



Winter 2011/2012

CITY NEWS.....

Stewartville MN

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533-4745

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533-4781

Library

533-4902

Pool

533-8143

Wastewater

Treatment Plant

533-4250

We hope that your winter is full of hope, happiness and good health! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our winter operations!

This newsletter will have information on:

- Snow Emergency Ordinance**
- Snow Plowing Procedures**
- Snowmobiling**
- Fire Hydrants**
- Christmas Tree drop off**
- Ice Rinks/Warming House**
- Heartland Express**
- Senior Discounts**
- Auto Payments**
- Center for Active Adults**
- Chamber Events**

Look for our next newsletter in March 2012 for **SPRING information!**



City Council -7:00 pm

Nov. 8 & 22

Dec. 13 & 27

Jan. 10 & 24

Feb. 14 & 28

Mar. 13 & 27

EDA—6:00 pm

Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb. 21 and Mar. 20

Park Board -6:00

Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14

Library Board -6:00

Nov. 15, Feb. 21 and Mar.20

Stew19 -6:30

Jan. 25, April 25, July 25 and Oct 24

Planning

Commission - 6:00

Mtg scheduled as needed on the 1st Tues.

Winter in Stewartville

Snow, Snow, Snow

Any time snowfall is in the forecast, and especially when it starts to snow, it is most helpful for the City Crew in cleaning the streets, if no vehicles or trailers are parked in the street when the plows come by.

Accommodating parking needs and winter street maintenance is a balancing act. In order to allow residents to make the most use of the streets as possible, the City Council has chosen NOT to adopt a “strict no parking ordinance from Nov-April”. Instead, residents are allowed to use the streets all winter long, but will be required to move vehicles during snowfalls to accommodate the plows. While it might seem difficult to anticipate when the plows might go out, a good rule of thumb is that if snow is predicted do not park on the street.

Parking Restrictions

Our ordinance does not allow parking in residential areas after a snowfall of 2” or more. If conditions warrant, plow operators inspect routes during the snowfall for icy conditions and salt/sand as needed. Typically, we try to wait until after midnight to plow, but the exact time depends on the time of the snow storm and the intensity of the snowfall. No vehicles are allowed to be parked on the residential streets after two inches of snow/ice has fallen. To help our employees with safe efficient plowing, the Olmsted County Sheriff’s Dept. will be ticketing any vehicle parked on a residential street.

Snow Removal from Private Property

When snow is being removed from your driveway or parking lot (whether you do it or hire someone to do it), do not move it onto public roads, sidewalks, or neighboring property. Moving snow and ice from private property onto or across a public roadway is a violation of State Statute. Pushing snow onto a sidewalk is prohibited by City Ordinance.

Mailbox Damage

The City will repair your mailbox if it has been hit directly by the plow. If it is damaged due to the snow hitting it, it is the property owners responsibility!

SNOWPLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Listed below are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers regarding snow removal in our City.

At what point and at what time do snowplowing operations begin? Typically, when two (2) or more inches of snow have accumulated, snow and ice control operations move from salting to plowing the snow curb to curb. We try to wait until after midnight to plow the streets, **but** the exact time depends on the time of the snow storm and the intensity of the snowfall.

Does the City plow all roadways located in Stewartville? No - we have some private streets (Cottages, Maplebrook Townhomes, Southern Hills and River Oaks). The State also plows Hwy 63 and Hwy 30.

Why do folks living on cul-de-sacs seem to get more snow than others? Plowing snow in cul-de-sacs is difficult because of the way they are situated. As much as possible, plow drivers try to plow snow away from driveways and deposit it in open areas.

Does the City plow our fire hydrants? No, it's impossible to remove snow from around all of them. Residents are asked to "adopt" a hydrant and clear the snow away from it to keep it accessible in case of a fire.

Does the City plow around recycling containers and garbage cans? Unfortunately, drivers can't plow around or set up containers that are knocked over. Residents are requested to set out recycling containers and garbage cans **behind** the street **curb line**. During the winters that we experience a large amount of snow, the boulevard areas will fill up with snow from the plows. It is important that you keep the area in front of your mailbox shoveled so that your mail can be delivered!

Does the City repair mailboxes that are damaged? Mailboxes will be repaired which are physically hit by City snowplows. Mailboxes that are damaged from the force of snow coming off the plow are not repaired.

Will the City repair damage that occurs near the edge of the street? The City will repair grass damage that results from City snowplows, but does not repair sprinklers, fences or any private improvements installed in the City right of way.

** If you have received damage to your mailbox or grass area – please call us at City Hall so that we can put you on our "repair list". Thank you!



The Stewartville Driftskippers and City of Stewartville would like to encourage everyone that while riding snowmobiles within the City limits to follow the ordinance and respect your neighbors and property.

Please ride on the side of the street and try to stay off the sidewalks, boulevards and private property. We also ask that you stay away from the sledding hill at Meadow Park and our skating rinks.

If you have any questions you may call the Driftskippers at 533-8390 or the City at 533-4745.



WARMING HOUSE ATTENDANT HOURS

MEADOW PARK AND FLORENCE PARK

WEEKDAYS : 4:00—9:00

WEEKENDS & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1:00 – 5:30 AND 7:00—9:00

Please feel free to use the ice rinks at your leisure —just keep in mind the warming house hours for younger children!

Did you know that we have a SLEDDING HILL at Meadow Park?

Enjoy some good old fashioned fun and wish for lots of SNOW!





You may drop off your Christmas tree anytime at the city's dump site located on 20th St. NE—use the driveway just to the left of the Wastewater Treatment Plant!

Be Careful During the Winter Months
Ride the HEARTLAND EXPRESS!
Call 533-8775 to schedule your Ride!
Tokens make great gifts!!

Adopt a Fire Hydrant



The Stewartville Fire Department is asking for the community's cooperation with volunteering to keep all the fire hydrants clear of snow and ice. If you own, rent or maintain a property adjacent to a fire hydrant, please consider adopting the hydrant during snowfall events by shoveling the snow from around the hydrant to ensure it is accessible in the case of an emergency!

Are you A Senior Citizen?

Take Advantage of our Senior Discount on your Water/Sewer Bill by Calling

Laurel at 533-4745!



The Lions Club will pick up your old appliances for \$20/each. Appliances must be outside of your home. Contact City Hall 533-4745 and schedule a pick up.

Stewartville Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events

Contact Kathleen @ Chamber Office 533-6006 For More Info!

Winterfest:

December 3rd will be a fun-filled day for young and old to take part in some of their favorite Christmas activities. A majority of the events will be held at the Civic Center, which is where our Festival of Trees of sorts will be set up and available for silent auction. This year along with decorated Christmas trees there will also be wreaths and gift baskets upon the auction. Some of our entertainment at the Civic Center will include a Just for Kix dance recital, storybook hour with the SHS National Honor Society, and a craft hour with the SHS Key Club. We are also teaming up with the Kiwanis Club to provide an opportunity to get a professional picture taken with Santa.

Another highlight of the festivities is we are bringing back the Parade of Lights! It's been until 2006 since we have had a winter parade, we do plan on having it at the same time which will be 6:30pm and the same route along Hwy63. At the end of the parade our Mayor will light your big tree and the SHS Choir will sing some carols.

Couple's Night Out:

Get a jump on your Christmas shopping on Friday, December 9th and enjoy a Couple's Night Out! All under one roof at the Civic Center will be vendors, food and wine & beer tasting. Some vendors will include Tupperware, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, 31 Purse, Under Cover Ware, Dove Chocolate and more. Also check out Belly Dancing and ManCave. Fareway and Piz-za Ranch will have food available and Strikers will have wine and beer.

Center for Active Adults

The Stewartville Center for Active Adults provides recreational, social and leisure time activities for senior citizens in Stewartville and the surrounding area. The Center for Active Adults is located at the Stewartville Civic Center and is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00-3:00 and Fridays from 8:00-1:00pm. The Center's phone number is 533-4787.

The Center's e-mail address is stewartvilleseniorcenter@yahoo.com.

A dining service is provided by SEMCAC and the meal is catered by Gleason's Catering. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 11:30 am. Reservations must be made by noon the day before. A suggested donation of \$3.50 for people 60 and over. For those under 60, there is a charge of \$6.00

The Center for Active Adults is open to any person age 55 or older. If you would like to support the program, you can make a donation of any amount to the Stewartville Senior Center.

The Center for Active Adults is always in need of volunteers so if you are interested in volunteering at the center please come and see or call Linda Miller at 533-4787!

Rochester City Lines provides daily bus service to and from Rochester, Monday-Friday. The bus picks up on the west side of Eastwood Bank parking lot at 6:15, 6:45 and 7:15 am, arriving downtown Rochester by 6:40, 7:15 and 7:40, respectively. These buses depart downtown Rochester at 3:40, 4:12 and 5:12 pm. Riders needing to go outside the downtown area can transfer for free to any Rochester City Lines transit route. The cost of this service is \$9 each way for a cash fare, \$54 for a 10-Ride ticket or \$153 for a monthly pass. No reservation is needed. For more information, call 507-288-4353!

AUTOMATIC BILL PAY PLAN

Have you been thinking about simplifying your life? We can help; enroll in our **Automatic Bill Pay Plan.** This service is great because there are fewer checks to write each month, it saves on postage, and your bill gets paid on time! You will still get a water bill each month so that you can keep track of your usage and other information. Complete this form below and return it to:

City Hall, PO Box 275, Stewartville MN 55976

Please allow 30 days to process your auto pay.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT

I authorize the City of Stewartville and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution days before by account is charged.

Billing Account

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Bank Name &

Address: _____

Routing # _____

(this is the first 8 digits on the bottom of your check)

Account # _____

(this is the next digits on your checks)

Signature: _____

Please Contact Us!

We'd love to hear from you with your ideas or comments for 2011!

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