



## City Hall Happenings

### COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATES

If you've stopped in the Community Center lately, you'll notice a little facelift! New carpet was installed and a fresh coat of paint. With a grant from the Ottertail Community Foundation and the Lions the center will also be sporting new tables and chairs. The Council expressly thanks Jerry Martin for making the application on behalf of the City.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

A new KME Fire Pumper was purchased and ordered last fall by the City. Delivery will be in July.



### WATER DEPARTMENT

#### New Water Rates In Effect

As of the February billing accounts no longer receive 2,000 gallons of water included in the base rate. This amount has been reduced to 1,000. Cost of water beyond the base rate has not changed and is still \$4.07 per 1,000 gallons. Vacant curb stops will see an increase each year until they are the same as the non-user curb stop rate.

#### 2016 CCR Available In April

You may request a copy or review the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) on the city website. The CCR is a report on the quality of the water you purchase from the city, which the city buys from Henning. The report comes from the regular testing that is done and sent to the Minnesota Department of Health.

#### Shut-Off Policy

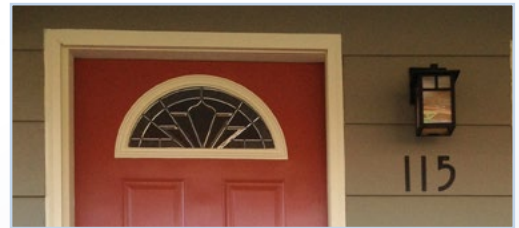
You can save \$5.00 per month on your water bill if you pay your water bill by the end of each month. You could be tacking on an extra \$60.00 per year. That's nearly two months of utility! Water users with accounts over 60 days old are subject to water shut-off. Avoid late charges by signing up for *automatic drafts*. Call City Hall for details.

#### Flushing Hydrants

Please be advised that the City Maintenance Department will be flushing hydrants over the next couple of weeks.



### HOUSE & BUSINESS NUMBERS



Are your house or business numbers visible from the street? The city ordinance requires numbers to be at least 4" in size and in a contrasting color. Doing this will help emergency personnel identify your structure from the street.

### THINKING ABOUT BUILDING?

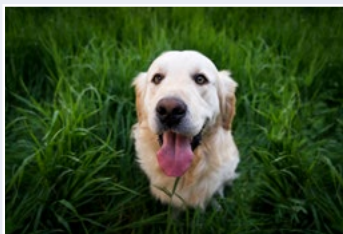
Don't forget to apply for a zoning permit for your summer projects! Those living within 1,000 ft. of shoreland can have no more than 25% impervious surface. Stop into the office and talk to Shari for details and to get an application.



**ALL COMMERCIAL CHANGES, IMPROVEMENTS, OR SIGNS REQUIRE A ZONING PERMIT.**

### NOTICE: LEASH ORDINANCE IS NOT SEASONAL

Having a pet requires responsibility, not only making sure that your pet is vaccinated, but also that you follow the ordinance set forth in the Ottertail City Code. All dogs and cats must be vaccinated, wear a tag, and the owner must have on record that certificate. If your pet is picked up or reported, you will be required to produce the certificate. **Repeat offenses could mean an administrative penalty of \$75.00.** The leash ordinance requires that all pets are on a leash or in a confinement system *at all times* to avoid pets running at large!



### COMMUNITY CENTER

The cost to rent the community center for up to 75 people is \$50.00. Policies and procedures will be available at the time of rental.



Presently there is no cost to county government, non-profits, and charitable organizations (although donations are gladly accepted to help with custodial, supplies, heat & electrical expenses). Churches pay \$25.00.

A rental agreement is required for all events. Alcohol use requires pre-approval by the City Council. Users are only asked to replace tables and chairs to their original positions and to not block fire exits.

### FARM CRITTERS

Property owners must have at least 10 acres to keep or raise farm animals of any type. Keeping chickens (or other poultry), horses, cows, and other domesticated farm animals is a violation of city ordinance. **NON-DOMESTICATED ANIMALS** are not allowed at any time.



# CALENDAR

## City Council Meetings

May 18<sup>th</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup>

July 20<sup>th</sup>

August 17<sup>th</sup>

September 21<sup>st</sup>

Meetings are at 7p.m. and fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted).

Meetings are at City Hall (239 Hwy. 78) and are open to the public. Work sessions are scheduled for one hour prior to the regular agenda. Agenda items are due the Monday before the meeting ([info@cityofottertail.com](mailto:info@cityofottertail.com)). Minutes are available to view on the city's website after they are approved by the council.

CHECK THE CITY'S WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES.

## Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> ONLY • 10 AM-2 PM at the Fire Hall

## No Ottertail Clean Up Day In 2017

Please transport unwanted or unneeded items to the Otter Tail County Transfer Stations in Henning and Battle Lake. Call (218) 998-4898 with any questions.

## Holidays Observed

Memorial Day • Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Independence Day • Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day • Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

The city office will be closed on these days.

### Website:

[www.cityofottertail.com](http://www.cityofottertail.com)

### City Office Email:

[info@cityofottertail.com](mailto:info@cityofottertail.com)

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## FAIRWAY VIEW ADDITION: TIM & LINDA DALLY APARTMENTS

You may have noticed some trees being removed along the bike path on Highway 108. The City recently purchased property in this area to increase its net tax capacity and to do its part in providing alternative housing for residents in and around the Ottertail area. Four lots have been plotted by the City and one lot already, and another prospectively, have been sold to Tim and Linda Dally, developers from Sauk Centre. The Dallys are eager to construct two build-

ings on each lot which will ultimately have 16 new units of 2 and 3 bedroom rental apartments. This is market rate housing which is being built accessing a TIF program for purchasing the property. Henning has the same units if you would like to see what they look like. Pictures are also available. If you are interested in renting a unit, please contact Elaine or Shari at City Hall (218) 367-2250, so your name can be placed on the waiting list.



*"We all do better when we all do better"*

-Paul Wellstone

## DOWNTOWN PROJECT UNDERWAY!

Bids documents are now available for the downtown project. New parking lanes and sidewalks are planned, as well as some drainage issues repaired. Also included is some new lighting. The city council and staff are hoping the project will be complete by the end of June or five weeks from the start of reconstruction.

Street reconstruction will take place this summer on Elm Avenue South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Lake Avenue South. Your cooperation and consideration is most appreciated as we move forward with these needed improvements.

## GOLF CARTS

Golf carts are required to have a permit to operate on city streets and to cross over any state highway. As a reminder, operators **must be 16** and **have a valid drivers license** to drive on these roads. Permits are available at City Hall for a cost of \$20.00 per year. As a courtesy, please remember to use these carts safely and follow all state and local laws.

*Please be advised: Golf carts are a motorized vehicle and are not allowed on the multi-use bike/walking trail.*

## MUSIC ON THE GREEN

The Ottertail Business and Community Association (OTBCA) is pleased to announce the following dates for Tuesday evening outdoor music on the green in the City Park. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy!

- » June 6<sup>th</sup>
- » June 20<sup>th</sup>
- » July 11<sup>th</sup>
- » July 25<sup>th</sup>
- » August 8<sup>th</sup>
- » August 22<sup>nd</sup> (tentative)



Snacks and beverages will be available for a free will donation. The proceeds help fund scholarships for area seniors.

## REGISTER FOR CODERED

Self-registration for the Emergency Warning Notification System continues. Please encourage your neighbor to self-register. CodeRED registration is available on the City of Ottertail's website. All Otter Tail County residents are encouraged to register.

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