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### October is Fire Prevention Month

On behalf of the residents of the City of Paynesville, we thank our local volunteer firefighters. Those men and women give so generously of their time to keep our community safe, and well educated in fire safety. We would also like to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**Paynesville's Fire Hall Open House**  
**Saturday October 4th**  
**1 pm - 3 pm**



# The City of Paynesville

*A Lifetime Opportunity*  
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## Get to Know Your City Council

Council Member Kay McDaniel was asked, "If you could know the answer to any question, besides "What is the meaning of life?" What would it be?" Here is her answer: "The answer is I would want to know that the choices we (the city) are making in regard to the future of the Liquor Store are the correct choices, resulting in a profitable venture as well as money saving prices for the consumer...my neighbors and friends.

A good question is very helpful. The mind goes to work to answer questions and solutions follow. I believe that any question, the citizens of this community ask council members, enhances our ability to make a better decision. A citizen plays an integral part in building a strong community. We are all responsible for every aspect of our lives.

Marianne Williamson wrote, "Success means we go to sleep at night knowing that our talents and abilities were used in a way that served others." It's my whole life...serving others. Life is meaningless unless you give yourself away until there is nothing left."

## 2014 Election

### Pre-registration

You can preregister to vote until Oct. 14th, 2014. Pre-registration can save you 15-20 minutes at the polls on election day. Enclosed is the form that you can complete and mail to Stearns County Office or you can preregister online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).

### Absentee Voting

You no longer need a reason to absentee vote. By mail, you need to complete an absentee ballot application. It can be found at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org)

Absentee voting began Friday, September 19th.

### Locations for in-person absentee voting:

- Stearns County Auditor - Treasurers Office, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Located in the Stearns County Administration Building Rm 148, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud
- Melrose City Hall, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, located at 225 1st st North.

### Local Candidates:

- Mayor:**  
 Jeff Thompson  
**City Council:**  
 Neil Herzberg  
 Jean Soine  
 Bill Fuchs  
 Gene Beavers  
 Robert Stoneburner

You may vote for up to two council members.

### Motor Vehicle, Driver's License, DNR

You may transfer titles, renew tabs on your motor vehicles or recreational vehicles, or renew your driver's license between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The State of Minnesota has suspended printing of their driver's manuals. The driver's motorcycle and commercial driver's manuals can be downloaded at [www.dvs.dps.mn.gov](http://www.dvs.dps.mn.gov).

### Driver's License Testing

For those wishing to take their driver's license test, the Department of Motor Vehicle gives written tests Thursdays only from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m., for which no appointment is necessary. Road tests are given Thursdays only. Those wishing to take the road test must call **320-255-3044** to schedule an appointment.

### City Hall Closings

Monday, October 13, 2014	Employee Safety Training
Tuesday, November 11, 2014	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 27, 2014	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28, 2014	
Wednesday, December 24, 2014 (Closed at 12:00 pm)	Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25, 2014	Christmas Day
Thursday, January 1, 2015	New years Day
Monday, January 19, 2015	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 16, 2015	Presidents Day
Monday, May 25, 2015	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3, 2015	Independence Day



Don't forget. Daylight savings ends on November 2nd. Set your clocks back one hour!



City code chapter 7; subsection 7.05 states: Subd. 1/ All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within 24 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of this Section. Subd. 2. Beginning 24 hours after such snow or ice has ceased shall establish the fine by resolution. Beginning 24 hours after the issuance of a citation, the City may cause the snow and ice to be removed from the public sidewalk, and charge the abutting private property owner for the cost of removal. Payment and collection of such fees shall be governed by Chapter 3 of this code relating to Municipal and Public Utilities.

**Channel 8**

If you have a news item or an upcoming event that you would like to have advertised, please contact JoLyn at [jlindquist@paynesvillemn.com](mailto:jlindquist@paynesvillemn.com). Please remember to include the dates you would like to have your event posted and a contact name and phone number.

**Pet Licensing**

Pet licensing was due September 30th. If you did not get your pet license please do that as soon as you are able. Fees double after the due date.

**Important Dates**

Fire Hydrant Flushing Oct. 8th-9th  
Leaf Pick-up Nov. 1st

Christmas Tree Drop Location: The old ambulance garage by the fire hall. Tree pick up dates Dec. 26th - Jan 12th.

**Building Inspections**

Contact the City Hall for building permits and building inspections. 320-243-3714



**Recreational Fires**

The ordinance for recreational fires includes the following: For purposes of this ordinance allowing recreational fires, a recreational fire by definition must be a fire contained within a fire ring or pit no more than three (3) feet in diameter. Furthermore, a recreational fire shall be limited to the burning of clean, dry wood properly cut to fit within the diameter of the fire ring or pit. A recreational fire shall be maintained so that flames do not exceed three (3) feet in height.

Limits:

- No burning of leaves
- No fires during an air pollution alert
- No fires during a fire danger alert
- No fires on the land of another without permission
- No fires on any publicly owned land
- Must be not less than 30 feet from any structure & adequate provision is made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 30 feet of any structure on any private land.
- Must be attended at all times by someone 16 or older & shall have a garden hose.

Public Numbers		
Garbage	West Central Sanitation	800-246-7630
Cable/Telephone	Mediacom	800-332-0245
	Windstream	320-243-3343
Gas	Center Point Energy	800-245-2377
Electric	NSP (Excel Energy)	800-829-0343
Water/Sewer	City Of Paynesville	320-243-3714
Paynesville Community Center		320-243-4953
Paynesville Area Senior Center		320-243-4799
Paynesville Public Library		320-243-7343
Tri-Cap Energy Assistance		320-251-1612

**Splash Pad**

The City is currently accepting donations to help with the proposed plan to expand the splash pad. Donations can be dropped off at the City Hall and at the splash pad at Gazebo Park. Donations can also be mailed to:  
The City of Paynesville  
c/o Splash Pad  
221 Washburne Ave  
Paynesville, MN 56362

**Kid's Spot**

**Snow Cocoa**



Ingredients -  
2 cups whipping cream  
6 cups milk (I usually use whole milk or 2%)  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
12 oz package white chocolate chips  
Directions -  
Combine all ingredients in a slow cooker. Heat on low for 2-2 1/2 hours or until chocolate is melted and mixture is hot. Stir well to blend.  
Optional: Top with chocolate shavings.

**Snow Recipe**

Add the desired amount of baking soda to a sensory bin or container. Then, slowly mix in shaving cream. I used one large box of baking soda and almost a full can of shaving foam. As you slowly mix in the shaving cream you will discover a fantastic mold-able snow. The snow is super soft, silky smooth, and smells so clean and fresh. It is also naturally cold. I am not sure why exactly but it is! It feels just like fresh fallen powder in your hands.



Extra Fun Tips:

- Adding glitter to your mixture is not necessary however it adds to the fun.
- Try spraying some of your mixture with vinegar and/or dropping a "snowball" in a bowl of vinegar for erupting snow.

**School Bus Stop Arm Violation**

By law, any person approaching a school bus displaying an extended stop arm and flashing lights must stop at least 20 feet away. Failure to stop is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$300. School is in session. The School Zone speed limit is 20 mph, and crossing guards will be present during school hours. Please drive carefully.



**Important Flu Information**

**Prevention Tips**

If you are waiting for your seasonal flu shot, we encourage you to follow these germ prevention guidelines to keep yourself as healthy as possible:  
· Clean well, and often, around high contact areas at home and at work.  
· Wash your hands several times a day for at least 20 seconds. If water is not available, use alcohol-based sanitizer.  
· Avoid touching your face.  
· Cover your cough and your nose when you sneeze, either with a tissue or your sleeve.  
· Eat nutritious foods; get

plenty of sleep and daily exercise.

**If you think you have the Flu**

The symptoms of seasonal influenza and H1N1 are very similar:  
· Fever above 100 degrees  
· Cough and / or sore throat  
· Diarrhea  
· Body aches and headaches

If you become ill with any of these symptoms, you should:  
· Stay at home and avoid contact with others as much as possible.

**RV Dump**

RV's should enter off Lake Avenue and exit from the ambulance garage driveway. It is very important not to block the ambulance driveway in case of an emergency. A secure drop box is installed for donations towards the maintenance of the site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ron Mergen, Public Works Director at (320)243-3714 ext. 230 or [ron@paynesvillemn.com](mailto:ron@paynesvillemn.com)

**Winter Parking Ban**

Paynesville City Code, Chapter 9, Entitled Parking Regulations, was amended on January 22, 1997, making it illegal to park on any residential street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 and March 31. The Paynesville Police Department will enforce this parking ban. The first and second offense will result in a \$10.00 fine. The third and subsequent offense is \$25.00.

**Compost Hours**

**October 2014**  
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Mondays 6:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m. or DUSK.  
Saturdays October 11th - November 15th extended hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**November 2014**

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closing November 15th, 2014

Please remember the only items that are acceptable are leaves, small branches, grass trimmings, and vegetation (only those items that are compost-able). No tree stumps will be accepted. If anyone needs compost for vegetation, you may also pick it up during the above. Permits are available at the City Hall for \$10 .

**Paynesville Liquor Store**

**Wine Club Schedule**

Thursday Oct. 23rd 7:00 pm  
Ron and Judy's Restaurant  
  
Thursday Nov. 13th 7:00 pm  
Ron and Judy's Restaurant  
  
Thursday Dec. 11th 7:00 pm  
Ron and Judy's Restaurant  
Wine club vendor names will be released closer to the wine club date.

**7th Annual food Drive**

10% off purchase with a canned good food item for the food shelf.  
Good for the month of October. Brought to you by Coors Light.

**Coors Light Sale**

24 pack 12 oz cans of Coors \$16.99

Keep an eye out for more monthly sales and Holiday hours and closings.



320-243-3874

Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 10:00 pm