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## POSTAL PATRON

### 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 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. Paynesville motor vehicle does not schedule road test appointments. You must call **320-255-3044** to schedule an appointment.

Monday, January 19th  
Monday, February 16th  
Monday, May 25th  
Friday, July 3rd  
Monday, September 7th

### City Hall Closings

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Presidents Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day

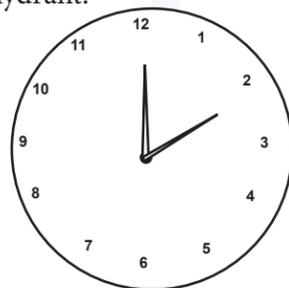
### Christmas Tree Drop Off

The Christmas tree drop off site is at the parking lot of the fire hall. Pick up ends January 12th.

### Fire Hydrants

Just a reminder, property owners who have fire hydrants on their property are responsible for removing the snow from around the hydrant.

Don't forget. Daylight savings Starts on March 8th. Set your clocks ahead one hour!



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### Contact Your City Officials

**Jeff Thompson**  
Mayor  
320-243-3180

**Kay McDaniel**  
Council Member  
320-243-7850

**Donavan Mayer**  
Council Member  
320-243-4928

**Jean Soine**  
Council Member  
320-243-7194

**Neil Herzberg**  
Council Member  
320-293-5478

**Renee Eckerly**  
City Administrator  
320-243-3714 ext. 227

**Paul Wegner**  
Police Chief  
320-243-7346

**Ron Mergen**  
Public Works Director  
320-243-3714 ext. 230

**Bill Ludwig**  
Liquor Store Manager  
320-243-3874

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the City of  
**Paynesville**  
A Lifetime Opportunity

January 2015 4th Edition

### Get to Know Your City Council

#### Mayor Jeff Thompson

What is one of your favorite quotes?

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do." Isaac Asimov

What is the best gift you have ever received?

"Daughter & Son-in-law from AZ surprising me at my 60th birthday party."

#### Council Member Jean Soine

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

"Fly an airplane"

What is the hardest thing you have ever done?

"Bury my 17 year old son after he was killed in a car accident."

#### Council Member Neil Herzberg

What is your least favorite mode of transportation?

"Horse riding- They are too slow and horses have a mind of their own- too dangerous."

When was the last time you were nervous?

"Waiting for election results on November 4th. I did the thumb roll for hours."

## Outdoor Ice Rink

Paynesville's outdoor ice rink is located at the Paynesville Township Offices/Koronis Civic Arena. There is a warming house on site. Indoor rink hours can be found at [www.riverlakeshockey.com](http://www.riverlakeshockey.com)



## Medication Drop Off

Since the start of the medication drop off, 548.25 pounds of unused medication has been collected. That is roughly 110 brown grocery bags! Our drop off site



is located in the City Hall entry way. Sharps are accepted in the medication drop box, as long as they are unused and in original packaging.

## Snowmobile Safety Tips

**Watch the weather & check trail conditions before riding.** Don't ride in adverse weather conditions. Plan your trip & check the trails you'll be riding prior to departure. Check trail conditions & trail maps.

**Don't drink alcohol & ride** -Alcohol is a factor in over 70% of all fatal accidents in Minnesota, as well as many non-deadly snowmobile accidents. Alcohol & drugs have a negative effect on the driver's vision, balance, coordination, & reaction time. Don't ride with people who drink & drive! Minnesota is part of a larger coalition of snowmobiling states that support 'Zero Alcohol' consumption before or during your ride.

**Never ride alone**- Always ride with a friend on another snowmobile. This way if one machine is disabled, you have another to get help.

**Dress for safety & survival**- Always wear a quality DOT helmet & face-mask. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm & dry. Snowmobile suits, bibs, jackets, gloves & mittens should cut the wind, repel water & keep you ventilated.

**Slow down**- Excessive speed is a major factor in many accidents, especially at night. To help avoid accidents, keep your night time speed under 40 MPH.

**Stay to the right**- Almost every trail is a "two way" trail. So stay to the far right of the trail, especially on hills and corners. Obey all trail signs and cross roadways with extreme caution.

## Paynesville Liquor Store

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.

The Paynesville Liquor Store along with Pabst, will be collecting coats for the 2015 MMBA Coat Drive. The Drive will run from Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th. Earn 10% off your total purchase with a donation. (Excluding sale items. Cannot earn more than 10% per day) PBR will be on sale during the full length of the event. All the coats donated will be dropped off at a local charity for families in need. This is a great way to clear your closets and help others in need. Thank you for your donations.

Gingerbread Martini  
3 parts Rum Chata  
1 part Gingerbread Kahlua  
2 parts Vanilla Rum

\*Shake with ice, strain and enjoy.



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

## Park Reservations

We are currently accepting reservations for both the Veterans Park shelter and the Gazebo Park shelter for the 2015 year. Veteran's Park is available for rental between mid May through the first week in October. The rental fee is \$156.88 which includes a refundable \$50 deposit. The rental fee for Gazebo Park is \$26.72. For more information regarding the shelters or making reservations, please contact City Hall at 320-243-3714 (select option 3) between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

## CodeRED

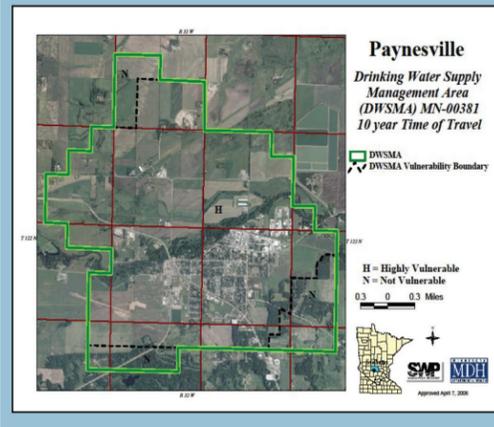
CodeRED is a system that will notify Paynesville citizens regarding emergency warnings, weather warnings, and general notifications such as, water main leaks, gas leaks, and different events around the community. You can sign up to receive texts, phone calls, and/or emails. To sign up for Code Red, simply go to our website, [www.paynesvillemn.com](http://www.paynesvillemn.com) and click on the Code Red link. For any other questions, please call Brady Klingfus at 320-243-3714 ext 235 or Don Wiese at (320) 267-8813. See the additional sheets in this publication for more information.

Due to the Council Chamber remodel, the City Council meetings will be held at the Area center starting Mid January through the end of February. We will not be able to do live broadcasting during this time.

## 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

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



## Kid's Spot



Frozen Mind Jars

Materials:  
Mason jars  
Figurines  
Colored glitter glue  
Hot Glue Gun

Instructions:

Hot glue your figurine to the mason jar lid. Add at least one bottle (1oz or less) of glitter glue. You can add more if desired. Fill with water attach top. A Few Tips: When your children tire of their mind jars you can disassemble them & remove the glue. As long as you use hot glue it will easily wash & peel off of the figurine. You may also need to play with the water level a bit. You can glue the lid on for a permanent mind jar.

Snow Candy

Ingredients Needed

1/2 cup Honey  
1/4 cup Brown Sugar  
Large Bowl of Fresh Snow



Step 1 - Combine the honey and brown sugar in a pot. Place on stove over medium heat. Stir constantly. The mixture will begin to boil. Boil until it reaches 245 degrees. If you don't have a candy thermometer, just boil for 5 minutes. Remember to stir the entire time so it doesn't burn.

Step 2 - Slowly pour the mixture over the bowl of snow.

Step 3 - Allow the candy to sit for a few minutes to cool completely.

Step 4 - Scoop the candy out of the snow and enjoy the sweet treat!

The candy has the texture of a sticky soft taffy and a delicious sweet honey flavor. You won't be able to save any for later as it turns back to liquid form after it warms up.

## 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 (Exco Energy)	800-829-0343
Water/Sewer	City of Paynesville	320-243-3714
Paynesville Community Center	(Food Shelf)	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



## 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 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.

## Snow Removal

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 48 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of this Section. Subd. 2. Beginning 48 hours after the issuance of a notice, the City will remove the snow and ice to be removed from the public sidewalk, and charge the 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 320-243-3714 ext 247 or email [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.