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April 2015: 5th Edition

Changes at City Hall

As many of you may have noticed, we have undergone some changes here at City Hall. In January, we started the beginning of our remodel. One huge change you may notice is that the Council Chambers underwent a face-lift. The room was completely renovated with changes including, but not limited to, new carpet, fresh paint, top of the line speaker and microphone system, and how can I forget the new podium and council desk. We also have a few "behind the scene" upgrades as well. Our meetings will now be recorded with four different cameras allowing us better close ups of our members and our speakers. All of our microphones are run through a sound mixer allowing for better sound quality.

Another change City Hall has undergone is in the main entryway. The entryway was carpeted and we have installed new blinds to cut down on the glare. We also have installed a handicap accessible door.



Council Chambers
Before



Council Chambers
After



Cable room's new equipment

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.



Driver's License Testing Hours Changes

Effective May 1st those wishing to take their driver's license test, the Department of Motor Vehicle gives written tests the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, 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.

Advisory: Calling 911 on Cell Phones

The MN Department of Public Safety recently issued an advisory for all residents and visitors calling 911 on a cell phone.

Cell phones are creating challenges for 911 operators as they wait for phone carriers to provide better location information. When a 911 call is placed using a traditional land line the 911 operator can instantly see the address connected to that phone, including the floor, apartment or suite number in a multi-unit building. That is not the case with cell phones.

If you call 911 on a cell phone:

- Immediately provide the 911 operator with precise location information.
- If you're unable to speak, stay on the line - the 911 operators can use various tools to try and better determine your location.

RV Dump

The RV dump is located on Lake Avenue in front of the ambulance garage. 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

Compost Hours

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, garbage, or construction debris will be accepted. If anyone needs compost for vegetation, you may also pick it up during open hours. Permits are available at the City Hall or the compost site for \$10.

COMPOST SITE DATES AND TIMES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING

May
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mondays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk (Closed May 25th - Memorial Day)
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk

June
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mondays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk (Closed June 10th - Town & Country Days Parade)

July
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk

August
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk

September
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk

October
Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mondays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm or dusk
Saturdays October 10th - November 14
Extended hours 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

November
Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
No Wednesday hours due to daylight savings time
SITE CLOSURES FOR SEASON NOV. 15th

Paynesville Liquor Store

May 22nd Customer Appreciation Day

Join us in celebrating our customers. with have discounted prices all day.



The Wine Club meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is currently held at Ron and Judy's Restaurant. The club offers a great way to sample new wines prior to purchase with the added incentive of a discount on the wines featured.

970 Diekmann Drive
Suite 120
320-243-3874
Hours:
Monday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

June 5th Beer Camp

There will be over 80 different beer and cider products to sample. Representatives from the following breweries will also be in attendance.

Castle Danger Brewing
Excelsior Brewing
Wood Chuck Brewing
Wood Chuck Cider
Third Street Brewing

We hope to see you there!



Paynesville Police Department

Chief Paul Wegner

Who has the Right of Way

Recently the question was asked: Who has the right of way on the recreation trail: Joggers/Bikers or motor vehicles crossing the trail at a street or driveway? In an effort to solve this mystery we have dug deep into state law for the answer. Well actually not that deep. State law requires a motorist while driving within a residential or business district to stop prior to driving on or into the sidewalk area and shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. (M.S.S 169.31) The state also goes onto further clarify what a sidewalk is defined as. A sidewalk means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.

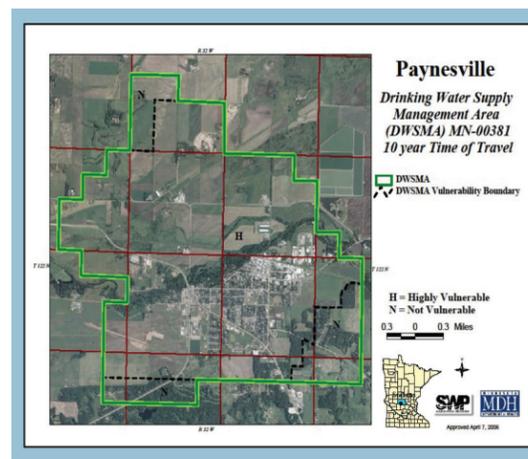
Based on these laws set forth by the state, the pedestrians win. However, remember that common courtesy and safety are the most important factor here. While the state law says that pedestrians have the right of way on the trail that will be of little comfort if a motor vehicle fails to stop and hits a pedestrian. Be safe and enjoy the trails.

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Do you have an unused Well?

The City of Paynesville was awarded a Clean Water Land and Legacy Grant to seal any identified unused/unsealed wells within their Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA). The grant will pay for all financial costs to seal the well, except for the MN department of Health permit fee, which is \$65.00. To see if you qualify, please contact Ron Mergen at 320-243-3714 ext. 230 or ron@paynesvillemn.com.

A well that is not in use can be a potential threat to your health, your safety, and your drinking water.



Pet Licensing

All pets residing in the City of Paynesville must have a license. A pet license may be obtained at City Hall and must be renewed annually by September 30th, 2015. There is a \$20.00 license fee for non-altered pets and a \$10.00 fee for altered pets. You must provide proof of current rabies vaccinations.

Important Dates

Friday May 22nd: Liquor Store Customer Appreciation Event
Monday May 25th: Memorial Day City Hall Closed
Friday July 3rd: In observance of Independence Day City Hall Closed
Friday June 5th: Beer Camp
June 8th - 13th Town & Country Days

Building Inspections

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

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. Please remember to include the dates you would like to have your event posted and a contact name and phone number.



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.

Veteran's Park Shelter

The Veteran's Park Shelter is available for rent mid May through the first week of October. Equipped with a full kitchen, dining area, and restrooms. This makes an excellent place to hold your family reunions, graduations, wedding receptions, or picnics. The reservation fee is \$156.88 of which \$50.00 is refundable upon the satisfactory condition of building. For more information regarding the shelter and rental, please contact the City of Paynesville at 320-243-3714.

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 may be dropped off at the City Hall and in the drop box located by 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

Play Freeze Ice Cream

- Shaving cream (try different scented shave cream)
- Food Coloring
- Freezer
- Optional - Kool aid, cocoa powder, extract, or any other product you desire for adding scent.
- Optional - substitute Cool Whip for shaving cream to make an EDIBLE freeze dough.

Mix your shave cream (or Cool Whip) with your food coloring and or optional scent. Once it is completely mixed, freeze for 2-3 hours. Add sprinkles for a fun added touch. for edible freeze Ice Cream, you an also use chocolate and caramel toppings. Perfect way to cool down on a hot summer day.



Earth Day Dirt & Worm Cups

- Materials Needed:
- 1 3.9-ounce box instant chocolate pudding
 - 8 ounces of Cool Whip
 - 1 package chocolate-filled Oreos
 - 1 package gummy worms
 - 10 miniature terracotta pots
 - 10 baking cups



Instructions:
Make chocolate pudding according to package. Mix in Cool Whip. Chill pudding for an hour in the refrigerator. Line terracotta pots with baking cups and spoon in 1/2 cup of pudding mixture in each cup. Add three gummy worms to each cup. Place approximately 20 Oreos in a large plastic bag and break into pieces. Spoon broken cookie pieces onto the top of each pudding cup. Enjoy!



Code Red

CodeRED is a system that will notify the Paynesville community of emergency warnings, weather warnings, and general notifications such as; water main leaks, gas leaks, and different events around the community. You can sign up to receive texts, phone calls, and/or emails. To sign up for CodeRED, simply go to our website, www.paynesvillemn.com and click on the CodeRED link. For questions please call Brady Klingfus at 320-243-3714 ext. 235 or Don Wiese at 320-267-8813.