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City Hall Hours

- Monday 8:00am to 4:30pm
- Tuesday 8:00am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday: 8:00am to 1:00pm
- Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Upcoming Council Meetings

- May 7
- June 4
- July 9
- August 6 & 20
- September 3 & 17
- October 1 & 14
- November 5 & 19
- December 3, 17 & 31

City Hall will be closed:
May 27th

Just a friendly reminder...Utility bills are due the 28th of each month. **NO PAYMENTS, NO SERVICE!**



MEMORIAL DAY

City Wide Clean-Up
Saturday, May 4th
8 am to 11 an
A.M. Maus and Sons parking lot - HWY 55
Charges will be based on the load and the fee will be at the discretion of staff.
ITEMS MUST BE SORTED IF YOU WANT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP UNLOAD
NO BROKEN GLASS.

We reserve the right to reject any and all items brought in, at the discretion of staff.

Brush & Compost Pick-Up Starting Tuesday May 7th

Tuesday Mornings: All brush/compost must be placed at the curb by 6:30 am.

Rules to follow:

- ◇ Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundled and ties.
- ◇ Compost not to exceed 50 lbs. **ONLY** corn-based self-composting bags will be picked up. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them. If you don't see them, ask an employee at the store.



Biodegradable bags and Regular Garbage bags are NOT accepted and will NOT be picked up!
COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY!

- ◇ Residents also have the option of bringing brush and compost to the City's compost site on their own by appointment only.
- ◇ Please contact the Public Works Department for additional information or an appointment at (320) 980-4906.



Nuisances

With spring here, complaints on public nuisance will begin to occur. City Ordinance, Chapter 4 Public Health and Welfare Section 400 deals with nuisance. Residents and business owners should know these ordinances to avoid public nuisance complaints.

Common nuisance complaints received by the City are: junk in yards including but not limited to household appliances, automobile bodies, trash and debris situated in a manner as to constitute a fire, health or safety hazard; placing and/or throwing glass, nails or other items which may injure any person, animal or vehicle passing over the item; inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicles; animal feces that owners do not pick up and any dog that repeatedly and habitually barks, howls, bays or whines.

Residents should also be aware of the fact that during construction or repair of property, building materials should be stacked or stored in a neat and orderly fashion and in a manner so as to avoid presenting any danger to the general public.



As the weather gets warmer, we would like to take this opportunity for some friendly reminders.....

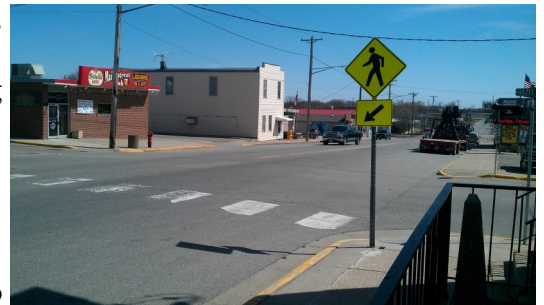
Construction season is here!

Building Permits: A building permit is required for most residential and commercial improvement projects; including new construction, building additions, remodeling, finishing a basement, commercial re-roofing & siding, commercial window replacement, decks, fences, plumbing, heating, electrical work, garages and utility sheds. Getting a building permit helps you to ensure that you project meets safety and building code standards. There is a penalty for starting construction prior to the issuance of a building permit.

General Permits: General permits are also called “over-the-counter” permits. Over-the-counter permits are typically used for standard residential maintenance work on a house. There is a penalty for starting construction prior to the issuance of an over-the-counter permit.

Rules of the Road:

- ◇ Bicyclist may ride on all MN roads, except where restricted. Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- ◇ Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- ◇ Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.
- ◇ Motorists and Bicyclist must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- ◇ Bicyclists must signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- ◇ Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it’s dark. To increase visibility, add a rear flashing light.
- ◇ Bicyclists should always wear a helmet.



To Keep Pedestrians Safe, Treat Every Corner as a Crosswalk

Motorist must treat every corner and intersection as a crosswalk, whether it’s marked or unmarked, and drivers must stop for crossing pedestrians - IT’S THE LAW. Minnesota law states pedestrians must obey traffic control devices, and when no traffic control device is present, motorists must stop for crossing pedestrians within a marked crosswalk or at an intersection with no marked crosswalk.

Pedestrian Safety

Another area of concern with the arrival of spring and summer is pedestrian safety. Protect yourself and your family by doing the following:

- ◇ **Walk on the Sidewalk:** Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks or crosswalks. If you have to walk on a road that does not have a sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- ◇ **Cross at Intersections:** Most people are hit by cars when they cross the road at places other than intersections.
- ◇ **Look left, right and left for traffic:** Stop at the curb and look left, right and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal.
- ◇ **See and Be Seen:** Drivers need to see you to avoid you. Stay out of the driver’s blind spot. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night. Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark. Do not let kids play near traffic or cross the street by themselves. Kids are small, and drivers may not see them if they run into the street.

Tips for Drivers

- ◇ Watch for and anticipate pedestrians - especially in urban areas, around schools and colleges.
- ◇ Drive at safe speeds - pedestrians can be difficult to see especially in bad weather or at night.
- ◇ It’s the law to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, even if it’s not marked - stop far enough back so drivers in other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- ◇ Do not block crosswalks while stopped, and don’t pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.

