc.	Traffic sign manufacturing, placement & maintenance
Administer residential dumpster rental program	The recycling drop off facility & compost facility
Lift Bridge operations & City's four lift stations	Street and sidewalk repairs, restorations & excavation
Sanitary & storm sewer maintenance	Manage fleet maintenance and repair operations
Weed cutting & appliance recycling program	Design City street, walk, sewer & drainage projects
Create & maintain maps & G.I.S program	Maintain & oversee all Public Works projects
Rear Yard Drainage grant program	Enforce city's erosion control ordinance
Administer storm water utility operations	Sanitary sewer industrial monitor programming
Handle excavation permits & grade stake	Custodial services for almost all city buildings
HVAC management in all city buildings	Building operation maintenance & repair

The services these individuals perform are basic to the daily activities of the residents and businesses. They ensure Menasha remains a sustainable, attractive community providing a high quality of life for its residents and a positive economic environment for its businesses.

# PROCLAMATION

National Public Works Week May 15—May 21, 2011

**WHEREAS**, Public Works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well being of the people of this community; and

**WHEREAS**, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works employees, engineers, and managers who plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, solid waste, storm water, sewage systems, public buildings and other structures essential to serve our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities and services are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skills of public works personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that our young people know that public works has thousands of rewarding careers; from the professionals who envision future communities, to the engineers who design them, to the dedicated men and women who operate and maintain the facilities, infrastructure, and systems that protect and enhance our quality of life every day; and

**WHEREAS**, through innovation, automation, and efficiency the Menasha Public Works department has decreased the cost per household by 15% or almost \$45 per year compared to 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Serving You and Your Community", speaks to the never ending effort of public works employees who are called upon first to bring their communities the highest possible quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I Donald Merkes, Mayor of the City of Menasha, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15th – 21st, 2011 to be

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in the City of Menasha and ask all citizens to recognize our dedicated employees and the contributions they make to the betterment of our community.



Dated this 15th day of May, 2011

Donald Merkes, Mayor



City Public Works Property Tax Impact  
 Update: 05/12/2011  
 Prepared by: City Comptroller/Treasurer

Services Provided on Tax Levy	2011		2011		Total	2004		Total
	GF Budgeted Expenditures	RECF Budgeted Expenditures	GF Budgeted Expenditures	RECF Budgeted Expenditures	Expenditures	GF Budgeted Expenditures	General Fund Recycling Fund	Expenditures
Street Construction 100-1003-541	\$ 549,824	66,580	16,647,609	393,304	17,040,913	\$ 1,068,605		15,252,240
Street Cleaning 625-1005-541	-	130,566				83,973		551,857
Snow Removal 100-1006-541	394,389	71,377				360,052		15,804,097
Street Signs 100-1008-541	190,868					192,106		
Sidewalk Construction 100-1009-541	73,651					86,119		
Storm Sewers 625-1010-541	-	451,649				165,483		
Parking Lots 100-1013-541	31,372	23,395	1,204,765		1,204,765	40,990	Storm Water Util	
Refuse Disposal 100-1016-543	711,229					585,925		
Weed Cutting 100-1018-543	36,676					14,576		
Recycling-Solid Waste 266-1027-543	175,141					199,957		
Recycling-Yard Waste 266-1028-543	192,899	220,221				322,232		
Recycling-Appliances 266-1029-543	35,264	-				29,668		
	\$ 2,391,313	\$ 963,788			14.03%	3,149,686		19.93%
					80.00%			

	Budgeted Revenues		Budgeted Revenues	
Street Excavation 100-0000-422-0400	\$ 1,500		\$1,800	
Street Use 100-0000-422-1300	550		-	
Shared Revenues 100-0000-432-0100	556,710		804,574	4,037,091
Highway Aids 100-0000-432-0800	241,746		569,876	
Connecting Highways 100-0000-432-0900	59,250		63,646	
Street-Miscellaneous 100-0000-441-0700	400		1,000	
Snow Removal 100-0000-441-0800	4,500		1,000	
Street Patching 100-0000-441-1100	10,000		20,000	
Garbage & Refuse 100-0000-441-1300	124,472		70,000	
Weed Cutting 100-0000-441-1600	5,000		2,000	
Street Patching 100-0000-481-0500	75,000		30,000	
Garbage & Refuse 100-0000-481-0600	28,000		15,000	
Recycling Grant 266-0000-432-1100	100,000		85,000	
Solid Waste Disposal 266-0000-441-1400	550		350	
Recycling 266-0000-441-1500	6,000		4,000	
Recyclable Materials 266-0000-463-0500	30,000		8,500	
Recycling 266-0000-481-1200	400			
	\$ 1,244,078		\$1,676,746	
Property Tax Levy Cost	\$ 1,147,235		\$ 1,472,940	
Property Tax Rate	\$ 1.2169		\$ 2.2635	
Cost on \$151,500 Home	\$ 181.28	\$ 60.00	\$ 285.20	
Cost per day (365)	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.78	