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If you haven't already, it is time to winterize your sprinkler system for the winter months. Cold weather tips are on the back of the newsletter.

Street Light Outage

To report a street light outage please visit the city website under Public Works

Department.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are open to the public and/or by Teleconference

If you would like to participate by teleconference, please call City Hall to get the call in information If you have a disability that requires additional assistance please call City Hall.

City Council Meeting's

Monday, January 9th—6:00 pm Tuesday, January 10th - 3:00 pm Work Session

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, January 30th

City Hall and Public Works will be CLOSED

Monday, January 2nd Monday, January 16th

Volunteer Positions Open

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or found on the city website

Park & Recreation Committee (2 positions open)

Event volunteers are always welcome!

Call City Hall to be added to our events volunteer list.

Upcoming Event

Annual Sublimity Quilt Show & Work Week Jan 23-27th @ St Boniface Hall, 375 SE Church St. 9am-3pm

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers of this years Christmas Parade! There was a record number of attendees this year and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers.

Park Reservations Available!

Beginning January 3rd, City Hall will be accepting park reservations for the year for Early Settlers Park and Church Park. Please call the office to confirm availability.

There is a \$50.00 fee for residents and \$100.00 fee for non-residents. Shelters are reserved from 8:00 am—8:00 pm the day of the reservation. Be sure to get your reservation in early as dates fill up fast!

Cold Weather Tips

- Turn off outdoor faucets and be sure to disconnect hoses from them. Make sure the faucet and outside portion of the pipes are fully drained. A valve inside many houses will shut off the waters flow; then open and close the tap outside to release any water in the pipe.
- Insulate water pipes that may be vulnerable to the cold or have caused problems before. Pipes close to exterior walls can be wrapped with pieces of insulation. For particularly difficult pipes, consult a professional on how to select and apply heat tape. Caution: improper use of heat tape can cause fires. Pay special attention to indoor water meters. If the meter freezes, it can cause your basement to flood. Never put heat tape on the water meter to avoid damaging plastic components of the meter.
- ♦ Winterize unheated or vacant buildings.
- Before cold weather hits know the location of your water shut–off valve and test it regularly. If a pipe breaks you won't want to have to find it at that time.
- Turn off and drain automatic and manual sprinkler systems before the first freeze.
- If it gets below freezing for a longer period of time, keep cabinet doors leading to exposed pipes (such as access doors for sinks) open, so that household air can warm them. If you have an attached garage, keep its doors shut. Crack a faucet farthest from the space where your water enters the house. A very slow drip will keep water molecules moving, reducing the chance that pipes will freeze.
- If you think a pipe has already froze, don't wait for nature to take its course: Thaw the pipe as soon as possible or call a plumber for help. If you do it yourself, shut off the water or test the shut-off valve; you don't want water suddenly gushing from the pipe when it thaws. Remember: when thawing, slower is better. Pipes that are warmed too fast may break.

Frequently asked Questions at City Hall

Along with City Ordinance, you should always check with your CCR's before building accessory structures or parking a recreational vehicle in your driveway. CCR's take precedence over the City Ordinances.

Lost and Found: City Hall has a lost and found. If you have lost something in one of the City parks, be sure to check with City Hall to see if it has been turned in. If you find that someone has left a belonging behind, you can turn it in to City Hall

<u>Backflow Devices:</u> Backflow devices must be tested annually. A list of backflow inspectors can be found on the City website or at City Hall.

<u>Building a fence</u>? Please make sure you contact City Hall for a permit. Although there is no fee to build a fence, the city does have codes that need to be followed and they require approval.

Building a storage shed? Sheds under 200sq feet do not require a permit. If you are

building anything bigger you must get a structural permit from the city and follow city codes.

<u>Parking on Street:</u> NO Parking of Cargo Trailers, RVs, Boats or any vehicle of any type is allowed on the street for more than 72 hours.

Garage Sales: You are required to obtain a \$5.00 permit from City Hall before having a garage sale.

<u>Pets:</u> Pets are required to be kept on leash at all times while in city parks. Pet owners are required to clean up after their animals. Mutt Mitts are available in the parks.